

Township of
Langley



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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 12, 2018 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

E. Erickson, (Community Co-Chair)
Councillor B. Whitmarsh (Council Co-Chair)

Present:

D. Gendron, J. Kusack, C. Profitt, and J. Wilkins

School Board Representative:

R. Wallace

Staff:

C. Blair, Director – Parks and Recreation
P. Tulumello, Director – Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Guest:

D. Thiessen, Manager, Fraser Valley Regional Library

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 12, 2018

Moved by D. Gendron,
Seconded by J. Wilkins,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the agenda
and receive the agenda items of the September 12, 2018 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – May 9 2018

Moved by J. Kusack,
Seconded by D. Gendron,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes
of the May 9, 2018 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Services Update

D. Thiessen, Manager, Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL), provided a presentation regarding Library Highlights for 2018. He noted that FVRL is the largest in BC, serving a population of over 700,000. The vision of FVRL is: To be an innovative organization that is recognized as a vital community destination and resource for literacy, recreation, informed decision-making, and social interaction.

He provided the following information:

Collection:

- FVRL has a floating collection of 1.1 million items.
- The demand for the collection is strong – print/eBook/audiobook.

Online Activity:

- “The Reading Room” is a new virtual room for customers to discover new books and other library materials.
- “My Reading Adviser” provides personalized recommendations from FVRL staff, delivered via email.
- Staff delivered Podcasts offer a way to connect with customers by highlighting trending and staff favourite book and films. A new episode is released every other Friday.

Culture of Learning:

- “The Playground” supports STEAM education: science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
- Offers a lending collection and in-library, non-traditional items (ukuleles, Sphero SPRK+, telescopes, green screens, Makey-Makey boards, Keva planks, virtual reality, and Cubetto).

Outreach:

- Municipal Awareness Day
- Bi-weekly story times at the Early Learning Centre
- RibFest
- Canada Day
- Fairs/Festivals

Social Engagement

- Diwali Celebration
- Chinese New Year
- Library Champions Program (Helping new immigrants discover libraries and their communities).

Overall performance:

- Circulation (print only) – 532,852 (up 0.2%)
- Customer visits – 385,000 (up 6%)
- Number of programs – 676 (same)
- Program attendance – 19,740 (up 7%)

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Moving Forward:

- Create a digital library card
- Enhance podcasting
- Add to non-traditional lending collection

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

E. Erickson reported that he attended the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience Opening, the Aldergrove Arena Opening, and the Outdoor Summer Concert Series at the Langley Events Centre. He noted that all were excellent events. He further thanked the members for their dedication to the committee and the community.

Councillor Whitmarsh reported that he attended the Canada Day Celebrations and the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience Opening. He noted that Labonte Drive will be opening soon and that the Municipal Election is on October 20.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre Update (ACUCC)

C. Blair reported that the ACUCC is now fully open and functioning. The summer was very successful with visitors coming from all over the world. Currently, the centre is open every day from 7:00am to 8:00pm, except Sundays which is from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The hours of operation are continually being evaluated. Members of the public are asked to email feedback and suggestions regarding the centre to prinfo@tol.ca

2. Christmas in Williams Park Update

No report.

3. Public Art Update – Community of Communities Mural Project

P. Tulumello reported that 1300 photographs were taken at many community events and that a First Nations artist has been chosen to assemble the photographs into a mural. The mural will be unveiled in early 2019 at the Civic Facility.

4. Museum Advisory Group Update

No report.

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5. Langley Awards Task Force Update

E. Erickson reported that the recommendations from the Task Force will be forwarded to the new Council for their consideration. More information will be brought back to the committee in the new year.

6. Pool Advisory Group Update

E. Erickson reported that the 2019 Summer Swim Club will take place at the ACUCC. He further noted that pool time allocations at WGCC and WC Blair are well organized by staff.

7. Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group Update

No report.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Cultural Services Update – Museum Project

P. Tulumello reported that a business plan was written and a grant application for funding sent to Canadian Heritage for consideration. Initial designs for a facility have been refined and interest from developers has been received and currently being reviewed by staff.

N. NEXT MEETING

Date: TBD
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

O. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Kusack,
Seconded by J. Wilkins,
That the meeting terminate at 8:20pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair