Township of Langley

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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 13, 2023 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – December 13, 2023

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the December 13, 2023 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-5 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – October 11, 2023**

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Cultural Programs Update

R. Schmidt, Manager, Arts and Culture

D. REPORTS

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F. WORK PROGRAM

6-9 **1. 2023 RCPAC Year End Report**

Recommendation that the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive and endorse the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Committee 2023 Annual Report and ask staff to forward it to Council for information.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 10, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

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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

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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

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- 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

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RECREATION, CULTURE, and PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Final Report – 2023 Work Plan

Submitted by: Dave Kang,
Councillor Tim Baillie, and
Councillor Misty vanPotpa

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee saw its first full work term (excluding the month of January due to the 2022 municipal election) post Covid-19, with all of its meetings held in-person. The Advisory Committee continued to perform its role, as defined in its Terms of Reference:

- **Provide advice** to Council and/or the Division(s) on budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;

- **Represent all** segments of the community by providing a conduit between the community and Council. It may coordinate and encourage public participation in decisions regarding budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;

- **Incubate** good ideas, develop creative solutions and initiate change in the area of budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;

- **Advocate** the understanding of the value of recreation, culture, and parks to the public and Council to assist in decisions regarding budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans.

The 2023 Advisory Committee was comprised of the following nine (9) voting members:

Dave Kang (Community Co-Chair)
Gareth Abreo
Ana Bayona
Shannon Cook
Catherine Grey (withdrew in September 2023)
Ramandeep Jhaj
Joshua Loewen
Tristan Taylor
Rebecca Thandi

The 2023 Advisory Committee was comprised of the following three (3) non-voting members:

School Trustee Holly Dickinson (non-voting)
Councillor Tim Baillie (Municipal Rep, Council Co-Chair)

Councillor Misty vanPopta (Municipal Rep, Council Co-Chair)

At its February meeting, the Committee received the 2022 Annual Report and discussed the 2023 Work Plan. Members from the committee volunteered to be Community Liaisons for the Langley Community Awards Selection Committee and Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group, as well as the Museum Advisory Group. Community Appointments were made to the Museum Advisory Group, as outlined in the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

A status report on the 2023 work plan is provided below:

Advisory Committee Orientation
An orientation was provided by Legislative Services for all members. This included a review of the Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw 2008 No. 4700.

Election of Co-Chair and Approval of Work Plan
D. Kang was elected as Community Co-Chair for 2024. Councillors Baillie and vanPopta served as Council Co-Chairs. The 2023 Work Plan was approved at the March meeting.

ACUCC Firefighters vs. RCMP Water Battle
In March, committee member T. Taylor, provided a presentation regarding his vision for a Water Battle Community Event at the ACUCC in the summer. A working group was formed, and updates were provided regularly from the group.

Shelter for Seniors in Aldergrove Athletic Park
R. Jhaj presented a request to the committee on behalf of 50 seniors who meet in Aldergrove Athletic Park, asking for a covered area to sit under. This request was forwarded to the Parks Design and Development Department and the project was completed in November.

Conferences
Two members (S. Cook, A. Bayona) represented the committee at the BC Parks and Recreation Association (BCRPA) Symposium in May 3-5 in Vancouver. They attended relevant sessions and networked with members from other municipalities.

Youth Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for youth in the Township including activities leading up to Youth Week in May.

Seniors Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for seniors in the Township including activities leading up to Seniors Week in June.

Library Services
A presentation was given on the various services offered by the Fraser Valley Regional Library.

Adult Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for adults in the Township.

Langley Walk
2023 saw the 61st Anniversary of the Langley Walk which was held on May 7 and the start and finish was hosted at Douglas Park.

Canada Day Events
The Township hosted a large celebration in Aldergrove Athletic Park, and participated in asmaller event in Fort Langley.

Township 150 Celebrations
A multi-day event was held in August to celebrate the Township's 150th Birthday.

Parks Tour
In June, the group boarded a bus and toured various completed, planned and midstream parks projects, including Aldergrove Athletic Park, Fort Langley Community Park, Donna Gabriel Robins Park, and Willoughby Community Park.

ANNUAL TASK FORCES:
The following annual task force was formed:

Langley Awards Selection Committee
The Advisory Committee appointed members to sit on a task force responsible for selecting the annual recipients of:

- Pete Swensson "Outstanding Community Youth" Award
- Eric Flowerdew "Volunteer of the Year" Award
- John & Muriel Arnason "Volunteers of the Year" Award

RCPAC Selection Representative - S. Cook

The Langley Awards Celebration took place in-person at the Langley Events Centre on April 6, 2023 where the winners were presented with their awards by the Mayor The evening included dinner and the awards presentations. The award winners were as follows:

- Eric Flowerdew Volunteer Award: Jayne Burton
- John and Muriel Arnason Award: Darcy and Manjit Gill
- Pete Swensson Outstanding Community Youth Award: Brandon Leung

COMMUNITY LIASONS:
Members of the Advisory Committee were selected to serve as community liaisons for the following Committees / Groups. Each role also had a staff member assigned to it as well. It was expected that Advisory Committee members would become as knowledgeable as possible about one or more of these areas of focus and become a point of contact between the community and the Advisory Committee for any issues of relevance.

Appointments were made as follows:

a) Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group – G. Abreo

b) Museum Advisory Group – A. Bayona

CONCLUSION:
The Committee was able to complete its 2023 Work Plan goals and continued to meet to discuss relevant and developing topics. The commitment of the individuals serving on the 2023 Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee is really appreciated.

Overall, the committee members were engaging and showed good participation in the discussions and the diversity of the members allowed the Committee to engage in meaningful discussions in various subject areas during 2023.

The Advisory Committee looks forward to a productive year in 2024, and their continued involvement in the role of representing the community and serving Township of Langley Council.

Dave Kang – Community Co-Chair
Councillor Tim Baillie and Councillor Misty vanPopta - Council Co-Chairs

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee