RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
G. Abreo, Community Co-Chair

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

Staff:
M. Lorzano, Fitness Programmer
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Guest:
C. Sarfeld, Langley Arts Council

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 – September 11, 2024

Moved by A. Bayona,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 11, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – May 8, 2024

Moved by S. Cook,
Seconded by A. Bayona,
Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Langley Arts Council

Claire Sarfeld, Executive Director, provided information regarding the Langley Arts Council (LAC). She noted that LAC was formed in 1968. The mission of LAC is to cultivate, sustain and proliferate artistic activity by offering both monetary and resource support to the community as well as develop new and innovative programs in a variety of artistic disciplines. They are located in the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre.

LAC has the following programming streams:

1. Art in Found Spaces – provide the community at large an opportunity to showcase and view original artworks in public spaces.
2. Classes and Workshops – provide accessible and affordable arts, cultural and heritage programming to all ages and levels.
3. Community Initiatives – present a wide array of free community arts programming for all ages.

2. Adult Programs and Services

Myron Lorzano, Recreation Programmer, provided a presentation on Adult Programs and Services in the Township. The following information was provided:

Program Philosophies:

- Provide a variety of program offerings
- Create a welcoming and safe environment
- Eliminate barriers to encourage participation whenever possible
- Provide opportunities in our community for residents to connect, be physically active, learn, and create to improve their quality of life.

2024 Fitness Highlights:

- Expansion of Small Group Training
- Increase of intake for Personal Training
- 42 registered fitness programs
- 50 drop-in fitness classes per week
- Expansion of Cardiac Maintenance Program at ACC
- TIME (Time in Movement Exercise) Program
- Move to Health Day Zumba Event
- Summer Outdoor Yoga Program

2024 Aquatic Highlights:

- Aquafit – 30 classes offered/week
- Water Walking in the Lazy River
- Sip’n Dip – 4x/season
- Adult Swim lessons
- Almost free lessons – adults

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 Recreation Highlights:

Gymnasiums:

- Ball hockey
- Soccer
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Volleyball

Arenas:

- Stick and Puck
- Skating lessons

New Program Offerings in 2024:

- Water Walking and Aqua Fit at ACC
- Aqua Zumba at WGC
- Tandem Personal Training Package
- Learn To Play and Learn to Train Pickleball
- Almost Free Swim Lessons – Adults
- Family Yoga, High Energy Yoga Flow
- Adult and Tot Fitness/ Yoga
- Introduction to Kettlebells

Future Plans and Opportunities:

- Align indoor/outdoor programs to suit trends and fluctuating seasons
- Expand Beginner/Introduction program options
- Continue to add Aquafit classes
- Hire qualified instructors for new and ongoing programs
- Offer more Adult and Tot programs
- Utilize offsite spaces to increase program needs
- Promote and create special events

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

G. Abreo reported that he attended the Water Battle in the summer which was a very successful event. He commented that it was great that it was a non-registered event as he feels this gave the opportunity for more people to participate.

He further reported that he attended the Canada Day Drone Show which was also a great event. He commented that perhaps more food trucks could be offered and that a better sound system is needed.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Canada Day

K. Young provided the following update regarding Canada Day:

Family Fun Event:

- Held at McLeod Athletic Park
- 18,000-20,000 people in attendance
- Very successful event

Drone Show:

- 12,000 people in attendance. 10 times more people than staff anticipated.
- Staff noted the need for traffic control at the end of the event.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- The sound system needs to be improved. Could not hear the speeches or the live music very well.
- The event could start earlier.
- The live bands need to be on an elevated stage.
- Traffic control was an issue.
- It is encouraging to see these type of community events taking place again in the Township.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2024 Water Battle

T. Taylor reported that this was a very successful event with 550-600 people in attendance. The support from Council and Township staff was a tremendous help. The planning team would like to see the event held in multiple neighbourhoods in 2025.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 9, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by T. Taylor,
Seconded by A. Bayona,
That the meeting terminate at 8:20pm
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair