Parks, Recreation & Sport
Tourism Committee -
Minutes

Present:
Councillor Hepner – Chairperson
Councillor Gill
T. Allen, School Board Trustee
C. Annable
R. Benson
B. Burnside
R. Gorman
G. Rai

Regrets:
S. Hundal

Staff Present:
L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
H. Norris, Manager, Business Operations & Athletic Fields
T. Uhrich, Park Planning, Research & Design Manager
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services
C. McDowell, Manager, Support Services
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Guest Observers:

The meeting was called to order and the Committee was requested to pass a motion to amend the Agenda to reflect the following addition:

Outstanding Business: New item D.2 – Grandview Heights Parkland

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee Agenda of May 21, 2014, be amended as requested.
Carried

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee of April 16, 2014, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Dr. Harj Dhaliwal, President, Mr. Garry Sangha, Executive Director, Mr. Shaheem Ali, Vice-President Finance, and Mr. Rob Brar, Vice-President Marketing, CCB Football Club

The delegation has been rescheduled to the June 18, 2014 PRSTC meeting, at the request of the delegation.
C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Owen Croy, Manager, Parks

Owen Croy, Manager, Parks provided a brief presentation on “Surrey: Natural Green – A Delivery Program”. A PowerPoint presentation outlining the implementation of the recent initiative of greening Surrey was given and comments were as follows:

- The City is in the process of delivering over 50 environmental initiatives that are aligned under the Environmental pillar of the Sustainability Charter. Examples include:
  - District Energy;
  - Walking Plan, Cycling Plan and Greenways Plan;
  - Street and Park Shade Tree Management Plan;
  - Stewardship Programs: Eco-Rangers, SHaRP, SNAP and Operation Save H2O; and
  - Density bonusing opportunities in the West Clayton NCP area.

- Moving forward from the successes of the Build Surrey program and given the number of environmentally related activities, with the nearing completion of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS), staff are working to establish a delivery program called **Green Surrey Program**.

- The delivery will be:
  - A strong brand that can be used to promote and educate the community on the City’s actions; and
  - Identify opportunities for community participation.

- Actions under the program will be categorized under three themes:
  - **Conservation** - Conservation of the lands and scarce environment resources to ensure what we have today will also be available in the future (e.g. safe food, shorelines, four key rivers, upland forest).
    - New projects:
      - Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (Plan and Mapping)
      - Riparian Area By-law
      - Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit areas
    - In-progress:
      - Density Bonusing opportunities in the West Clayton NCP area
      - Walking / Cycling / Greenways Plan
    - Completed:
      - Ecosystem Management Study (EMS)
      - Alternate fuel infrastructure at service stations
  - **Engagement** – of government, business community, developers.
    - New projects:
      - Facilitating eco-gifting and donations with non-governmental organisations (receive and provide stewardship in perpetuity)
- **In-progress:**
  - Annual Party for the Planet – Earth Day Celebrations
  - Releaf Days, Arbor Days, National Tree Day
  - Stewardship Programs: SHaRP, SNAP and Operation Save H2O
  - Surrey Nature Centre Education Programs

- **Completed:**
  - Broadening the EAC (Environmental Advisory Committee) to the ESAC (Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee)
  - EnergyShift
  - Rethink Waste (Surrey’s Waste Action Program (SWAP) and Green Bricks Bricks)
  
  o **Investment** - opportunities for investment; provide an outline of investment initiatives to move forward in a sustainable way.

- **New projects:**
  - New lands to be acquired for conservation in support of the BCS (working to acquire provincial lands at a modest rate; strategically acquiring corridors, hubs and sites)

- **In-progress:**
  - District Energy (already happening at new City Hall and some surrounding buildings)
  - Organic Biofuel Facility
  - Planting of the 75,000th street tree
  - Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities
  - Fergus Creek Conservation
  - Green Roofs - an important way to reduce energy consumption, hoping to give a credit pushing LEED Gold, etc. – shape and form of a development checklist to be determined (green roofs will be an important part of that)

- **Completed:**
  - Acquisition of over 725 acres of Parkland in the last 10 years
  - Electric vehicle charging stations

In closing, the Committee being most responsible for those park lands in Surrey managed by the City, was invited to provide comments, engagement measures, implementation plan ideas, etc. with respect to the Green Surrey Program. Endorsement of the program from Council is anticipated late June, early July, following which there will be extensive community engagement. Detailed professional marketing brochures, similar to those created for the Build Surrey program, will also be produced.
D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Dufferin Park Tennis Court Request

File: 6140-20/D

The memorandum, dated May 14, 2014, for the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. receive this report as information;

2. recommend that Council not amend the approved concept plan for Dufferin Park to accommodate tennis;

3. direct that a copy of this report be forwarded to the delegation from the Douglas Neighbourhood that advanced the proposal to amend the approved concept plan, and

4. attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting that will go forward to Council with the approved recommendation.

T. Uhrich, Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, provided a brief overview of the report. Comments were as follows:

• The report is in response to the delegation received at the April 16, 2014 PRSTC meeting where it was requested that the concept plan for Dufferin Park be amended to develop a tennis court instead of a basketball court.

• Requests are reviewed thoroughly and consideration is given with respect to budget, size, maintenance costs, etc. in an effort to incorporate these requests.

• With respect to the request to amend the Dufferin Park plan, a legitimate request for which there was a petition of 163 verified signatures received, staff underwent a further site visit (following the presentation from the delegation), reviewed a series of sketches for the potential location of a tennis court and determined that the request could not be accommodated within the concept plan for the park.

• In general, throughout the city tennis courts are developed in pairs or quads, which help to develop more of a tennis community and higher utilization. Single courts have higher operating costs and typically a higher expectation for debris removal, damaged nets, etc., than can be achieved with current service levels.

• Although support for tennis was noted at the open house, passive open spaces received greater support. Furthermore, it is reported that basketball and ball hockey are still more popular with the youth, who must also be considered, given that youth representation is generally not present at open house opportunities.

• The soccer field will be regulation size to be booked out by groups to accommodate games. As such, the required setbacks for the soccer field and
the parking allotment results in there being very limited space available to incorporate a tennis court without truncating access to the soccer field.

- Consideration for a practise wall, potentially at the north and/or south end of the basketball court, will be given, however it was noted by the delegation that a practise wall would only be desirable if there was a tennis court as well. Practise walls are popular, typically for locations that have many courts.

- The future school located at the south end of the park will require access to the park; a tennis court would essentially cut off access to the park for the students. In addition, there is a very important greenway that will eventually connect to Peace Arch Park.

- The Douglas neighbourhood is a compact neighbourhood with quite a lot of natural area as a result of the bordering agricultural lands. In addition, the NCP does envision a band of park land through the area.

- In contrast, neighbouring Grandview Heights is positioned better to accommodate significantly more amenities (e.g. the new aquatic facilities) that will include tennis courts, and there are potentially two tennis courts being considered at the park currently called the Sunnyside Saddle Club; this is an option for tennis within commuting distance to the Dufferin neighbourhood.

- Correspondence back to the delegation will include a copy of the report and information about the future development of tennis courts for the city.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated May 14, 2014, entitled “Dufferin Park Tennis Court Request”, as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. not amend the approved concept plan for Dufferin Park to accommodate tennis; and

2. direct that a copy of the report, dated May 14, 2014, from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager (attached “Appendix A”), be forwarded to the delegation from the Douglas Neighbourhood that advanced the proposal to amend the approved concept plan.

Carried
2. **Grandview Heights Parkland**

   File: 6520-20/G; 0550-20-10

   The memorandum, dated May 21, 2014, from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

   1. receive this report as information;
   2. recommend to Council that 2770 – 168 Street be retained for park purposes; and
   3. direct staff to forward a copy of this report to the delegation from the Western Cedar Evergreen Group that petitioned the City regarding parkland in Grandview Heights.

   The Chair noted that the report is in response to the delegation from Sybil Rowe received at the April 16, 2014 PRSTC meeting, at which many items were raised, primarily the issue of the parkland recently purchased at 2770 – 168 Street. The report covers off that park as far as it being parkland and also speaks to the 168 Avenue trees, acknowledging that any design for the area, although roughly 10 years out, will include looking at how to accommodate those trees.

   The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, noted that a number of maps indicating the various parkland in the area is also attached to the report, and that just south of the subject property is the future neighbourhood of Orchard Grove.

   It was [Moved by C. Annable](#)
   Seconded by Councillor Gill
   That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated May 21, 2014, entitled “Grandview Heights Parkland”, as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

   [Carried](#)
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. retain 2770 – 168 Street retained for park purposes; and

2. direct staff to forward a copy of the report, dated May 21, 2014, from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager (attached "Appendix B"), to the delegation from the Western Cedar Evergreen Group that petitioned the City regarding parkland in Grandview Heights.

Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Support for Surrey Eagles Hockey Team
   File: 0250-20/S

The memorandum, dated May 14, 2014, from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee endorse the following recommendation being forwarded to City Council for consideration:

1. staff negotiate a two year lease extension with the Eagles at a total annual cost of $26,000 per year for the same level of ice time booked in the 2009/10 season. This cost includes a 4% increase from the 2013/14 Eagles’ lease.

Discussion ensued with respect to the use of the ice being exclusive to the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team (the Eagles). It was reported that within the lease it will be stipulated that the ice is to be used for and by the Eagles, not for any third party for profit or gain.

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated May 14, 2014, entitled “Support for Surrey Eagles Hockey Team”, as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee recommend that Council direct staff to negotiate a two year lease extension with the Eagles at a total annual cost of $26,000 per year for the same level of ice time booked in the 2009/10 season, as set out in the report, dated May 14, 2014, from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture (attached "Appendix C"). This cost includes a 4% increase from the 2013/14 Eagles' lease. Carried

2. Sport Tourism Report – March and April, 2014
File: 6980-01

The memorandum, dated May 12, 2014, from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, noted that the report now contains a summary of room nights, as requested. It was further reported that in addition to the information within the report, a bid for a number of water polo championships (to be held at the new aquatic facilities) has recently been submitted.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated May 12, 2014, entitled “Sport Tourism Report – March and April, 2014”, as information. Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS
I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:

- **Party for the Planet and Grand Opening Celebrations** (April 26\(^{th}\)) – Held at City Hall, it is anticipated that there were approximately 20,000 people throughout the day. With 60 Eco exhibits fully activating the Atrium, Centre Stage, the Plaza and Library, it was a very successful day. Tours of City Hall were a big hit and community and sponsor feedback received has been extremely positive; success of this green event continues to build each year.

- **Cloverdale Covered Youth Park** - opened to skater and public access today, May 16\(^{th}\). There are some finishing touches to complete over the next couple of weeks, but it is looking good and it is expected that the park will be fully used during Rodeo weekend. The park has exceeded all expectations and it is anticipated to be a very popular destination for skaters. Having facilities such as these adjacent to recreation facilities has proven to be most successful as it allows more outreach and bridges the gap to connect youth to other youth services and opportunities in the community. The official opening of the park will take place early evening, Friday, June 20\(^{th}\).

- **Newton Athletic Park** - the parking lot expansion project will get underway on May 20\(^{th}\). An update with respect to the issues and timeline for the waterpark and washrooms will be provided, as requested, at the next meeting.

- **West Newton Fieldhouse** – soon to be completed; anticipated operation by the second week of June, but that time-line may be extended based on the timing of paving of the adjacent parking lot.

- **Dufferin Park Playground** – will begin installation in the week of May 26\(^{th}\); expected to be completed by mid-June. The official opening of the park is anticipated for late July or early August.

