RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 10, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

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

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

Staff:
S. Groves, Director, Corporate Projects
C. Longhi, Recording Secretary
R. Stare, Director, Recreation, Arts and Culture
M. Vidal, Recreation Programmer

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 September 10, 2025

Moved by A. Bayona,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 10, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee May 14, 2025

Moved by E. Barbour,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Facilities Update

S. Groves, Director, Corporate Projects, provided an update on the new facilities being constructed in the Township of Langley.

Smith Athletic Park:

- Indoor field features the longest span simple arch roof in Canada, covering a full-size soccer field.
- Indoor field holds 250 seats, intended for community use rather than large games.
- Outdoor fields include trees planted around the field to provide shade.
- Turf used includes no infill, a premium Canadian made product.
- Outdoor fields are complete, grand opening was held on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Targeted opening date of indoor field is April 2027.

Ice and Dry Floor Arena:

- Unique design with stacked arenas and underground parking, first of its kind in North America.
- Ice installation of three new rinks planned for spring 2026 with a target opening of summer 2026.
- Parking includes 380 underground stalls plus plaza parking, long-term plan (2040) to move all parking underground.

Brookswood Firehall:

- Post-disaster seismic design includes additional space, dorms, and new doors.
- Features translucent panels for natural light and a cross-laminated timber roof in truck bays.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- New dry floor arena can host up to seven ball hockey or lacrosse games simultaneously.
- Ice and dry floor rinks can also be utilized for basketball or volleyball. Basketball Provincials can all be held on site instead of using satellite gymnasiums.
- Brookswood Firehall focuses on Occupational Health and Safety. The hall is designed to separate dirty equipment from living quarters, reducing exposure to cancerous toxins to prevent disease. The design for this site can be duplicated with modifications for future sites

2. Adult Programs

M. Vidal, Recreation Programmer, provided an update on adult recreation programs offered by the Township of Langley.

Goals

- Accessible, engaging, and inclusive programs for all adults
- Vision: “Something for everyone”
- 2026 Goal: Foster active lifestyles, community connections, and lifelong recreation

2. Adult Programs

General Recreation:

- Drop-in, registered programs, and special events
- Core offerings: pickleball, soccer, ball hockey, badminton, volleyball
- Court reservations now available for pickleball
- Exploring possibility of pickleball lessons at outdoor courts
- Considering adult basketball at Aldergrove Community Centre
- Ongoing monitoring and program adjustments

Arenas:

- Drop-in, registered programs, and special events
- Public skate, stick and puck, and private lessons
- No adult-only programs currently, opportunity in the future

Fitness

- Drop-in, registered programs, weight room, and personal training
- Strong variety of programs across Walnut Grove Community Center, W.C. Blair Community Centre, and Aldergrove Community Centre.
- New: bootcamp, chair fitness, youth training
- Water walking in lazy river has been popular with extra sessions added

Aquatics

- Programs include adult, adult & tot, advanced aquatics, deep water aquafit, drop-in, registered, and private lessons
- Adult-focused times and amenities at Walnut Grove Community Centre
- In future looking to expand scheduling and increase program access

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Marketing focus on reducing cancellations and boosting enrollment
- Currently running Fitness Bingo Challenge September 15 until October 15, 2025
- Sip and Dip event was successful; team to explore more elevated social experiences
- Other adult programs include adult chess, bridge, quilting, knitting, painting
- Social media presence on Facebook and Instagram named “Langley Township Recreation”.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson’s Report

S. Cook reported that although she was unable to attend, she heard that the Township of Langley’s Summer Concert Series was very successful, and she further noted attended many Farmer’s Markets throughout the summer.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Summer Events

R. Stare, Director, Recreation, Arts and Culture, reported on the events put on by the Township of Langley over the summer months:

- Langley Walk: May 4 at Aldergrove Athletic Park. Increased participation this year, Star Wars theme
- Seniors Social: Part of Seniors Week, first week of June
- Pioneer Luncheon: June 7, approximately 200 guests
- Canada Day: July 1 at McLeod Athletic Park. Great turnout, featured larger drone show, fireworks planned for next year.
- Summer Nights in the Township: Offered many events including concerts, movies in the park, community water fight, family fun nights at Lynne Fripps and Phillip Jackman Parks.

Upcoming events include:

- Forest Fest – September 27 at Derek Doubleday
- Halloween Event – October 24 at McLeod Athletic Park
- Holiday Lights – December at Williams Park

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Committee discussed keeping RCPAC better informed and involved in planning, as updates are often received at the same time as the public. Risk management challenges noted regarding public input.

The Committee inquired as to whether e-bikes and motorized scooters are permitted in parks. Clarification needed: bylaws officers cannot enforce motorized vehicle violations, only peace officers can.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 8, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by A. Bayona,
That the meeting terminate at 8:30 pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair