RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 12, 2025 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 – February 12, 2025

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 12, 2025 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-4 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – January 15, 2025**

Recommendation that the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

E. CORRESPONDENCE

5-7 **1. Aldergrove Community Centre Track**

Email received from Y. Trost regarding changing the Aldergrove Community Centre walking track to a multi-use track, including staff's reply.

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F. WORK PROGRAM

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1. Draft 2025 Work Program

Draft Work Plan attached for discussion and final approval.

2. Community Liaisons

Follow up discussion regarding the status of the Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group and the Trail Advisory Group.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: March 12, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 15, 2025 at 7:00pm
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MINUTES

Present:
S. Cook. Community Co-Chair
Councillor T. Baillie, Council Co-Chair
Councill M. Pratt, Council Co-Chair

E. Barbour, A. Castro, J. Clegg, E. Hacker, R. Jhaj, G. Sarhan, and N. Tiessen

Staff:
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

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Councillor Baillie acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

Welcome

Councillor Baillie welcomed everyone and round table introductions took place.

Code of Ethics Signing

Members signed the "Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and Conflict of Interest for Council Members and Appointees".

Election

G. Sarhan nominated S. Cook to be the Community Co-Chair for 2025.
E. Barbour seconded the nomination.

S. Cook was appointed Community Co-Chair, by acclamation, and assumed the position of Chair.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – January 15, 2025

Moved by G. Sarhan,
Seconded by E. Barbour,

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 15, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by R. Jhaj,
Seconded by G. Sarhan,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

2. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – December 11, 2024

Moved by R. Jhaj,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the December 11, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook reported that she volunteered at the Holiday Lights in Williams Park and also attended as an observer. She stated that everything ran smoothly but noted that some people questioned the method for collecting monetary donations to the Food Bank

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Draft 2025 Work Program

The committee discussed the draft 2025 Work Program. It was decided to not have a December meeting, unless necessary.

The committee was asked to bring any further suggestions of workplan items to the February meeting for further discussion.

F. WORK PROGRAM

2. Community Liaisons

Committee members considered serving as a Community Liaison on the Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group or the Langley Community Awards Selection Committee.

Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group
Discussion ensued regarding resurrecting the Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group as they have not met in several years.

Action: Staff will provide an update at the next meeting regarding the status of this group.

Langley Community Awards Selection Committee
The following members volunteered to be on the Langley Community Awards Selection Committee:

S. Cook
E. Barbour
A. Castro

Discussion ensued regarding the Trail Advisory Group and why it dissolved.

Action: Staff will provide an update at the next meeting regarding the status of this group.

3. Museum Advisory Group

Committee members were asked to appoint a member to be the liaison on the Museum Advisory Group. E. Hacker volunteered to be the liaison for 2025.

4. BCRPA Symposium
May 6 - 8, 2025 – Whistler, BC

The Committee discussed sending one member to the symposium and to provide a report to the committee at a future meeting.

N. Tiessen volunteered to attend the Symposium.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Provided in package for information.

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2. 2025 Membership List

Provided on table for information.

3. RCPAC Photo

A photo of the committee was taken for the Township website.

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Location: Salmon River Committee Room
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Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by N. Tiessen,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That the meeting terminate at 8:06pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

From: Rob Stare
To: Y T
Cc: MayorCouncil; Rec
Subject: RE: Aldergrove Rec running track
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:26:05 PM

Dear Yali,

Your email has been forwarded to staff for reply. Thank you for reaching out with your thoughtful feedback and proposal regarding the indoor walking track at the Aldergrove Community Centre. We appreciate your engagement and your commitment to health and fitness, as well as your dedication to our Aldergrove community.

We understand how challenging it can be to stay active during the wet and cold months, and we commend you for continuing to prioritize exercise, even in less-than-ideal weather conditions. We've taken the time to review your suggestion and wanted to provide some context around the current walking track rules and space limitations.

The indoor track at the Aldergrove Community Centre was designed as a walking track, and this use has always been its primary intent. In the past, we observed significant safety concerns when users ran on the track. These issues stemmed from the narrowness of the track, its location in the upper bowl of the arena, and the variety of users - ranging in age and mobility - who share the space. Additionally, the track serves as walkway to the primary arena bathrooms and the upper lobby with access to the elevator and also as an entrance to accessible seating for those in wheelchairs. To provide a safe environment the track's rules are formalized, prohibiting running and other activities such as inline skates, bikes, scooters, or skateboards.

Your suggestion to create a two-lane, one-way system is a creative idea, but due to the physical limitations of the space, it would be difficult to implement effectively without compromising safety.

We recognize the importance of providing spaces for running and other fitness activities, and our recreation staff continuously explore ways to better meet the community's needs. While treadmills are available in our Fitness Centre for indoor running, we understand that this option is not suitable for guests under 13 years old, such as your 7-year-old. We encourage you to continue utilizing the walking track for walking and exploring other family-friendly fitness opportunities within the Community Centre.

Thank you again for your suggestion and for your kind words about our efforts to make Aldergrove a great place to live and thrive. Your feedback is valuable to us, and we hope to continue supporting you and your family in staying active and healthy.

Thank you,

Rob Stare (he/him) | **Director**
Recreation, Arts and Culture | Township of Langley
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From:
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 2:22 PM
To: Rec <rec@tol.ca>; Eric Woodward <ewoodward@tol.ca>; Tim Baillie <tbaillie@tol.ca>; Steve Ferguson <sferguson@tol.ca>; Margaret Kunst <mkunst@tol.ca>; Barb Martens <bmartens@tol.ca>; Michael Pratt <mpratt@tol.ca>; Kim Richter <krichter@tol.ca>; Rob Rindt <rrindt@tol.ca>; Misty vanPopta <mvanpopta@tol.ca>
Subject: Aldergrove Rec running track

External email. Verify sender and confirm content is safe.

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I am a resident of Aldergrove and a member of the Rec Centre in town. I would like to propose a change for the track in the Aldergrove Community Centre. Please change your policy and allow community members to be able to run on the track. Please consider putting two lanes and making it one way traffic.

Here is my rationale:
It's raining so much for so many months in Aldergrove. However, the track only allows people to walk, not running since last year (I wonder why it was ok in the past and what made you change the policy). I ran in the rain and got my shoes and socks wet each time outside. How I wish I could run indoors in such weather! My son, 7 years old, runs with me sometimes. He got his feet, socks and shoes wet too and he doesn't like it. Who would like it? Running in door will give joggers and runners so much comfort and enjoyment in running.

It's not only wet. It's cold and slippery as well in winter. It is much safer to run inside and less chance of getting onto rock and twisting ankles or falling owing to mud or slippery road conditions.

Our town advocates sustainability. It's more sustainable if the people are healthier and will be able to sustain themselves first of all. So offering the residents more options to keep fit should be a high priority. I am sure you want to see a healthy and robust Aldergrove community.

Here is my proposed solution:
Could you please consider putting some dividing lines on the indoor track and make it two lanes? One for running and one for walking. You can also make it one way so people don't bump into each other. I don't think it will be extremely difficult and so

many people using the gym and from town will appreciate it.

Thank you for your hardwork in makiing our town a better place to live and thrive!

Kind regards,
Yali Trost
Resident and Constituent of Aldergrove

Township of Langley
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A Action Required
D Delegation
P Presentation
R Report
R/F Review / Feedback
U Staff/Rep Update

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee 2025 Work Program

General Committee Work

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov
Orientation	P								
Election of Community Co-Chair	A								
2025 Final Report									A
Work Program *Approve and appoint liaison roles*	R/F A	R/F A							
Conference *BCRPA 2025 annual conference. Selection of 1 member to attend and to provide report to committee.*		R/F	A		U				
Fees and Charges *Staff update re: 2025/2026 fees and charges*				U					
Terms of Reference Review *Review every 2 yrs (reviewed in 2024)*									

Projects, Programs and Events

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov
Youth Programs and Services *Youth week, first week in May*				P R/F					
Seniors Programs and Services *Seniors week, second week in June*					P R/F				
Adult Programs and Services							P R/F		
Parks Tour						P			
Canada Day Events					U		U		
Cultural Programs									P U
Library Services *FVRL annual update*								P U	
Langley Walk *First Sunday in May*					U				
Summer Events							U		
Township of Langley Christmas Events								U	

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Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee 2025 Work Program

Annual Task Forces

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov
Langley Awards *Appointment of 3 representatives and subsequent updates* *Pete Swensson Outstanding Community Youth* *Eric Flowerdew Volunteer of the Year* *John & Muriel Arnason Volunteers of the Year* ***Selection Task Force*** *Staff: C. Naples* *Committee Representatives: E. Barbour, A. Castro, and S. Cook*	A		U	U					

Community Liaisons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov
ADHOC Groups *Appointment of representatives and subsequent updates* ***Langley Outdoor Sports Advisory Group (LOSAG)*** *Staff: T. Bucker* *Committee Representative: TBD*	A	Updates to be provided following meetings.							
Museum Advisory Group *Staff: R.Schmidt* *Committee Representative: E. Hacker*	A	Updates to be provided following meetings.							

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