



## **RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, May 9, 2017, at 7:00pm  
Surrey Arts Centre  
13750-88 Avenue, Surrey, BC

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### **MINUTES**

The committee had a tour of the Surrey Arts Centre at 6:00pm before commencing the meeting.

**Present:**

Earl Erickson (Co-Chair)  
Councillor Blair Whitmarsh (Alternate Co-Chair)

**Present:**

Remi Camparmo, Diane Gendron, Michael Jackstien, and Kate Ludlam

**Staff:**

J. Achterholt, Recreation Programmer  
Kim Stepto, Recording Secretary  
Peter Tulumello, Acting Director - Recreation, Culture, and Parks

#### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee - May 9, 2017**

Moved by R. Camparmo,  
Seconded by K. Ludlam

That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 9, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – April 12 2017**

Moved by M. Jackstien,  
Seconded by R. Camparmo,

That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Seniors Programs and Services**

Jennifer Achterholt, Recreation Programmer, provided a presentation regarding recreation programming for seniors. She provided the following information:

The Township of Langley became an Age-Friendly Community in 2015. The World Health Organization defines an age-friendly community as a place where people can enjoy all stages of life and live with dignity, respect, and independence. In age-friendly communities, policies, programs, services, and infrastructure related to physical and social environments are designed to address the needs of all residents.

The philosophy behind seniors programming involves:

- Defining seniors
- Increasing and developing partnerships
- Community based programming
- Looking to new trends and needs

Programs and Events for seniors include:

- Recreation, Fitness, and Aquatic Recreation Programs (chair yoga, Osteofit, senior aqua fit, pickle ball)
- Langley Community Support Groups (discussion groups)
- Fitness programs offered at all TOL facilities
- Seniors Week (Walk with the Mayor, launch age-friendly outdoor fitness equipment, Seniors Tea)
- Let's Dig in Gardening Club – offered in partnership with LEPS
- Monthly Social Dances
- Social recreation programs
- Bus trips
- Cooking classes, walking groups, dances classes

Some of the challenges with seniors programming include:

- Seniors population is the fastest growing
- Connecting with isolated seniors
- Transportation – looking at the barrier of accessibility to recreation programs

Next Steps:

- Solidify existing partnerships and create new ones
- Create a place in the community for seniors
- Intergenerational programs – youth, children, and preschool
- Municipalities programmer round table for senior recreation programs
- Adaptive programming for older adults – Langley Association for Community Living
- Physical Literacy – Active for Life Awareness
- Provide support for Community Groups

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Discussion ensued and the committee suggested the following:

- Parkinson's Disease program
- More art programs
- Address ethnic isolation in seniors
- Offer more pickle ball

**D. REPORTS**

**1. Co-Chairperson's Report**

Councillor Whitmarsh reported that the Langley Walk was a successful event and that the new amphitheatre in Willoughby Park will be unveiled on May 25. The amphitheatre will host a summer concert series.

E. Erickson reported that he attended the memorial tree dedication ceremony and the Langley Walk. Both were great events.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Pool Advisory Group**

E. Erickson reported that the Pool Advisory Group will meet at the end of May and he will have a report at a future meeting.

**2. Museum Advisory Group**

K. Ludlam reported that the Heritage Fair was a great success and that the school programs the museum offers are very popular and always full.

**6. Langley Walk Task Force**

D. Gendron reported that over 900 people participated in the Walk and that it was a very well organized event.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Parks Tour – June 14**

The following parks were suggested for the tour:

Willoughby Community Park – Amphitheatre  
Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre  
Derek Doubleday Arboretum  
Willoughby Trails  
Aldergrove Athletic Park  
Yorkson Community Park

The tour will start at Willoughby Community Park at 6:00pm. Further details and an itinerary will be forwarded to the committee prior to the tour.

- 2.** P. Tulumello reported that a new Community Recreation Manager has been hired and will start work June 5.

**N. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Parks Tour - June 14, 2017  
**Location:** Willoughby Community Park  
**Time:** 6:00 pm

**O. TERMINATE**

Moved by D. Gendron,  
Seconded by R. Camparmo,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:05pm.  
**CARRIED**