RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 11, 2024 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 11, 2024

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the December 11, 2024 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-4 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – November 13, 2024**

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting.

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1. 2024 Final Report

Recommendation that the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive and endorse the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Committee 2024 Annual Report and ask staff to forward it to Council for information.

2. 2025 Meeting Dates

Discussion regarding whether a December meeting is needed in 2025 and future years going forward.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 15, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Township of Langley

Est. 1873

RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Present:
E. Barbour, S. Cook D. Kang, G. Sarhan, and T. Taylor

Staff:
A. Arboleda, Education Programs Curator, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Election of the Co-Chair
As there were no Co-Chairs who could to attend the meeting, T. Taylor volunteered to step in as Community Co-Chair.

MOTION
Moved by S. Cook,
Seconded by D. Kang,
That T. Taylor be appointed as the Community Co-Chair for the November 13, 2024 Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee meeting.
CARRIED

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T. Taylor acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

Moved by D. Kang,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 13, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by G. Sarhan,
Seconded by S. Cook,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

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

Moved by S. Cook,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the October 9, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Cultural Programs Update

A. Arboleda, Education Programs Curator, provided a presentation regarding a year in review and future goals at the Museum. The following information was provided:

Collection Prep:

- Staff, docents and volunteers have been working in preparation for moving the Township's collection from the Langley Centennial Museum to salishan Place by the River.
- 450+ items have been added to the collections database.
- 800+ boxes have been packed.
- 16,299+ items condition reported and prepared for the move.

2023/24 Arts and Culture highlights:

- Pop'd Arts – pop-up art exhibition at the Riverside room showcasing local artists.
- Indigenous public art with Kwantlen's Spring Salmon Studio at the Willoughby Community Plaza at LEC.
- Music on the Plaza – busker-style performing art activations at the pedestrian plaza on Glover Road in Fort Langley. Overwhelming support from the public for this program in Fort Langley and other public plaza spaces in the Township.
- In 2024, staff worked with artists from the four First Nations in Langley for design elements to be featured at salishan Place by the River.

Future Programs at salishan Place by the River:

- An exciting programming plan has been developed to captivate and inspire a diverse audience while serving the community. The content is meant to be both informative and interactive.
- All Age/Family Programs

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- K-12 School Programs
- Instructor-led Programs
- Summer Children's Camps
- Rentable Kits
- Artists in Residence Programs

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

T. Taylor reported that he attended the LEC 2040 Open House and suggested that staff could provide a presentation to the committee in the new year to present the plans to the new committee.

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I. NEXT MEETING

Date: December 11, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by D. Kang,
Seconded by S. Cook,
That the meeting terminate at 7:40pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

Township of Langley
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RECREATION, CULTURE, and PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Final Report – 2024 Work Plan

Submitted by: Gareth Abreo,
Councillor Tim Baillie,
Councillor Misty vanPopta (January - October), and
Councillor Michael Pratt (November - December)

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee had a very productive year as a result of its 2024 work plan. 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 2024 Advisory Committee was comprised of the following eight (8) voting members:

Gareth Abreo (Community Co-Chair)
Erin Barbour
Ana Bayona
Shannon Cook
Ramandeep Jhaj
Dave Kang
Gaith Sarhan
Tristan Taylor

The 2024 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 / Michael Pratt (Municipal Rep, Council Co-Chair)

At its January meeting, 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.

At its February meeting, the Committee discussed and endorsed the 2024 Work Plan. A status report on the 2024 work plan is provided below:

Election of Co-Chair and Approval of Work Plan
Gareth Abreo was elected as Community Co-Chair for 2024. Councillors Baillie and vanPopta served as Council Co-Chairs. The 2024 Work Plan was approved at the February meeting.

ACUCC Firefighters vs. RCMP Water Battle
This year, the event took place on July 11, 2024 at the Phillip Jackman Spray Park and was a great success. It was also decided that the Township Events staff will take on the organizing of this event for future years and be renamed to “Community Waterfight”.

Conferences
One member (S. Cook) represented the committee at the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium in May 1 & 2 in Penticton. 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.

Cultural Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various cultural options being provided for all ages in the Township.

Langley Walk
2024 saw the 62nd Anniversary of the Langley Walk which was held on May 5 and the start and finish was hosted at Walnut Grove Community Park.

Canada Day Events
The Township hosted two large events in 2024. The first was a daytime celebration at McLeod Athletic park that consisted of local artisan vendors, food and beverage trucks, live entertainment, and a kid’s zone. The second was an evening drone light show at the Langley Events Centre. Both were well attended.

Parks Tour
In June, the RCPAC group boarded a bus and toured various completed, planned and midstream parks projects, including Aldergrove Athletic Park, Willoughby Community Park, Northeast Latimer Park, Donna Gabriel Robins Park, and Smith Athletic 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 Representatives – G. Abreo, S. Cook, and T. Taylor

The Langley Awards Celebration took place in-person at the Langley Events Centre on April 11, 2024 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: Sharon Wood
- John and Muriel Arnason Award: Cheryl Young and Nigel Thom
- Pete Swensson Outstanding Community Youth Award: Ranaiman Dhaliwal

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. Sarhan

b) Museum Advisory Group – A. Bayona

CONCLUSION:
The Committee was able to complete its 2024 Work Plan goals and continued to meet to discuss relevant and developing topics. The commitment of the individuals serving on the 2024 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 2024.

The Advisory Committee looks forward to a productive year in 2025, and their continued involvement in the role of representing the community and serving Township of Langley Council.

Gareth Abreo – Community Co-Chair
Councillor Tim Baillie, Councillor Misty vanPopta (January - October), and Councillor Michael Pratt (November – December) - Council Co-Chairs

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee