RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 13, 2024 meeting.

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1-5 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 11, 2024**

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting.

6-22 **2. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – October 9, 2024**

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the October 9, 2024 meeting.

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J. TERMINATE

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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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

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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

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Location: Salmon River Committee Room
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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

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N O T E S

Present:
G. Abreo, Community Co-Chair

S. Cook, G. Sarhan,and T. Taylor

Staff:

R. Stare, Deputy Director, Recreation
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

Guest:
J. Sleiman, Library Manager

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A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – October 9, 2024

The October 9 RCPAC agenda was received.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 11, 2024

The September 11, 2024 RCPAC Minutes were received.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Services

Jo-Ann Sleiman, Township of Langley, Library Manager provided a presentation on Fraser Valley Regional Library. She updated members on the new and ongoing Library Events, Programs, and Resources. (See Attachment A).

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

G. Abreo attended the Forest Fest 2024l at Williams Park on September 28th. This was the first year for this event and it was well attended. The event was fantastic, with many exhibitors, activities, food trucks, and tree sapling give aways.

G. Abreo and T. Taylor attended the Langley Events Centre 2040 event on October 1st. This event was well attended and welcomed the opportunity for feedback as Township prepares LEC 2040.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Township of Langley Christmas Events

R. Stare updated the members with the following:

Staff are planning away for the Holiday Lights in Williams Park.

- The event will run from December 9 to 29. All which are a drive through event with exception of 4 walkable events on December 14/15 and 21/22.
- Layout of the park is nearly complete, and we just purchased just over 153,000 lights for the event and more to come.
- The drive through events will be a registered system to try and mitigate some of the traffic concerns in previous years.
- Walkable events will be a registered system.
- For walkable sessions participants will park in off-site locations and a shuttle system will bring people to the park.
- Walkable events will have many family friendly aspects including:
  - Santa's workshop
  - Food trucks
  - Hot chocolate/coffee truck
  - Holiday Marketplace with local vendors
  - Live entertainment

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Committee Application Process 2025

Members of the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2024 were reminded to re-apply by October 25, 2024.

2. salishan Place by the River Update

Memo provided for information. (See Attachment B).

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The meeting terminated at 8:05pm.

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Jo-Ann Sleiman

Library Manager

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- Grab & Go bags
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- MakeDo & Snap Circuits
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Programs

- Babytime/Storytime
- STEAM Programs
- Book Clubs
- Craft & Social Clubs
- Conversation Circles
- Guest Presentations
- Game Nights

- Author Events
- Online Programs



Ongoing Initiatives

- 1000 Stories
- Teen Imagine
- SRC
- Indie Authors
- Reading Link Challenge



Collaborations

- Langley Book of the Year
- Community Organization Initiatives
- Community Volunteer Tax Program
- Library Champions
- Literacy Initiatives
- Community Displays



Outreach

- Library Live & On Tour
- FVRL Library for You
- Community Events
- School Visits
- ESL Class Visits
- LCSS Programming Visits
- Strongstart & Early Learning Programs



Library Updates













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M E M O R A N D U M

TO:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	**DATE:**	OCTOBER 7, 2024
FROM:	ENGINEERING AND RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE DIVISIONS	**FILE NO:**	0810-30
SUBJECT:	SALISHAN PLACE BY THE RIVER UPDATE		

As a means of keeping Council informed, below is an update on the progress of the salishan Place by the River (salishan Place) construction project, along with updates on the anticipated opening timelines.

As previously stated in the June 10, 2024 Regular Council memo, the targeted gradual opening was October 2024 and we remain on track to have occupancy at some point in October and begin the gradual opening process, aligning with the approved 2024 budget. All anticipated opening timelines remain contingent upon the receipt of occupancy from our contractor, a milestone that will kickstart the launch of further activity and bring salishan Place to life.

As relayed previously, and provided below, moving into the building will occur in phases, with some components proceeding sequentially while others can be executed simultaneously.

1. **Fort Langley Library Relocation:** The library has already moved out of its previous location and is currently operating a pop-up service at the entrance of the Langley Centennial Museum. With the new library within salishan Place having its own exterior entrance, our priority is to facilitate its relocation as soon as possible. This process will be independent and estimated to last 2 - 4 weeks.

2. **Phase-by-Phase Opening:** Once occupancy is received, staff will have portions of the building, such as the reception hall, theatre, outdoor event areas, and multi-purpose rooms, that could be available for booking by the middle to end of November.

3. **Museum Systems Validation:** Concurrently another phase will include staff inspections to validate the functionality of museum-related systems. Given the delicate nature of the artifacts and collections, meticulous attention will be paid to essential components like climate control systems. Additionally, Township staff will focus on finalizing details such as thorough space cleaning, installing signage, and updating security measures. Upon confirming occupancy, timelines will be established to ensure prompt delivery of remaining equipment and fixtures within 8 -12 weeks.

4. **Collection Move and Final Setup:** Additional subsequent phases include the significant and final setup of office and storage spaces, the setup of the printmaking room, the move of the collection, and the setup of public facing displays. The collection relocation

follows strict museum standards and constitutes a substantial portion of the allotted timeframe, from 24 to 30 weeks.

It is anticipated that the process of becoming fully operational remains at approximately 7 to 8 months. If occupancy is obtained by the middle to end of October 2024, with progressive opening along the way, the facility will be at full operation by early summer of 2025.

As previously mentioned, as the facility's opening progresses, soft openings in each area will be coordinated with Mayor and Council and other invaluable stakeholders. Staff are eagerly anticipating opening this new facility and providing services to the local and broader Township community for years to come.