
Present:

Councillor Kooner, Vice Chair
T. Allen, School Trustee
B. Burnside
D. Baird
G. Bhurji
G. Rai
K. Sidhu
N. Sangha

Absent:

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Director, Parks
L. White, Director, Recreation Services
C. Colquhoun, Fleetwood Recreation Services Manager
C. Elliot, North Surrey Recreation Services Manager
R. Landucci, Urban Forestry Manager
S. Macdonell, Community Service Coordinator
S. Chand, Legislative Services Coordinator

A. ADOPTIONS**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and
Sport Tourism Committee meeting of June 4, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes – May 7, 2024

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by T. Allen
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of May 7, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

B. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**1. Tree Planting**

Urban Forestry Manager, City of Surrey

The Urban Forestry Manager provided an overview of the plans and strategies involved in the City's Tree Planting Program. Highlights included:

- Tree planting in the City of Surrey is guided by three prominent plans/strategies:
 1. The Climate Change Action Strategy (CCAS) envisions a zero-carbon climate-resilient city by 2050. It outlines a roadmap to reach this vision that includes climate positive resilient ecosystems.

2. Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) identifies and measures current biodiversity and habitat resources.

3. Urban Forest Management Strategy (UFMS) completed in 2023 identifies a tree canopy cover target for the City of 30% and actions to achieve this goal.

- Tree inventory: City currently manages over 112,000 shade trees, 84,000 street trees, 27,000 park trees, and 1,750 ha of natural area, 1,500 of which is forested. The Parks Division's Urban Forestry Section is responsible for the majority of tree planting on public land.
- Annual Planting Program has been implemented by the City for over 40 years. Shade tree planting takes place throughout the year during new and existing park renovations, new road development along arterial, collector and local roads. Staff identifies appropriate shade tree planting in older residential areas and subdivisions. Over 7,400 potted trees and 7,000 seedlings are planted annually in nature areas.
- Annual planting maintenance includes regular pruning for street and parks trees, tree base maintenance, and watering to ensure the trees' health.
- The Urban Forestry Stewardship team started delivering the Releaf Community Planting Program 33 years ago. Every year over 2,500 members of the community plant approximately 150 shade trees, 1,500 native trees, and 4,000 shrubs.
- Green City Program is funded through a combination of operating and capital funds that enables tree planting initiatives. Capital and operational funds are used for both shade trees and natural area plantings. Funds collected through servicing agreements in new developments fund shade tree plantings. The Parks Division applies for grants annually to support the City's Tree Planting Program, in 2024 the following grants were received:
 - TD Friends of the Environment Foundation \$10,000 – Community planting with volunteers from TD;
 - Tree Canada – (\$17,000 from various partners) – supports Arbor Day and small community plantings;
 - BC Hydro - \$10,000 – National Tree Day;
 - In 2022, the City was awarded \$207,000 through the 2 Billion Trees Program. This funding will help us plant 35,000 new trees in our parks and natural areas by the end of 2024;
 - Received sponsorships from local companies to deliver community plantings through our Releaf planting program.

- The Parks Division has been running an annual tree sale event since 2012. The tree sale is held online and tree pick-up takes place at the City's Operations Centre. Beginning in 2021, four tree sales took place where 4,000 high-quality shade and fruit trees were sold to residents to plant on their properties. Four tree sales continue to take place each year.
- Over the past 30 years, the City has partnered with a number of local stewardship groups to remove invasives and plant native trees and shrubs. These groups are typically focused on a specific park or area, like Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest, one of our three dedicated urban forests, or areas like Semiahmoo Bay. This year the City will be celebrating World Sikh environment day for the second time with a local gurdwara by planting 250 native trees and shrubs as part of a natural area restoration project. And hosting our second invasive plant removal and native tree and shrub planting with members from the Khalsa Credit Union.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following information was provided:

- The City is working in collaboration with the provincial government to obtain funding for the trees that were removed during the construction of the SkyTrain on Fraser Highway.
- Tree Sale Program information listed on the City's webpage: <https://www.surrey.ca/renovating-building-development/trees-yard-garden/tree-sale-program>
- The City has a set goal to plant over 100,000 trees as part of the "Trees In Cities Challenge" and funding is allocated for this initiative through the City's Tree Planting Program.
- The Ministry of Forest provides guidance on tree species and sourcing. Numerous planting events are held throughout the year to explore various genetic tree stocks. Climate change has distinct impacts on trees, leading to significant stresses. Seasonal watering varies from month to month to align with climate change.
- Urban Forestry staff identify areas requiring trees during their service calls in the respective areas.
- The Green City Program is financed through development fees and compensation for tree removal. This sustainable funding source prioritizes planting new trees in the same area where trees were removed.

2. Child Care and Middle Years Recreation Services

Fleetwood Recreation Services Manager, City of Surrey

Staff provided a presentation on the City's early learning and child care expansion. Highlights on recreation services child care and 0-12 programs included:

- Surrey has 14,337 licensed child care spaces for 80,000 children. Surrey needs over 7,000 spaces to meet the Canadian national average 27.2 licensed child care spaces per 100 children.
- Child care sites coming soon: Strawberry Hill Hall, Bridgeview Community Centre, Surrey Sport & Leisure Arena, O'Sienn Village, Don Christian Modular 2, Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, and Newton Community Centre.
- The City utilizes the following provincial funding programs: affordable child care benefit – subsidy directly to families, universal child care sites \$10 per day, ChildCareBC new space fund and child care operating funding.
- The City offers a combination of three, four, and five-hour year long licensed preschool programs that align with the BC Ministry of Education Curriculum and strive to set a foundation of success for the child, both in school and in life. There are 16 locations and six that are within the school district.
- Licensed before and after school care program that is designed to keep children safe and engaged in a variety of activities in the hours before school starts and at the end of the day. There are 10 locations and nine within the school district. Over 415 children are already registered for 2024-2025.
- Summer day camps ages 3-12 are offered weekly for 1.5-hour, half-day or full day. Camps are led by qualified instructors while participating in sports, nature, science, cooking or arts. Currently 8,112 children have registered.
- MyZone is an affordable drop-in program that is designed for ages 8-12 with afterschool programming that is open to everyone. There are eight locations and it runs 3-5 days per week, 3:00-5:00 pm.
- Staff training: All City of Surrey Early Childhood Educators are certified and trained in the City's policies and procedures. The City provides 1.5 days of "Magical Child" training at the beginning of the school year that includes hands on workshops, policy/procedure refreshers, keynote and guest speakers.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following information was provided:

- Apart from space constraints, the most significant challenge is staff recruitment as currently there is not enough staff to accommodate the program. Attracting and retaining staff has been a challenge. Additionally, there is a growing demand for child care services across all areas.

C. REPORTS

1. Service Delivery Plan 2024

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture informed that the Service Delivery Plan of 2024 in an internal document created through staff collaboration. It provides an overview of department responsibilities, values, vision, team structure, and strategies to meet community needs.

It was
Tourism Committee receive the Service Delivery Plan 2024 for information.

Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by G. Bhurji
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Verbal Updates

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided the following updates:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day in Cloverdale on June 21
<https://www.surrey.ca/news-events/news/surreys-national-indigenous-peoples-day-celebration-returns-june-21-new-location>
- Surrey Rides – competition for skateboard, scooters and BMX
<https://www.surrey.ca/about-surrey/youth-engagement/youth-events#:~:text=Surrey%20Rides%20is%20an%20exciting,skateboard%2C%20scootering%2C%20and%20BMX.>
- Arenas – ice programs and dry floor activities for summer
[Arena Programs | City of Surrey](#)
- International Picnic Day at Evershine Park on June 15
[Placemaking Meetups | City of Surrey](#)

- Summer camp programs offers support for children with disabilities
<https://www.surrey.ca/activities-parks-recreation/recreation-programs/adapted-programs>
- Newton Community Centre plan update will be provided at the next meeting.

F. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

G. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It is in order for the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee to pass a resolution to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (b) of the Community Charter, which states:(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity

It was
Tourism Committee convene a closed meeting session to pass a resolution on a matter governed by the Community Charter Section 90 (1) (b).
Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by G. Bhurji
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Carried

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was
Tourism meeting be adjourned.
Moved by D. Baird
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk and
Director Legislative Services

Councillor Kooner, Vice Chair