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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 18, 2012**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **8030-01**

SUBJECT: **Response to the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club Request**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. receive this report as information; and
2. authorize staff to forward a copy of this report to the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club (“the Club”) as information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council about the concerns raised by the delegation from the Club that appeared before Council at its Council-In-Committee on May 28, 2012.

BACKGROUND

In 2010 the City was awarded a RInC (Recreation Infrastructure Canada) grant to renovate the Main Hall at the Newton Recreation Centre. The Main Hall, which is located between the Wave Pool and the Newton Arena, has a floor area of 3,600 sq. ft. The renovations to this building included upgrades to the washrooms and kitchen, installation of a sprung hardwood floor, new windows and lighting upgrades. At the same time, the City received a BC Rural Infrastructure grant which allowed for the construction of a new gymnasium and mat room as an addition to the Newton Wave Pool building. These projects were completed and allowed for an expanded amount of programming in Newton to meet the demands of this growing community.

Some programs at the Newton Recreation Centre have experienced significant growth and have outgrown the capacity of the rooms within which they have been offered. The weight room is operating at its capacity with no room for additional equipment and the aerobics room is often over capacity with prospective participants being turned away. In the spring of 2010, due to building deterioration, the Newton Youth Centre at Unwin Park was decommissioned and youth programs and services were moved to the Newton Recreation Centre. The new and renovated elements at the Newton Recreation Centre have assisted in addressing the increased demands for fitness and youth programs in Newton.

During the renovation of the Main Hall at the Newton Recreation Centre, the Club was re-located to the W.E. Kinvig Elementary School gymnasium. W.E. Kinvig Elementary School is located at 13266 – 70B Avenue, a distance of approximately 1.5 km from the Newton Recreation Centre. Following the completion of renovations to the Main Hall and in consideration of the number of participants in the Club's programs, staff advised the Club that they could remain at W.E. Kinvig Elementary School or relocate to City facilities at or in vicinity of the Newton Recreation Centre but that the Main Hall would be used to accommodate programs with participation that required the capacity of the Main Hall. Since that time the Club has offered programs on Monday between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, on Wednesdays between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm and on Fridays between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm programs with these programs being delivered from the Newton Seniors Centre Auditorium, the Newton Recreation Centre Multipurpose Room and the Newton Recreation Centre Mat Room, respectively. Staff is satisfied that these rooms represent a reasonable allocation of space to the Club for its programming. The Club has not been satisfied with these alternate accommodations and has requested that it be accommodated at the Main Hall for its programs.

The Main Hall, from which the Club had delivered its programs for the past several years, is a large hall. The participation levels in the Club's programs do not require the scale of space offered by the Main Hall. The Main Hall is better suited to other programs with participation levels that require the scale of space that the Hall offers and that need a sprung floor, which the Main Hall now offers. Registration levels in the programs offered by the Club over time are documented in Appendix 2 attached to this report. The Club has had fairly consistent registration of between 25 and 45 individuals, which is well below the capacity of the Main Hall.

The Club appeared as a delegation to Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee on June 16, 2010. The report that was provided to the Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. After hearing the delegation, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

"That the Parks and Community Services Committee:

(a) receive the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club memorandum of June 16, 2010 from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture as information; and

(b) that staff be requested to work with the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club to allocate space for their program from one of, or a combination of, the proposed options outlined in the report."

The Club are not satisfied with the direction of the Committee. Over the course of the last year staff has reviewed facility allocations and have made a number of adjustments in space allocation in an attempt to satisfy the Club's needs while optimizing the use of City facilities for all of the programs that are delivered from such facilities.

DISCUSSION

The scheduling of recreation programs at each City facility is a balance between offering a variety of affordable recreation opportunities in each community while maximizing the utilization of each civic facility. This means that not all programs will be scheduled in the same time slots or locations for each session of each program during the course of each season. Sessions of a program may be moved from room to room or facility to facility to respond to changes in registration levels and priority ages, i.e., children and youth.

The Main Hall at the Newton Recreation Centre has a larger capacity than the current number of participants that attend the Club's programs. The Newton Recreation Centre Program Offerings are documented in Appendix 2 attached to this report. When the Main Hall at the Newton Recreation Centre was renovated it was fitted with a sprung hardwood floor to allow for it to be used for aerobic workouts as a means to alleviate the excess demand that was being experienced in relation to the cardio equipment in the Newton Recreation Centre Weight Room. The need for fitness programming in the Newton community is growing. Demand for fitness programming is highest on week days in the early mornings and in the evenings between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm. Fitness classes are offered from the Main Hall during those times that the Club previously occupied this facility as follows:

Monday:

- Step & Sculpt from 5:25 pm to 6:25 pm;
- Fat Burner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm; and
- Ball Body Blast from 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm.

Wednesday:

- Bhangra Aerobics from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and
- Girls Night Out Youth Program from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Friday:

- Yoga from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and
- Youth Dance Drop In from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

These programs being offered from the Main Hall have assisted in developing the Newton Recreation Complex as a hub for youth programming. The youth programs and fitness classes in the Main Hall have been attracting 30+ participants and further growth is anticipated during 2012. Staff is satisfied that the allocation of space for the Club is reasonable and that the programming offered from the Main Hall is serving the needs and broader interests of the Newton community.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

A reasonable balancing of programming from the civic facilities in the Newton Town Centre will assist in achieving the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly the following Scope Action items:

SC5: Plan for the Social Well Being of Surrey Residents:

1. creating a child and youth friendly City;
2. programs and recreation opportunities for children and youth; and
3. ethnically and culturally appropriate and inclusive services, opportunities and programming.

SC7: Participation in Leisure Programs:

1. increasing the number of free and low cost offerings of leisure programs; and
2. increasing opportunities for access to leisure for children, youth, seniors and those with special needs.

CONCLUSION

Staff will continue to monitor the participation rates in all of the programs that are offered from the civic facilities in the Newton community including the programs offered by the Club. Adjustments will be made as necessary to ensure the optimal use of the available civic space in relation to demand fluctuations that occur under the various programs that are offered. It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Club as information.

Laurie Cavan
General Manager,
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Appendix 1: Report to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee dated June 16, 2010, entitled
"Newton Kyokushin Karate Club"

Appendix 2: Newton Recreation Centre Program Offerings

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Parks and Community Services Committee

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

DATE: June 18, 2012 **FILE: 8030-01**

RE: Newton Kyokushin Karate Club

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks and Community Services Committee:

1. receive this memorandum for information; and
2. support staff work with the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club to allocate space for their program from one of, or a combination of, the proposed options outlined in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to the Committee regarding the Fall 2010 program allocation for the **Newton Kyokushin Karate Club (NKKC)** and the delivery of community and leisure programs in the Newton Town Centre by the Community and Leisure Services (CLS) Division of Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

BACKGROUND

CLS offers a variety of programs in the Newton Town Centre at City facilities and in local schools. Programs are delivered in the following ways: directly by CLS programming staff, through community partnerships, and through contract agreements. Examples of each model are:

1. preschool programs, which is a direct delivery method;
2. after-school programming which is a community partnership; and
3. NKKC which is delivered through a contract agreement.

The type of delivery model is determined by the level of expertise related to the program, volume of related programs, and the availability and expertise of community partners and private operators who can provide programs to meet community needs. This mixed model of delivery has enabled a high level of flexibility to meet the diverse leisure needs of the community. The location where community and leisure programs are offered vary year to year and season to season, depending on community needs, facility availability, participation trends, program needs and facility development.

The NKKC has operated in the Newton facilities for over 20 years. Their current schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Fridays: the children's classes are from 6:00 pm –7:00 pm and the adult classes are from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. During the recent renovation of the main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre, the NKKC was re-located to the W.E. Kinvig Elementary School gymnasium. W.E. Kinvig Elementary School is located at 13266 – 70B Avenue. The NCKK has the option to remain at this location, but due to the location and some program logistics, they are requesting to return to the main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre.

DISCUSSION

This year the Newton Recreation Centre was awarded a RInC (Recreation Infrastructure Canada) grant to renovate the aging facility. The very successful renovations included upgrades to the washrooms and kitchen, installation of a hardwood sprung floor, new windows and lighting upgrades. At the same time, a BC Rural Infrastructure grant was also received which assisted in funding a gymnasium and mat room addition to the Newton Wave Pool. These upgrades were completed to expand programming in Newton to meet the demands of the growing community.

Some programs at the Newton Recreation Centre have experienced tremendous growth and have outgrown the capacity of their existing rooms. The weight room is at maximum capacity with no room for additional equipment and the aerobics room is often over capacity, with participants being turned away. The new and renovated facilities have already assisted in addressing the demands for these programs, which has improved active living for more residents in Newton.

During the past four months staff of the Newton Recreation Centre have been working with the NKKC to finalize their program allocation for Fall 2010. The NCKK was notified in February of this year that they would not be returning to the main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre, and that they would be offered alternate locations and times for their program. Currently, the program location options are: W.E. Kinvig Elementary School, Newton Seniors Centre Activity Room & Auditorium and the new Mat Room at the Newton Wave Pool. The main hall that the NCKK had occupied for the past several years is a large hall; given the participation levels in Karate, the space is larger than needed for the program, and the space is better suited to other programs that have greater registration numbers during the NCKK's previous time slots. Registration levels for the program are attached as Appendix 1.

Options Offered to the NKKC for Fall 2010:

Option 1

W.E. Kinvig Elementary Gym – Monday, Wednesday and Friday

- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Children
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Adult

Option 2

Newton Seniors Centre - Monday and Wednesday

- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Children in the Auditorium
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Adult in the Activity Room

Newton Recreation Centre Fitness Studio – Friday

- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Children
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Adult

Newton Mat Room – Friday

7 – 8:30 pm Children and Adult (NKKC has now accepted the Friday night time slot at the Mat Room)

Option 3

Newton Seniors Centre – Monday, Wednesday and Friday

- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Children in the Auditorium
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Adult in the Activity Room

Option 4

Newton Community Hall - Tuesday and Thursday

- 4:45 – 5:45 pm Children

Newton Seniors Centre Activity Room - Tuesday and Thursday

- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Adult

Option 5

Newton Community Hall – Monday and Wednesday

- 5:00 – 6:00 pm Children

Newton Seniors Centre Activity Room – Monday and Wednesday

- 6:00/6:30 – 9:00 pm Adult

Newton Recreation Centre Mat Room – Friday

- 7 pm – 8:30 pm Adult and Children(NKKC has accepted the Friday night time slot at the Mat Room)

The NCKC has indicated that the only appropriate facility is the main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre but that the days and times for their program are flexible. Thus, the days for the fall 2010 allocation can be either Monday or Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and Friday and the times can be flexible; however staff understand that 6:00 pm may be the earliest start time. Recently, the Club has agreed to a Friday evening allocation time starting at 7:00 pm and running to 8:30 pm, and the location is in the new mat room at the Newton Wave Pool.

The scheduling of leisure programs at all of the City facilities is a balance between offering a variety of affordable leisure opportunities while maximizing the facility utilization. Staff plan and deliver a variety of programs to meet a broad range of community needs in a balanced fashion. This means that not all contractors providing services through City facilities will be awarded the time slots that best suit only the organization delivering the services.

SUMMARY

The Newton Kyokushin Karate Club has operated in the Newton area for many years. Prior to the renovations to the Newton Recreation Centre the club was located in the main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre. The NKKC was advised that following the renovations they could remain at W.E. Kinvig Elementary School or relocate to another City facility located in the Newton Town Centre. CLS staff has been working with the NKKC to finalize their location and times for the fall 2010 season. Recently, the NKKC has accepted the Friday time slot in the Newton Mat Room. Staff and the NKKC are continuing to work on location and times for the weekday programming needs. Staff would like to be able to program the NKKC in a location that is appropriate for the continued success of their program and in a facility that accommodates their participation levels in order to offer the Newton Community, Karate, as a healthy option for active living.

