RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Guest:
S. Gorris, Local Artist

Staff:
K. Goodrich, Recreation Programmer, Recreation, Arts and Culture
M. Lorzano, Recreation Programmer, Recreation, Arts and Culture
R. Schmidt, Manager, Arts and Culture
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 – March 11, 2026

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

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – February 11, 2026

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by L. Stepney,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 'Art in the Country' Delegation

Local artist S. Gorris gave a presentation for her painting "RAMIRA". She hopes to find a permanent place for her painting as a public art installation. She is not seeking reimbursement for the cost of her labour, however she is requesting reimbursement for the cost of her materials. Her intention was to pay homage to the painters at the Art in the Country Studio.
She provided a fact sheet to the committee about the painting and the inspiration behind it. She explained that the painting was named "RAMIRA" after a model working in the studio. The mural was shown on the fact sheet along with costs, time spent, and background information.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- S. Gorris has been looking at salishan by the River as a location option or somewhere in Aldergrove.
- The painting depicts 9 artists who reside throughout the Fraser Valley, including the Township of Langley, City of Langley, and Chilliwack.
- Inquiry into decisions by Council were addressed. No decisions have been made yet regarding the painting, the committee is able to provide a recommendation to Council.
- A plaque could be included to explain the painting and what it represents.
- The painting would need something to protect it, most likely 2-4 gallons of liquid protectant. The mural would need to be displayed inside.

2. Youth Programs & Services

K. Goodrich and M. Lorzano provided information about youth recreation programs and services for 2026.

They gave an overview of the reasoning behind the programming, including encouraging active and healthy living.

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They provided a list of the current facilities and amenities available, highlighting popular attractions including three pools, three fitness centres, two arenas, an arts and culture centre and more.

Discounted fees for youth are offered through the Summer Fun Pass and the Schools Out Pass, which offers discounts on all Pro D days, Winter Break, and Spring Break. They noted that these options help to make programs more accessible to youth.

Youth fitness programs are available such as Youth Weight Room Orientation, Introduction to Weight Training, and Youth Small Group Training. The orientation is mandatory to ensure that youth know how to use the facilities safely. Youth are also welcome to attend drop-in fitness classes, registered fitness classes, and personal training sessions. A few of these drop-in classes include Yoga, Bootcamps, Pilates, Cardio, Step, Cycle, Zumba, Aquafit and more.

They noted a variety of Youth Sports programs including the following:

- Youth Badminton – Learn to play (12-15 yrs)
- Basketball- Learn to Play (11-15 yrs)
- Volleyball- Learn to Play (12-15 yrs)
- Volleyball- Learn to Train (11-15 yrs)

These programs are offered as registered programs (11-15 yrs) and drop-in programs (13-18 yrs). They are offered at multiple facilities within the Township.

Other registered youth programs:

- Babysitter Training (10-16 yrs)
- Home Alone (10-15 yrs)
- Internet Safety (8-13 yrs)
- Youth Cooking (11-15 yrs)

Aquatic programs for youth include Youth Swim Training (10-16 yrs), Emergency First Aid, Standard First Aid, Lifeguard Information Sessions, and lifeguarding courses including Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard, and Lifesaving Society Swim Instructor. These programs help build skills in youth that can lead to careers.

The arenas offer drop-in Public Skate, Stick and Puck, and holiday programming, as well as registered Learn to Skate and Private Skating Lessons. Drop in programs are very popular and, they are looking to increase and build on these offerings in the future.

They reported that Youth Night at the Waterpark was a success with 215 in attendance in July 2025, and 169 in attendance in August 2025. Youth Week 2026 will be taking place from May 1-7, 2026, with 17 events planned. It is intended to build connections between youth in the community and to educate them about the offerings in the Township. Events include Lights out Disco Night,

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Try-It Youth Swim Training, Youth Dessert Delights, Youth Paint Night, and Youth Introduction to Weight Training.

Discussion ensued and the following questions and comments were made:

- There was an inquiry into the Youth Passes and their availability for those not residing within the Township. Staff noted that the Schools Out passes are geared towards youth within the Township, however it is unclear if they are only for residents. Following the meeting, K. Young investigated this and has confirmed that there are no resident restrictions for these passes but that should these passes become high demand, resident priority would be implemented, as with all other programs and services that demonstrate high demand.

- Inclusive youth programs can be difficult to find and costly. There was inquiry into whether more options could be made available. Staff reported an accessibility plan is in the works and options are being looked at. Sensory swims and skates have been added to promote an inclusive space.

- The popularity of swimming lessons was discussed, and staff noted that waitlists are being monitored. Early registration access for residents is also in place to help ensure residents can register in these programs.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

Councillor Pratt reported that the Transportation Mobility Strategy was amended, and there will be one last round of public engagement. The Junior Basketball Tournament is being held at the Langley Events Centre with 130 teams playing from March 15-20, 2026.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 'Art in the Country' Delegation – Review and Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding the 'Art in the Country' presentation.

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K. Young reported that a memo for information was sent to Council on January 26, 2026 regarding 'Information on Public Art Council Policy and Activities'. The Recreation, Arts and Culture Division is currently reviewing the Council Policy 06-024 and will provide Council with their recommended changes soon. She confirmed the existing policy is still active and does outline the process for the Township of how public art may be acquired. She also explained that there is not currently a fine arts curator, who would need to be involved in this process but are very close to recruitment for that position. There are also 2 other recent requests for public art.

It was expressed that a permanent display could be difficult as there needs to be fairness to all who want art displayed.

It was noted that salishan by the River may not be an appropriate venue due to the theme of Indigenous art pieces. A municipal building in Aldergrove could possibly be considered as an option but only if it met the acquisition process within the policy.

COUNCIL
Moved by A. Castro,
Seconded by J. Watson,
The Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee recommends that Council does not acquire the artwork from S. Gorris based on the current Council Policy 060-24 "Public Art".
CARRIED

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Perry Evans Trail**

Councillor Pratt reported that work will be done on the trail regarding the baffle gates, it will be scheduled for this spring and summer.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: April 8, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by L. Stepney,
Seconded by A. Castro,
That the meeting terminate at 9:01pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair