RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 10, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
G. Abreo, Community Co-Chair
Councillor M. vanPopta, Council Co-Chair

A. Bayona, E. Barbour, S. Cook, G. Sarhan, and T. Taylor

Guests:
L. Desantis, Recreation Programmer
J. Morrison, Recreation Programmer

Staff:
R. Stare, Director, Recreation
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

G. Abreo acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – April 10, 2024

Moved by S. Cook,
Seconded by T. Taylor,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 10, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – March 13, 2024

Moved by T. Taylor,
Seconded by S. Cook,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Youth Programs and Services

L. Desantis and J. Morrison provide a presentation regarding youth programs and services in the Township of Langley. They noted that youth programming is pivotal in fostering the comprehensive growth of young individuals, providing a wide array of advantages such as:

- Social skill development
- Physical health and wellness
- Exposure to diversity
- Leadership and personal development
- Civic engagement and community service
- Life and career skill development

Some new programs offered in 2024 include:

- Babysitter training
- Basketball - Learn to Play
- Badminton – Learn to Play
- Dodgeball
- Babysitter training and cooking camp
- Teen yoga flow
- Lifeguard Info Sessions

Youth Week runs May 1 - 7 and is a provincial celebration of youth held annually the first week of May. It is a week of fun filled interaction and a celebration intended to build a strong connection between youth and their communities. Each day, a new program is offered such as Paint and Pancakes, Snack and Swim, Pizza and Swim, and Youth Pickleball.

Individuals aged 12 and older are welcome to volunteer with the Recreation division. Encouraging youth to volunteer not only enriches programs but also fosters community engagement. Additionally, these volunteer hours can be used towards fulfilling graduation credit requirements.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

No report.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Terms of Reference Review

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and provided some suggestions for changes and edits. Staff will incorporate the amendments and present the edited version to the committee at the May meeting, before forwarding to Council for endorsement.

2. Fees and Charges

Staff provided a brief update on the Fees and Charges Bylaw for 2024. Some of the changes that will impact recreation include:

- 3% increase for all fees and charges.
- The Youth Pass will become a Child and Youth Pass.
- The Super Senior age is lowered from 80 to 70.
- Annual Pass for a child is $149, a youth is $199, a Super Senior is $99, and a Family Pass is $995.

Council has further requested to staff to prepare a report regarding swim lesson priority for Township residents, differential pricing for Township residents, and a School's Out Pass for the summer for Township students.

3. Canada Day Events

Staff provided a memo to the committee which noted that two events are being planned for 2024. The first event is a larger daytime celebration at McLeod Athletic Park that consists of a local artisan vendor, food and beverage trucks, live entertainment, and a kid's zone. Additionally, an evening drone light show will take place at the Langley Events Centre.

All celebration details can be found on the Township website at tol.ca/canadaday.

4. Langley Walk

Staff provided the Township News Release to the committee regarding the Langley Walk which will take place on May 5, 2024 at the Walnut Grove Community Park. The pre-walk warmup begins at 12:30pm followed by the 5km walk at 1:00pm.

5. Langley Awards

Members of the Task Force commented on some of the criteria being too restrictive regarding timelines etc. and suggested that there should be provisions for extenuating circumstances. Staff will discuss this with the event planning staff.

5. Firefighters vs. RCMP Water Battle

T. Taylor provided the following information regarding the Water Battle:

F. WORK PROGRAM

- The event will take place on July 11, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Philip Jackman Spray Park.
- Township Events staff will take on the organizing of this event for future years.
- The event will be titled “Community Waterfight” to encourage more community groups to participate.
- The firefighter volunteers are in place.
- The event will include five food trucks, two inflatables, and entertainment.
- The RCMP and Fire Department will be asked to provide an obstacle course.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 8, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Bayona,
Seconded by T. Taylor,
That the meeting terminate at 8:38pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair