RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 11, 2023 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
D. Kang, (Committee Co-Chair)
Councillor T. Baillie (Council Co-Chair)

G. Abreo, S Cook, R. Jhaj, T. Taylor, and R. Thandi

School Board Representative:
H. Dickinson

Guest:
J. Sleiman, Library Manager, Fraser Valley Regional Library

Staff:
W. Cook, 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 – October 11, 2023

Moved by G. Abreo,
Seconded by S. Cook,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 11, 2023 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – May 10, 2023

Moved by G. Abreo,
Seconded by S. Cook,

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.
CARRIED

2. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 13, 2023

Moved by G. Abreo,
Seconded by T. Taylor,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the September 13, 2023 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Services

J. Sleiman, Library Manager, Fraser Valley Regional Library, provided a presentation on library services in the Township of Langley. She noted that there are six libraries throughout the Township.

Some of the services offered in the library include:

- Computers and printers
- Wifi
- Technology help
- Readers Advisory
- Library tours
- Passive activities
- Contests
- Reference

Physical Collections include:

- Books, graphic novels
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Movies and documentaries on DVD
- Multimedia kits
- Music and books on CD
- Grab and Go bags
- Book Club sets

Digital collections include:

- eBooks, eAudio
- Digital magazines
- Streaming video
- Databases for all
- Creative Bug
- Mango Languages
- LinkedIn Learning

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Ancestry
- Consumer Reports

The “Playground” supports science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics learning with such items as:

- Telescopes
- Ukuleles
- Birding backpacks
- Bat packs
- Solar panels
- Disc golf kits
- Sunshine lamps
- Puzzle cubes
- Virtual Reality Sets

Some of the Programs offered in the library include:

- Babytime/Storytime
- Book clubs
- Craft and Social Clubs
- Conversation Circles
- Game Nights
- Guest presentations
- Author Events

Ongoing Initiatives:

- 1000 stories before kindergarten
- Teen Imagine Contest
- Indie Authors
- Reading Link Challenge
- Adventure Passports

Many collaborations and outreach events take place including:

- Community Organizations Initiatives
- Community Volunteer Tax Program
- Community Displays and events
- School visits
- ESL class visits
- StrongStart and Early Learning Programs

Library Updates:

- The Fort Langley library is moving to salishan Place by the River in the near future.

2. Adult Programs and Services

W. Cook, Recreation Programmer, provided a presentation on Adult Programs and Services provided by the Township. She noted that the programming philosophy is to build individuals and communities to be active and healthy for life. This is accomplished by:

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Providing a variety of program offerings
- Creating a welcoming environment
- Removing barriers to encourage participation whenever possible
- Provide opportunities in our community for residents to connect, workout, learn, and create to improve their quality of life

Programs include:

- Fitness
- Aquatics
- Gymnasium Drop-in Sports
- Arenas Programs

New program offerings in 2023 include:

- Cardiac Maintenance
- TIME
- Intro to Cycle/Yoga
- Beginner Pickleball lessons
- Beginners and Women's weight training
- Adult Tap
- Wheelchair accessible equipment at WC Blair

General challenges include:

- Staff shortages
- Limited spaces
- Fluctuating seasonal trends
- Childcare
- Cultural/Social differences
- Marketing
- Adult commitments/schedules
- Cost of living
- Fear of trying something new

Opportunities and Future Plans:

- Align indoor/outdoor programs to suit trends and fluctuating seasons
- Expand learn to play options
- Expand dance programs
- Adult and tot programming
- Increase and re-introduce program offerings

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

D. Kang reported that he attended the recent basketball championships at the Langley Events Centre which was a great event.

Cllr. Baillie reported that the Township announced the building of three new ice arenas and two new dry floors at the Langley Events Centre.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Museum Advisory Group

R. Stare reported that the group has not met this year but will provide an update once they have met.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Toque Tuesday

Councillor Baillie reported that he is organizing "Toque Tuesday" which is a ball hockey tournament to raise awareness of homelessness in the Township. The event will take place Tuesday, February 6, 2024 and will provide an opportunity for local social service agencies to have display booths to educate people on the services they provide. Any organization is encouraged to register a team to play hockey. All money raised through hot dog sales and donations will go toward youth homelessness in the Township. More information to follow.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: November 8, 2023
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by S. Cook,
Seconded by R. Jhaj,
That the meeting terminate at 8:16pm.
CARRIED