RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 11, 2026 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, M. Brar, A. Castro, J. Clegg, E. Hacker, T. Louie, L. Stepney, and J. Watson

Staff:
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts and Culture
V. Burnett, Council and Committee Clerk

School District Representative:
Trustee S. Rai

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 – February 11, 2026

Moved by L. Stepney,
Seconded by J. Watson,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 11, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – January 14, 2026

Moved by T. Louie,
Seconded by E. Hacker,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

2. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – January 14, 2026 Closed Meeting

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Closed meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2026 Events Plan

K. Muirhead, Manager, Corporate Events provided an overview of 2026 events.

- Family Day: Activities will take place at multiple recreation centres
- Volunteer Appreciation Day: Held at Langley Events Centre in the Banquet Hall on April 9, 6-8pm.
- Arbour Day: Held at Hudson's Bay Park in Fort Langley on April 24 from 1-3pm. A ceremonial tree planting will be held for nine community members and one pioneer that has passed.
- Langley Walk: Will be held in Fort Langley at the Bedford Channel Plaza through Brae Island on May 3 from 12:30-2:30pm.
- Seniors Week: The Seniors Social event occurs during Senior's Week in the first week of June. It will be held at the Murrayville Community Hall on June 5 from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Pioneer Lunch: Hosted on June 6 from 11:30am-2:30pm at the Langley Events Centre. Made to honor those that have been in the community 60 years or more.
- Canada Day: Held at McLeod Athletic Park from 12pm-10pm. Fireworks will be displayed in replacement of the drone light show.
- Summer Nights: Will run from July-August. There will be three movie nights, nine concerts, two family fun nights, and a community water fight. These will be held at multiple locations.
- Forest Fest: An educational event partnered with LEPS. Held at Derek Doubleday Arboretum on September 26 from 12-4pm.
- Halloween in the Township: Last years event included a Halloween tunnel, two movies, and games. Held on October 23.

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- Holiday Lights in Williams Park: Last years event included a Township Express, flower garden, waterfall, scavenger hunt, radio broadcast, bubble machine, and more. This year's event is planned to have similar activities.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook reported that the Farm and Ranch Exhibition Society is meeting February 12 at George Preston about Belmont Farm.

Councillor Baillie gave an update on the Coldest Night of the Year. It will be held at the Gateway of Hope on February 28 from 4-6pm.

Councillor Pratt reported that W.C. Blair's pool will be closed from February 17 to March 8. He also informed that TransLink is doing a public engagement survey online starting February 9. It is gathering information to create a long-term plan to improve bus routes. He shared that Council approved the Swim Safety Program for children in Grade 4.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

E. Hacker shared information about renting to user groups at salishan Place by the River, as well as an update on school programs. He also shared that six proposals are being looked over for new exhibits.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

The 2026 Work Program was approved by Council on February 9, 2026.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. BCRPA Symposium
April 28, 2026 – May 1, 2026
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

S. Cook reported that L. Stepney has been approved to go to the BCRPA Symposium on behalf of the committee. The committee expressed their support of this choice.

2. Allocation of Pickleball at Walnut Grove Community Centre

K. Young reported that there has been a request that Pickleball allocations at the Walnut Grove Community Centre be reviewed and discussed with the committee. She explained that there is currently a high demand for indoor pickleball, and the programs often fill up completely but there is also high demand for many other gymnasium activities that the staff must try and balance. Pickleball is currently offered 7 days per week, far more than any other sport, and the offerings include; learn to play, court reservation time slots, and drop in. There are some days/times that the gymnasium is or looks not used – these times are kept open and available for rentals, un-planned/scheduled use, or a group booked was not able to use their booked space at the last minute. Pickleball also requires staffing, which isn't always available. She also noted that Fall and Winter see the highest demand for Pickleball offerings, whereas Spring and Summer see a substantial decrease as many prefer to play outdoors.

Discussion ensued regarding possible options, and all agreed the schedule is very tight and preserving the limited times for unscheduled use or bookings is important.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: March 11, 2026
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 8:17pm
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair