RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

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

E. Barbour, A. Bayona, A. Castro, J. Clegg, and E. Hacker

Staff:
A. Bouchard, Planner I
J. Fennell, Recreation Programmer
M. Gunn, Planner II
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 – April 9, 2025

Moved by A. Castro,
Seconded by E. Hacker,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 9, 2025 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

Clerk's Note: Items C.2 was moved to before item C.1

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Youth Programs and Services

J. Fennell, Recreation Programmer, provided a presentation regarding Youth Programs and Services in the Township of Langley. She commented that youth programming is pivotal in fostering the comprehensive growth of youth individuals providing a wide array of advantages such as:

- Exposure to diversity
- Civic engagement and community service
- Leadership and personal development
- Life and career skill development
- Physical health and wellness
- Social skill development
- Interpersonal relations

Some of the offerings for youth include:

- Arts and craft
- Cooking
- Dance and music
- General interest
- History and heritage
- Outdoor pursuits
- Science and technology
- Sports
- Aquatics

The Youth Summer Pass is back in 2025 and will build on the success of previous years. 1700 passes were sold in 2024. Aldergrove Community Centre will host two youth nights during the summer where no adults and children are permitted in the facility. The School's Out initiative is also continuing in 2025 which offers 50% off for children and youth activities on non-school days such as ProD days and Spring Break.

21 events are planned throughout the Township for Youth Week, May 1-7, 2025. The week-long celebration is meant to build a strong connection between youth and their communities.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Township of Langley Accessibility Plan

A. Bouchard and M. Gunn provided information regarding the Township of Langley's Accessibility Plan. The following information was provided:

- In June of 2021, the Province passed the Accessible British Columbia Act which states that municipalities must establish a committee to address barriers and must develop a plan to identify, remove and prevent barriers.
- The Township's Accessibility Committee has 10 members and held their first meeting in October 2024.

Preparation of the Plan must follow these principles:

- Inclusion
- Adaptability
- Diversity
- Collaboration
- Self-determination
- Universal Design

The Act names eight types of accessibility standards to consider:

- Employment
- Delivery of services
- The built environment and public spaces
- Information and communications
- Transportation
- Health
- Education
- Procurement

Staff and the Accessibility Committee are currently starting public engagement. RCPAC members were asked to provide feedback on several questions regarding inclusive access and program design, public spaces and park design, and collaboration and innovation.

Next steps include developing an online survey and conducting public open houses.

Further information can be found on the Township website at the following link: Accessibility@tol.ca

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

Councillor Baillie reported that the Nicomekl Enhancement Society Fish Release will be take place on April 26, and the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job will take place on April 28. A moment of silence will be observed at the Council meeting.

Councillor Pratt reported that "Footie Fest", a charity soccer tournament, will take place on May 31 and that Council approved a new 288 acre natural park at Nathan Creek in Glen Valley.

S. Cook reported that she will be attending the Metro Vancouver Parks Foundation Breakfast in May.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

E. Hacker reported that salishan Place by River conducted Spring Break camps for kids and will be running summer camps as well. Fall programming is being developed.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Fees and Charges

K. Young reported that there has been a freeze on admission rates this year and a 2% increase for rentals, that the Senior's rate has been reduced by 35% and the Super Senior's rate has been reduced by 50%.

2. Langley Awards

No report.

3. Museum Advisory Group

See item D.2.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Inclusive Communication Boards

Memo from Corporate Projects Division to Mayor and Council provided for information.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 14, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Castor,
Seconded by A. Bayona,
That the meeting terminate at 8:10pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair