



RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

E. Erickson (Community Co-Chair)
Councillor E. Woodward (Council Co-Chair)

R. Camparmo, D. Gendron, M. Jackstien, K. Ludlam, M. Pratt, and C. Profitt

School Board Representative:

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Staff:

C. Blair, Director, Parks and Recreation
M. Noetzel, Community Recreation Manager
R. Stare, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 11, 2019

Moved by M. Pratt,
Seconded by M. Jacktien,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the
agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 11, 2019 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – May 8, 2019

Moved by R. Camparmo,
Seconded by D. Gendron,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes
of the May 8, 2019 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ACUCC Otter Co-op Outdoor Experience

R. Stare and M. Noetzel provided an update regarding admissions to Township of Langley Recreation Facilities, and the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience.

The following information was provided:

Admissions Guidelines:

- Updated Annually and approved by Council;
- Maintain affordability while covering required portion of costs;
- Comparable rates to surrounding communities;
- Consider complete spectrum of fees and costs ; and
- Provide options for low income residents.

Youth Admissions:

- Youth Drop-In admissions increased 18% in summer 2019 from summer 2018;
- Youth Waterpark admissions increased 44.5% in summer 2019 from summer 2018;
- Youth memberships increased 14.57% overall in summer 2019.

Youth Pass Options could include:

- Regular Youth Membership;
- Summer/seasonal membership;
- School's Out Membership (Pro D days, spring break, winter break);
- Partially Subsidized Annual Membership;
- Fully subsidized annual membership.

ACUCC

Waterpark Operations

- Open May to October
- July/August – 3 sessions per day – 3 hours long;
- Shoulder seasons – May/June and September/October – 1-2 sessions per day.

Special Events

- Monthly Youth Nights
- Monthly Movie Nights
- Monthly Sip and Dip

Feedback

- ACUCC Google listings have received over 460 reviews and are rated at 4.3 out of 5 on the positive sentiment scale.

Admissions:

- Regular TOL Admissions Year Round;
- New Super Senior Rate;
- Change to define family size to 5;

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Seasonal waterpark admissions;
- Council approved a 25% increase for summer 2019;
- Financial assistance is available to all Township of Langley residents if they meet the criteria.

Options for Waterpark Admissions:

- Overall increase for all;
- Resident reduced rate (non-resident increase);
- Change operation structure – sell by height and all day rates.

Potential Applications Township Wide:

- Cost Recovery approach versus subsidizing;
- Youth Pass;
- Resident discount;
- Guaranteed Access by residents to TOL recreation facilities.

2. Summer Youth Pass

See item C.1

Action: To be discussed further at the October meeting.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Woodward reported that Council approved a borrowing bylaw to purchase land for future Township use.

E. Erickson reported that he attended the opening of the Interpretive Centre at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum, and the funding announcement for the Fort Langley Heritage Centre.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. BCRPA Symposium

E. Erickson reported that he attended the BCRPA Symposium in May on behalf of the committee. He attended several sessions and provided the following information:

F. WORK PROGRAM

Session: “Creating Vibrant & Healthy Communities for All”

- Presenter: Gil Penalosa – founder of “8-80 Cities”;
- If our cities, parks, and amenities are designed with eight and eighty year olds in mind, they will be for everyone;
- Focus on the benefits: culture, education, health, economic development, social contact, and contact with nature;
- Depression is the world’s leading cause of disability.

Session: “Healthy in Nature”

- Incorporate speed, height, tools, dangerous element, getting lost, or hiding into children’s interaction with outdoor play spaces;
- Children have less than one hour per day outdoors;
- Physical literacy depends on interaction with the natural world.

Session: Coquitlam’s Adventure Playground

- A vacant, treed lot was used for a construction zone for children aged 3-12;
- Self-directed play without parents but “guided” by leaders on site;
- Operated during July and August;
- Fosters creativity, risk assessment, independence, and teamwork.

Session: “Master Planning: Integrating Parks, Recreation, and Culture with City-Wide Plans”

- “Abbotsforward” Plan for 200k residents;
- Major review with 20 departmental Master Plans that had to be integrated;
- 31 focus groups and 8 pop-up booths at various locations provided feedback and guidance on future directions.

Other sessions attended:

- Aging infrastructure;
- Parks Management; A Tool for Creating Vibrant and Health Community for All;
- The Alive Workplace;
- Snap Shots – programs and facilities highlighted from around BC
- Tradeshow
- Multiple tradeshow booths

2. Cultural Updates

P. Tulumello provided the following updates on table:

Canada Day Events:

- Attendance at Willoughby and Fort Langley Canada Celebration drew over 20,000 people at each.
- The Government of Canada provided the Township with a grant of \$14,720 – an increase from prior years.

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Summer Festival Series:

- Included 10 acts and performances ranging from local groups to Grammy Award and Juno Award performers.
- Canadian folk music icon, Valdy, drew the largest crowd with more people in attendance than seats at the amphitheatre.

Fort Langley Heritage Centre:

- Canadian Heritage has awarded the Township a \$3 million Infrastructure Grant through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.
- A second capital grant application for \$10 million was submitted to the BC Government, who will announce their decision at the end of 2019.

Action: Add a Performing Arts Centre report discussion to the next meeting. (May 8 minutes)

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Museum Advisory Committee

C. Profitt reported that the committee has met twice over the summer where they discussed the new Art Live/Work and Heritage Centre projects in Fort Langley.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 9, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by R. Camparmo,
Seconded by K. Ludlam,
That the meeting terminate at 9:00pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair