Township of Langley
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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2023 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
D. Kang (Committee Co-Chair)
Councillor M. vanPopta (Council Co-Chair)

G. Abreo, A. Bayona, S Cook, R. Jhaj, and T. Taylor

Staff:
J. Morrison, Recreation Programmer
R. Stare, Acting Director, Recreation
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

D. Kang acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – April 12, 2023

Moved by T. Taylor,
Seconded by A. Bayona,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 12, 2023 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

Clerk's Note: Item H.1 was added to the agenda.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – March 8, 2023

Moved by G. Abreo,
Seconded by R. Jhaj,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Youth Programs and Services

J. Morrison provided an update on Youth Programs and Services in the Township of Langley. The following information was provided:

Programming Philosophies include:

- Providing programming in ALL communities;
- Removing barriers to participation, when possible;
- Help residents stay active, stay involved, and stay healthy
- Provide opportunities for skill development; and
- Provide opportunities to connect, play, create, workout, and learn.

Highlights

Youth Summer Fun $20 Pass:

- 979 passes purchased, valid between June 30 – September 5, 2022; for ages 13-18;
- Included all drop-in activities: pools, fitness classes, weight room, and gymnasium activities; and included admission to 2 youth nights at ACCUC Waterpark.

Q1 and Q2 (Jan – June) – 2023:

- Youth Weight Room Orientation: 242 youth registered, to date; Free with drop-in pass
- Fitness: Youth have access to all fitness classes and personal training
- Youth drop-in: After school hours 1x/week at Aldergrove Athletic Park-working in cooperation with Encompass Support Services
- Registered Youth Programs: Youth Beach Volleyball at WCB; Bronze Medallion Lifeguarding Courses
- Drop-in Youth Programs: Youth badminton at WGC; Youth basketball at WGC
- Ongoing mentoring and leadership development: Volunteer program; Employment opportunities

Youth Week 2023:

- May 1 – 7
- Access to weight room, swimming ice skating, basketball and badminton.

Goal:
"To expand TOL youth programming as we grow our staff complement".

Discussion ensued and the following comments/questions were provided:

- Is there a way to notify parents that the Youth Summer Pass is available? They could encourage their teens to use this.
- Perhaps the PACs could be asked to promote.
- Have a TOL staff member speak to the School Board about this pass.
- More advertising is needed on the TOL website, not just social media.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

D. Kang reported that LUSA and ball hockey have started up again. He further noted that more restrictions are being lifted regarding mask protocols in BC Biomedical labs.

Councillor vanPopta reported that two Notices of Motion were forwarded to staff regarding amenity upgrades to the Fort Langley Park and exploring more possibilities for the waterfront area.

Action: Councillor vanPopta to provide an update at the September RCPAC meeting.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Fees and Charges

R. Stare provided an update regarding the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw that went to Council at the end of February. He noted that fees will be increased by 3% for parks and recreation facilities, and that 20 visit, 1 month, 3 month, and yearly passes will be reduced starting in September of 2023.

2. Langley Walk

R. Stare reported that the Langley Walk will take place Sunday, May 7 and is being coordinated with both City and Township staff. Since the course is in the City, more details are being handled by the City of Langley. The course will start and finish at Douglas Park.

3. Township 150 Celebrations

Staff provided a memo to update the committee on Township 150 Celebrations. The following information was provided:

- Will be a multi-day event in late August.
- An online scavenger hunt will encourage residents to explore the Township's facilities and many park amenities.
- Each day of the celebration will have a theme culminating in a large family fun festival on the final day.
- A website will be launched in the coming weeks to provide basis information about the event and initiate the marketing activities.

F. WORK PROGRAM

4. Firefighters vs RCMP Water Battle

T. Taylor provided an update on behalf of the Working Group. He commented that both the firefighters and RCMP have expressed interest in participating and that many of the logistical aspects are being worked out. The Working Group has been in discussions with staff regarding the event.

Discussion ensued and the following comments/questions were provided:

- Could there be local musicians on site between 5:00 – 8:00pm as people are leaving the facility?
- Could the local high school provide parking? The TOL has a standing agreement with the School District regarding use of school parking lots.
- Perhaps the Twilight Drive-In Theatre would like to partner and provide a reduced rate for admission for those who participated in the waterfight.
- Could Triple O's be asked to provide a special menu item to celebrate TOL 150?
- It would be beneficial to handout a flyer to students during the last week of school.
- Working with the DPAC would be a good idea.

A. Bayona joined the Working Group.

5. Langley Awards

S. Cook reported that there were many excellent candidates to choose from this year and that selecting the winners was challenging.

T. Taylor and D. Kang attended the event and said it was an excellent evening.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Shelter for Seniors in Aldergrove Athletic Park

R. Jhah commented that 50 seniors meet regularly in Aldergrove Athletic Park from 9:00am-12:00pm and 3:00pm-6:00pm each day for some social interaction. They meet in front of the field house and the Aldergrove Minor Baseball Association provided them a box to store their chairs.

There has been a request to extend the roof of the field house to provide a cover for the seniors to sit under. Two sponsors have indicated their willingness to help pay for this addition.

Action: R. Stare will contact Parks Design and Development to ask them to do some further investigation and report back to the committee.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 10, 2023
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by T. Taylor,
Seconded by G. Abreo,
That the meeting terminate at 8:12pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair