

# Corporate Report

NO: R076

COUNCIL DATE: May 4, 2009

#### REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: May 1, 2009

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and FILE: 0360-20

Culture

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Community Services Committee Membership

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information; and
- 2. Approve an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Parks and Community Services Committee by adding one member to the Committee to be filled by a member from the Surrey RCMP.

#### **INTENT**

The purpose of this report is to receive Council authorization to add a member to the Parks and Community Services Committee to be filled by a member from the Surrey RCMP.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Parks and Community Services Committee (P &CS Committee) is a Committee of Council. A key function of the Committee is to provide advice in relation to enhancing the City's parks and other community services for the enjoyment and well being of current and future residents of Surrey. The Committee acts in an advisory capacity to staff and Council. The current Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached as Appendix 1. Membership on the Committee is currently comprised of two Councillors, one School Board Trustee, a representative from the Surrey Arts Council, and five community representatives.

The P & CS Committee deals primarily with programs, services and facilities that are operated by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department (PRC). PRC works with a

broad range of partners, including community groups, associations, agencies of senior governments and other City departments in the development and delivery of important community programs, services and amenities.

A significant PRC partner in the delivery of services while ensuring public safety is the RCMP. In consideration of the need to profile public safety in all aspects of the City's operations, PRC recommends the addition of a member to the P & CS Committee with this position filled by a member of the Surrey RCMP. This will assist in ensuring the effective implementation of services such as youth engagement, leadership involvement and community building among Surrey's youth and residents. The RCMP also plays a significant role in advising on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) in the development and operation of facilities, parks and public open spaces.

The City has adopted an integrated service approach in the management of City services. The strong relationship between City Departments and the RCMP is critical to the success of initiatives such as the Social Well-being Plan, Crime Reduction Strategy and the Sustainability Charter. The RCMP can play an important role in the effective delivery of advice by the P & CS Committee. If Council supports this recommendation, an RCMP member would be appointed by the Officer in Charge of the Surrey RCMP after appropriate consultation with the City.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Parks and Community Services Committee by adding one member to the Committee to be filled by a member from the Surrey RCMP.

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cc Officer in Charge, RCMP Chief Superintendent Fraser MacRae

Attachment: Terms of Reference for the Parks and Community Services Committee

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# Appendix 1

## PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

#### **Terms of Reference**

# **1.0 GOAL**

To enhance City's parks and other community services for the enjoyment and wellbeing of current and future residents.

### 2.0 SCOPE

The scope of Parks and Community Services include Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Services, programs and facilities as well a broad range of activities undertaken by the City in support of the social well-being of the City's residents.

# 3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- To advise and make recommendations to Council on policies, priorities, new initiatives and direction to respond to current and emerging needs and expectations in the City.
- To hear and respond to delegations and appeals by community groups, sports organizations and others and make recommendations to Council.
- To review and recommend a schedule of annual fees and charges for various Parks and other community services to Council for approval.
- Consider other issues and tasks as may be assigned by City Council

#### **4.0** MEMBERSHIP (Appointed by Council Annually)

- Three Councillors, one as Chair
- One School Board Trustee as chosen by the School Board
- Five community representatives

#### 5.0 MEETINGS

- Meetings will be held at the call of the Chair, but not less than once every two months.
- Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without reason satisfactory to the Committee, may be removed from the Committee.
- Quorum 5 voting members

#### 6.0 STAFF SUPPORT

• Appropriate staff support will be arranged by the General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture, City Clerk and where appropriate, the City Manager.