The main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre accommodates a larger group than the current number of participants that the NKKC attract. The main hall at the Newton Recreation Centre was renovated with a sprung wood floor to be utilized for aerobic workouts to help alleviate the demand of the cardio equipment in the Newton weight room. The need for fitness opportunities in the Newton community is growing. Prime-time for fitness is week days in the early mornings and in the evenings from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The new fitness classes in the main hall have been attracting 30+ participants and further growth is anticipated this fall and in the winter of 2011. Programming fitness classes into the main hall has assisted and will continue to assist in alleviating the pressure of higher participation fitness classes, and the Newton weight room and provide excellent healthy active living opportunities for the community.

Community and Leisure Services' staff would like to continue to work with the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club to finalize a fall schedule that will accommodate the Karate program needs while maximizing the utilization of program space to meet the active living needs of the Newton Community. As registration uptake varies from season to season and year to year, staff will continually re-evaluate the time slots for programming, in order to optimize the delivery of services to residents.

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Parks, Recreation and Culture

Appendix 1 – Registrations in Programs offered by the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club

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Registration Levels for the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club

	Fall 2008 / Newton Hall	Fall 2009 / Newton Hall
Children	27	21
Adult	6	16
	Winter 2009 / Newton Hall	Winter 2010 / Newton
Children	22	24
Adult	6	12
	Spring 2009 / Newton Hall	Spring 2010 / Newton Hall
Children	24	22
Adult	8	9

*Average number of registrations.

Appendix 2

Newton Recreation Centre Program Offerings

Newton Kyokushin Karate

Monday:

Location: Newton Seniors Centre – Auditorium
 Times: 6:00pm-7:00pm Children
 7:00pm-9:00pm Adults

Wednesday:

Location: Newton Recreation Centre
 Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm Multi-Purpose 1
 8:00pm-9:00pm Mat Room

Friday:

Location: Newton Recreation Centre
 Times: 6:00-6:30pm Multi-Purpose 1
 6:30pm-9:00pm Mat Room

Kyokushin Karate Registration Numbers:

Location	Year	Month	Children	Adults
W.E. Kinvig	2011	January	18	15
		February	17	10
		March	18	10
		April	18	18
		May	20	10
		June	14	10
Move to Rec Ctr.		September	14	21
		October	18	16
		November	20	14
		December	14	12
	2012	January	23	12
		February	32	14
		March	20	17
		April	24	20

Hall Bookings and Attendance:

Day	Time	Program	Attendance Range
Monday	5:25-6:25pm	Drop In Group Fitness Class – Step & Sculpt	8 to 12
	6:30-7:30pm	Drop In Group Fitness Class – Fatburner	12 to 22
	7:45-8:45pm	Drop In Group Fitness Class – Ball Body	8 to 10

		Blast	
Wednesday	6:00-7:00pm	Drop In Group Fitness Class – Bhangra Aerobics	9 to 25
	7:00-9:00pm Program starts at 6pm in the Youth Lounge	Youth Drop In – Girls Night Out **Program splits time between the Youth Lounge and Gymnasium and the Hall. They enjoy having access to the kitchen in the Hall for cooking and the large floor space and mirrors for fitness and dancing activities and for theme events.	12 to 35 and over 120 youth in the facility utilizing the youth room and gymnasium
Friday	4:15pm – 5:45pm	Registered Program - Youth Bocce (for youth w/ physical disabilities)	10 registered in Spring session
	6:00-7:00pm	Drop In Group Fitness Class – Yoga	8 to 21
	7:00-9:00pm	Youth Drop In – Dance Night in Newton (Ages 13-18)	10 to 35 and over 120 youth in the facility utilizing the youth room and gymnasium