



RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 13, 2017, at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

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

Present:

Remi Camparmo, Diane Gendron, Michael Jackstien, Jamie Kusack, Kate Ludlam,
Jonathan Wilkins

School Board Representative:

Rosemary Wallace

Staff:

Christine Blair, Director - Parks and Recreation
Al Neufeld, Manager - Parks Administration, Design & Development
Peter Tulumello, Director - Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives
Corene Quin, Recording Secretary

Guest:

David Thiessen, Manager - Fraser Valley Regional Library

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee - September 13, 2017

Moved by K. Ludlam,
Seconded by R. Camparmo,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the
agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 13, 2017 meeting, as
amended.

CARRIED

Clerk's note: Item H.1, Phillip Jackman Spray Pad, was added to the agenda.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by J. Wilkins,
Seconded by M. Jackstien,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes
of the May 9, 2017 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Services Update

David Thiessen, Manager, Fraser Valley Regional Library, provided a presentation on Township of Langley Libraries.

- Largest in BC, serving a population of over 70,000
- Consisting of 1 million in floating collection, Print and EBooks
- Collection current trends: Audio Books, Self-Publishing and Customer Engagement and “Things” to Borrow (Ukulele Kits)

Ongoing Programs

- Summer Reading Club
- Reading Link Challenge
- 1,000 Stories before Kindergarten

Local Festivals and Events 2017

- Aldergrove Parade and Fair
- Fort Langley May Day
- Brookwood Village Summerfest
- Township Canada 150
- Butterfly Tea
- Campbell Valley Country Celebration
- Rivers Day
- Cranberry Festival
- Annual Diwali
- Chinese New Year
- Seniors Appreciation Week
- Annual Art Show

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

New / Enhanced for 2017

- Exploring Creative Technologies
- Green Screen Programs
- Sphero SPRK Programs (robotic toy)
- Makerspace Programs and Engineering Fair
- Senior Technology
- Men's Coffee Chat Group
- Library Champions
- World Languages Collection

Moving Forward

- Virtual Reality Programs
- Reading Room (Podcasts, A Readers Advisory Web Space)

2. BCRPA Conference

Earl Erickson reported that he attended the BCRPA 2017 Symposium April 5-7, 2017. The conference was based on the theme "Back to Nature".

Reconnect with Nature: Recent studies have documented the impacts of exposure to nature on human health.

Screen Time to Green Time: "Augmented Reality Gaming", a program that has kids using their phones to interact with nature in park settings. The program has been purchased by diverse organizations such as US Forest Service, National Mall in Washington, DC and parks across North America.

Snapshots: An overview of unique programs taking place around the province. "Story Walks", laminated pages from children's story books posted in parks. "Connecting to Nature", a research project collecting stories about connecting people to nature.

Sponsorship and How to Benefit Sponsorships: City of Port Moody outline their Naming Sponsorship Program.

Festivals Kelowna: A non-profit society started in 2007 by the City of Kelowna, with a multi-year agreement, contributing finances and services.

Healthy City Strategy: City of Kelowna planning easy access to nearby parks and walking routes for all ages and abilities and increasing opportunities for social connections, physical activity and intergenerational interaction.

Effectively Engaging your Community in New Facility Development: City of Richmond provided examples of public engagement. 1. Garden City Lands – Inspirational Trees and 2. Minoru Complex – Memories of Minoru

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Province announced, BCRPA will administer \$900,000 in grants to distribute for 4,000 after school places, based on the theme of “Back to Nature”.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson’s Report

Councillor Whitmarsh reported that the following:

- Township of Langley staff successfully organized the events for Canada Day’s 150th Celebration
- Aldergrove Credit Union Community Center project is well under way.
- Noel Booth Park is in the process of receiving new turf.
- Langley Good Times Cruise-In in Aldergrove was a great turn out and well received by the community.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Christmas in Williams Park

A. Neufeld reported that Christmas in Williams Park is Friday, December 1 – Friday, December 15, 2017. November 25 and 26 is set up and December 16 is take down. Christmas in William Park Society’s next meeting is September 28, 2017 and will focus on organizing and scouting for volunteers.

2. Langley Awards Task Force

Three people are needed for the nominating committee and two people needed for the selection committee. K. Ludlam and M. Jackstien volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Additional individuals are needed and will be decided at next meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Philip Jackman Park: Proposed Spray Pad

A. Neufeld reported on the Philip Jackman Park Spray Pad Expansion Open House held on September 9, 2017. The public reviewed images of recent spray park projects at other locations, viewed options for new equipment under consideration, discussed the project with staff, and provided feedback.

2. Divisional Realignment

P. Tulumello reported that Christine Blair is Director - Parks and Recreation and Peter Tulumello is Director - Arts Culture, and Community Initiatives. The Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee will remain the same as the two divisions are very much connected.

P. Tulumello also reported that the Canada 150 Series has been very successful.

N. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 11, 2017
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

O. TERMINATE

Moved by M. Jackstien,
Seconded by R. Camparmo,
That the meeting terminate at 8:54 pm
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair