



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

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

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

D. Gendron, K. Ludlam, M. Pratt, and C. Profitt

#### **School Board Representative:**

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#### **Staff:**

P. Tulumello, Director, Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives  
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 – October 10, 2019**

Moved by M. Pratt,  
Seconded by D. Gendron,  
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the  
agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 10, 2019 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

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

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

Moved by K. Ludlam.  
Seconded by M. Pratt,  
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes  
of the September 11 2019 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

### **C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**D. REPORTS**

**1. Co-Chair Reports**

Councillor Woodward reported that Council has had their first budget priorities session.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Admission Rates**

Further to a presentation from staff regarding admissions to Township of Langley recreational facilities and the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience, the committee discussed rates, including the potential for a residency rate and a youth summer pass. The following comments were provided:

**Rates**

- Council approved an increase of 25% for the ACUCC Otter Co-Op Outdoor experience (waterpark) for summer 2019.
- Even with this increase, it is still under \$15 for a family to visit the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience.
- Another increase of 25% would be reasonable, as family entertainment value is still higher than other comparative experiences.
- This is still an extremely low rate for a waterpark.
- Staffing costs for the waterpark are high due to the nature of the facility. Some days during the busy summer months require 70 staff members to be on the site.
- It is important that the community feels they are getting a great value.
- What are the short and long term goals of the increased fees?

**Residency Rate**

- Approximately 30% of the users of the waterpark are Langley residents. 70% are from outside Langley.
- Should the rate be raised for non-Langley residents?
- Should we offer a seasonal pass for Township residents, then increase the non-resident rate?
- Administering the non-resident rate could have some financial and operational implications including additional staff, software adjustments and perhaps adding additional ticketing/payment stations.
- Having a seasonal pass would not guarantee entrance to the waterpark if it is already at capacity.
- Should a resident rate be presented to the public for their input?
- A motion should be forwarded to Council asking them to direct staff to report back on the concept of a non-resident rate.

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**COUNCIL**

Moved by K. Ludlam,

Seconded by D. Gendron,

Whereas it has been reported to the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee that approximately 70% of the users of the Otter Co-Op Outdoor Experience during the 2019 waterpark season were non-Township of Langley residents;

Whereas the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee supports in principle the concept of residency rates for the Otter Co-op Outdoor Experience;

Therefore be it resolved that the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to conduct a public consultation process on the concept of differential pricing based on residency, as soon as practical.

**CARRIED**

**Youth Summer Pass**

- An Out of School pass would encourage students to use facilities.
- Should this be all year instead of just during the summer or spring/winter break?
- The waterpark would have to be and extra cost.
- Youth is age 13-18 in the Township.
- The desire for a free pass for all year long came from some Township residents.
- Currently there are several options for youth discounted passes – one month, 3 month, annual etc.
- It would be beneficial to know how many youth passes are sold each year.
- How many people apply for subsidies?
- How much income would not be generated if the Township gave a youth free annual pass?

**MOTION**

Moved by M. Pratt,

Seconded by K. Ludlam,

That the concept of a youth summer pass be deferred to the November meeting and that staff bring back the following information:

- How many youth discounted passes does the Township sell;
- The age breakdown of youth buying these passes (if this information is available);
- How many people apply for additional subsidies;
- How much income would the Township not generate if a free annual pass for youth was provided; and

**CARRIED**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**2. Performing Art Centre**

Further to the May 8, 2019 RCPAC Minutes where the committee discussed how to keep a Performing Arts Centre in the Township as a priority for Council, the following comments were provided:

- It would be good to know how much other centres are subsidized – ie, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, Surrey.
- M. Pratt conducted a private survey on facebook to poll people about what they would like to see in a future performing arts centre.
- Should an RCPAC task force be formed to discuss a performing arts centre and if so what should its terms of reference be?
- If the City of Langley is doing a feasibility study regarding a centre, should we not wait to hear the results of that study?
- It is important to keep a centre on Council's radar.

**Action:** This topic to be deferred to the November meeting to discuss a possible Terms of Reference for a Performing Arts Centre Task Force.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

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

**1. Committee Application Process 2020**

Members of the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2019 are welcome to re-apply at [www.tol.ca/committee](http://www.tol.ca/committee). Application deadline is October 25, 2019.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** November 13, 2019  
**Location:** Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

**J. TERMINATE**

Moved by D. Gendron,  
Seconded by M. Pratt,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:51pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair