RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2025 at 7:07pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

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

E. Barbour, A. Castro, J. Clegg, and N. Tiessen

Staff:
C. Marshall, Manager, Parks Design and Development
K. Muirhead, Manager, Special Events
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

S. Cook acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – March 12, 2025

Moved by A. Castro,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the March 12, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – February 12, 2025

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by A. Castro,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2025 Special Events Plan

K. Muirhead, Manager, Special Events, provided an overview of current and upcoming special events in the Township.

Current events in 2025 include:

- Volunteer Appreciation and awards evening – April 10, Langley Events Centre Banquet Hall
- Arbour Day – April 25, McLeod Athletic Park
- 63rd Annual Langley Walk – May 4, Aldergrove Athletic Park
- Seniors Week Tea – June 3, Murrayville Community Hall
- Pioneer Luncheon – June 7, Langley Events Centre
- Canada Day – July 1, McLeod Athletic Park
- Summer Nights
    - Movie in the Parks (4)
    - Concerts in the Park (9)
    - Hot Summer Nights (2)
    - Community Water Fight (1)
- Forest Fest – September 27, Derek Doubleday Arboretum
- Holiday Lights in Williams Park

New events in 2025 include:

- Family Day
- Sapling Giveaway
- Trick or Treat
- Township of Langley Gala

2. Parks Projects

C. Marshall, Manager, Parks Design and Development, provided the 2025 Parks Design & Development Capital Projects Update. The following information was provided:

2024 Financial Asset Overview:

- $9.7 M of new assets constructed
- $400,000 of new trees in parks
- $9.6 M of construction in progress

Completed Projects:

- Willoughby Community Park: plaza, stadium field lights, bocce court canopy, warmup and spectator areas
- Northeast Latimer Park (Josette Dandurand Northeast Latimer Park)
- Donna Gabriel Robins Park
- Aldergrove Athletic Park: synthetic turf replacement

Ongoing projects:

- Noel Booth Community Park – field improvements, bridges, pathways and lighting, decommissioned septic, new BC hydro service

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Yorkson Community Park – parking lots, rugby field, playground, spray park, washrooms, tournament plaza, Creekside trail
- Smith Athletic Park – Phase 1: 3 synthetic fields, Phase 2: indoor synthetic field, training centre, warmup field, parking, nature trail

Future projects:

- Aldergrove Athletic Park – east field Improvements, west field improvements, synthetic field lighting, shade trees and safety improvements
- Dave Ball Passive Park – Disc Golf improvements
- Smithview Park (Jericho Reservoir)
- Southwest Latimer Neighbourhood Park
- Willoughby Community Park – southeast field turf replacement and rugby expansion, sport court lighting, pickleball court conversion, parks playground equipment replacement,
- Yorkson Community Park – lit outdoor tennis court, pump track improvements

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

Councillor Baillie commented on the many park improvements that are taking place across the Township.

S. Cook reported that Council approved the 2025 RCPAC Work Plan and passed the motion regarding referring Inclusive Communication Boards to staff for further information.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2025 Work Program

Provided for information.

2. Langley Awards

S. Cook reported that the Task Force will be meeting on March 17 to review the nominations.

F. WORK PROGRAM

3. May 2025 RCPAC Agenda

K. Young reported that staff will be coming to the May RCPAC meeting to provide a presentation and seek feedback regarding the Transportation Mobility Strategy. She also noted that the public open house will take place on April 24 at RE Mountain Secondary School from 5:00 – 8:00pm.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. RCPAC Terms of Reference

Provided for information.

2. Township of Langley Accessibility Plan

At the April meeting, Township staff will provide a presentation and seek feedback from the committee regarding the Township's Accessibility Plan.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: April 9, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Castro,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the meeting terminate at 8:45pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair