RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 8, 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

E. Barbour, M. Brar, J. Clegg, T. Louie, L. Stepney, and J. Watson

Staff:
C. Marshall, Manager, Parks Design and Development
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 – April 8, 2026

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 8, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by L. Stepney,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2026 Parks Projects

C. Marshall provided an update regarding parks design and development.

Aldergrove Athletic Park – The park will be under construction in June 2026. Improvements will include LED light upgrades, ball control and field fences, perimeter paving and spectator areas, soft landscape and shade tree planting, and removal of the pit toilet with a replacement. Sanitary sewer extension to a future washroom facility will be added.

The 2026 draft design includes baseball improvements, three new tennis courts, six dedicated pickleball courts, and improvements to the basketball court and sport box. Improvements to the BMX pump track, and a pedestrian path with cooling stations were also shown.

Bell Park – Updates include playground resurfacing for accessibility, accessible play equipment improvements, and signage.

Brookswood Firehall – Additions include a Fire Smart landscape design and Fire Smart interpretive signage.

Dale Ball Passive Park – Disc golf layout improvements, new tee pads and basket footings, trail and signage improvements, and a washroom facility (by development).

Fernridge Nature Park – Lost topsoil will be replaced with soil from other Township project sites. A park concept plan will be coordinated with Development Engineering for storm water detention requirements. Nature trails, a toboggan hill, sport court, and trail head facilities (washrooms, parking, etc.) were displayed.

Noel Booth Community Park – Baseball improvements are complete, including lighting, outfield fencing, backstop and dugout replacements, spectator bleachers, and scoreboards. Bridges have been raised and replaced, a sanitary lift station has been installed, the septic field has been decommissioned, and BC Hydro 3 phase electrical service has been upgraded.

2026 construction will include improvements to the picnic area, the pond, and the playground. A draft design was presented with parking expansions, pickleball courts, LED field light upgrades, a warmup area, and future fieldhouse planning.

Smith Athletic Park – Outdoor fields opened in September 2025, and spectator and player shelters are opening April 2026. The playground and trails will open in summer 2026, and fieldhouse construction is in progress.

Walnut Grove Community Park – Construction for spring 2026 includes:

- Sandlot Diamond: New backstop, dugouts, outfield fence, warning track, and grass infield.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Parker Diamond: New outfield fence and warning track, and infield resurfacing.
- Zarrelli Diamond: Infield resurfaced and grass expanded.
- Senior Diamond: Regraded infield, and a new outfield fence and warning track.

Improvements will continue into summer and fall 2026.

Willoughby Community Park – Southeast Field: Expanded for rugby, synthetic turf replaced, pedestrian and spectator improvements, and user group storage improvements. Dedicated pickleball courts (11) and sport courts (LED lighting for pickleball, basketball, and sand volleyball). A FIFA Mini Pitch will be opening April 29, 2026.

Yorkson Community Park – 2025/2026 construction of the north park includes completion of 80 and 82 Avenue parking lots, completion of a N2 rugby sized synthetic field with warmup area, and a spray park opening May 2026. A playground opened in December 2025. A washroom facility was completed, and a tournament plaza and passive areas will be opened in spring 2026. New seating will be added throughout the park, and hundreds of new trees will be planted.

Construction on the south park includes completion of the asphalt, a synthetic turf pump track, and new outdoor tennis courts with lighting. A design for the Yorkson south park lane with parking is in progress. The Yorkson south perimeter trail, fitness area, and playground and picnic area designs are also in progress.

The 2026 Parks Tour was briefly discussed, with the following comments being made:

- Possible stops on the tour included Yorkson Community Park, Smith Athletic Park, Fernridge Nature Park, Brookswood Firehall, Noel Booth Community Park, and Bell Park.
- Starting time at 5:00pm, and meeting at the airport.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook reported that over Easter weekend she noticed large amounts of litter at local parks. She noted that Clean Up Langley Day will be held on April 18, 2026.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Fees and Charges

Moved to the May 13, 2026 meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Accessibility Week**

J. Watson commented that accessibility week is held on the last week of May. She noted that the documentary *Heard* (2026) will be screening during this week.

2. **Clean Up Langley Day**

L. Stepney reported that Clean Up Langley Day will be held on April 18, 2026, and participants are welcome to join at their local park. Registration online is filling quickly.

Nicomekl Fish Release

E. Barbour commented that the Nicomekl Fish Release will be held on April 25. It will be from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 13, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That the meeting terminate at 8:04pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair