



Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee Minutes

2E - Committee Room B
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024
Time: 6:03 pm

Present:

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson
T. Allen, School Trustee
B. Burnside
D. Baird
G. Bhurji
G. Rai
K. Sidhu
N. Sangha

Absent:

Councillor Kooner,
Vice Chair

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Director, Parks
R. Hamilton, Parks Development Service Manager,
Parks, Recreation & Culture
M. Blaker, Functional App Analyst, Parks, Recreation &
Culture
S. Chand, Legislative Services Coordinator

A. ADOPTIONS

1. Adoption of the Agenda

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by K. Sidhu
That the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and
Sport Tourism Committee meeting of October 2, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes – June 4, 2024

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

B. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Newton Community Centre Update

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Staff provided an overview of the development process on the Newton Community Centre Plaza design, which is currently underway. The design-build team has been shortlisted to three contractors and is expected to be selected in early 2025. It was noted that new signage and scrim will be installed upon completion of the demolition of existing residences and the development of the new project renderings. Additional information on design and construction will be provided at a future meeting.

The following link was shared with the members:

<https://www.surrey.ca/about-surrey/capital-projects/newton-community-centre>

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

- The arena has many years of operational life remaining and may revisit the possibility of relocating it to the Newton Town Centre area in the future, considering the associated benefits.
- The Newton Community Centre will evaluate the parking during the design process. While there is significant transit usage in the area and is encouraged, parking needs will be assessed.
- Celebration sites will be integrated into the centre, providing opportunities to host both indoor/outdoor events. It was noted that the City is currently updating the Newton Centre Town Plan to include a celebration street to enhance community engagement and festivities.
- The new facility will accommodate a variety of sports through a multi-program concept similar to South Surrey and Guildford, ensuring that it meets the diverse needs of the community. The facility will be approximately the same size as the Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre in South Surrey.

2. **Completed Park Capital Projects**

Parks Development Service Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Staff provided a presentation on the park projects that were completed in 2024 and those currently in progress. Details on several park and playground renovations and various field additions were shared with the members. Key highlights included:

- **Bear Creek Park**
 - Stadium completed in April 2024
 - Grandstand with permanent seating for 2,200 people
 - New changerooms and public washrooms
 - Upgraded plaza areas for concession and ticketing
 - Running track completion in October 2024: new rubber surfacing to athletic track to align with international sport standards
- **Newton Athletic Park**
 - New mini field house with public washrooms and change rooms
 - Tennis court light replacement completed in June 2024
 - Installation of nine new light poles (increased height to 60')
 - Upgrade of electrical infrastructure and fixtures to support conversion to high efficiency LED lighting
- **Salmonberry Park completed in spring 2024**
 - Includes an innovative wooden play area with a community garden
 - Addition of a bike park underway

Discussion ensued on the increasing demand of natural wooden playground designs. Staff noted that it is an environmentally friendly choice for playground construction and does not require much maintenance. High-quality wood is durable and can withstand various weather conditions.

3. **Sport Lesson Plans Projects**

Functional App Analyst, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of promoting recreation programs and the benefits of physical activity. Highlights included:

- Recreation staff can positively impact health and well-being by providing safe, quality, and inclusive sport and physical activity programs
 - Physical activity is essential for healthy child development (Canada Public Health, 2016)
 - Physical literacy is important for lifelong engagement in physical activities (International Physical Literacy Association)
 - Children develop physical literacy by learning fundamental movement skills (FMS)
 - Proficiency in basic FMS leads to more sophisticated movement patterns- leading to fundamental sport skills
- Sport for Life is a nationally recognized organization of sport and physical literacy experts and their mandate guides the City to ensure access to quality sport and physical literacy experiences.
- Main purpose is to positively impact and strengthen the physical literacy of children and youth who attend registered sports programs. Other impacts include:
 - Parent education about physical literacy
 - Improve the quality of sport programs
 - Create consistency across all sport programs
 - Support staff with a database of sport lesson plans and activities
 - Strengthen and support the recruitment and retention of recreation instructor staff
 - By providing children with confidence and basic Fundamental Movement Skills, recreation can build a pathway for participants to continue being active in sport and connect them to local and provincial sports organizations
- Sport programs provided by the City:
 - 436 registered programs for 0-18yrs at 12 recreation facilities from January 1 – December 31, 2024. 6 sport categories: badminton, basketball, floor hockey, gym games/multi-Sport, soccer, volleyball

C. REPORTS

1. Sport of Squash in Surrey Update

Staff advised that through the delegation from the April 3, 2024, meeting, the City conducted research and gathered information from Squash B.C regarding the status of squash courts in the Lower Mainland. It was noted that most facilities are privately operated and currently there is no facility designated for a community squash program. Squash courts are an excellent recreational program service for a community to access and will be taken into consideration as the City advances.

It was Moved by D. Baird
Seconded by T. Allen
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the Sport of Squash in Surrey report for information; and
2. Share a copy of the report with Piara Mehat, squash delegation representative from the April 3, 2024, Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting.
Carried

2. Surrey Sport Tourism Quarterly Update

Staff provided an overview of sport tourism activities planned to take place in Surrey from October to December 2024.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by K. Sidhu
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the Surrey Sport Tourism Quarterly Report dated September 25, 2024, for information.

Carried

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Annual Work Plan

Staff provided a summary of the Annual Work Plan that outlined responsibilities and initiatives for the upcoming year for 2025, while supporting the work, priorities, and underlying principles of the City of Surrey.

It was

Moved by D. Baird

Seconded by G. Bhurji

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Support the 2025 Annual Work Plan as presented; and
2. Recommend that Council receive the 2025 Annual Work Plan.

Carried

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by K. Sidhu

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the 2025 Meeting Schedule for information.

Carried

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Verbal Updates

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided updates on the upcoming events:

- Newton Senior Centre – Diwali celebration on November 6
- Newton celebrating Diwali November 6th newton senior centre
<https://www.surrey.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-facilities/newton-seniors-centre>
- MYzone After School Drop-In Program expansion
<https://www.surrey.ca/activities-parks-recreation/recreation-programs/children-age-6-to-12/myzone-after-school-drop-program>
- School Park Cleanup Program
<https://www.surrey.ca/parks-recreation/parks/park-programs/school-park-cleanups>
- Bear Creek lights program November 2 – November 16
<https://www.surrey.ca/news-events/news/bear-creek-lights-returns-november-2-16>

G. NEXT MEETING

The upcoming Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by D. Baird

Seconded by G. Bhurji

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism

meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk and
Director of Legislative Services

Councillor Hepner,
Chairperson