- **10\(^{th}\) Annual Arbor Day Celebration** - On May 3\(^{rd}\), the City hosted its 10\(^{th}\) annual Arbor Day Celebration at Dufferin Park in South Surrey. Over 300 residents helped plant more than 70 shade trees throughout the park. This special occasion is part of Surrey’s 17\(^{th}\) annual Environmental Extravaganza, and also included live entertainment, free refreshments, family activities and information promoting the planting and care of trees throughout the City.

- **Surrey Plants 75,000\(^{th}\) Street Tree** - On the evening of May 7\(^{th}\), over 200 members of the East Clayton community joined Councillor Hepner to celebrate the planting of Surrey’s 75,000\(^{th}\) street tree on the boulevard in the 19500 block of 66 Avenue. This special occasion is also part of Surrey’s 17\(^{th}\) annual Environmental Extravaganza, and included live entertainment, free refreshments, family activities, and information promoting the planting and care of trees throughout the City.

- **Pool Allocation Policy and Aquatic Sport Pool Use** - In spring 2013, Community and Recreation Services staff undertook a review of the City of Surrey’s Pool Allocation Policy and began the process of allocating practice times to the Aquatic Sport user groups in Surrey. A number of focus groups with user groups, public swim patrons, lesson participants and staff were held...
in order to get a clear picture of the pool use demand. The pool use scheduling process, which included consultation with 13 different aquatics groups across the city, is near completion and has been designed to allow for a balanced integration of public use, learn-to-swim programming, and sport development into the two new Aquatic Centres and the four existing indoor pools.

The revised Pool Allocation Policy creates a framework for staff to guide decisions regarding the allocation of pool space for practices and competitions.

The City and the sport organizations have agreed to a flexible allocation for the next two years to encourage sport organization growth and to allow for increased usage by residents of a growing Surrey. The pool use agreements make regular use of the existing indoor pools, ensuring the City is maximizing use of its aquatic assets.

- **South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre** – Official Opening was held on May 10th. The addition of both the fitness space and the arts space has been a tremendous success. Feedback has been very positive for bringing recreation and arts and culture together under one roof; the arts community is thrilled to be connected to the recreation centre and recreation users are equally pleased with having more access to the arts.

- **Reception for Sport Organizations** - the City and Tourism Surrey hosted a reception for sport organizations last evening (May 20th). Attendance of over 25 individuals provided a great opportunity for networking with provincial organizations. Notes will be reviewed and shared with a look to whether this is something that can be an annual event. Given the mandate of the Committee with respect to sport tourism, a future reception will include an invitation to Committee members to participate.

2. **Calendar of Events**

The Committee noted the upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and various community events to June 21, 2014. Further community information is also available on the City’s website at [www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation).

In honour of the significant contributions of Wady and Betty Lehmann to the preservation and ongoing stewardship of Green Timbers Forest, a Lehmann Grove Dedication Ceremony will be held at the Surrey Nature Centre on Wednesday, June 18th (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm). Invitations to the event were provided.

J. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.
K. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee
INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee
FROM: Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager
DATE: May 14 2014
FILE: 6140-20/D

RE: Dufferin Park Tennis Court Request

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. receive this report as information;

2. recommend that Council not amend the approved concept plan for Dufferin Park to accommodate tennis;

3. direct that a copy of this report be forwarded to the delegation from the Douglas Neighbourhood that advanced the proposal to amend the approved concept plan, and

4. attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting that will go forward to Council with the approved recommendation.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to provide the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee with information regarding the feasibility of accommodating tennis at Dufferin Park and a status update of construction of the park.

BACKGROUND

In May 2013, Council approved the concept plan for Dufferin Park in the Douglas neighbourhood of South Surrey. The plan had been presented to the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee who recommended it be approved by Council. The plan had been supported by 92% of respondents at the public open house for the park design. The approved Concept plan is attached as Appendix I to this report.

At the April 16th, 2014 meeting the Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Committee received a delegation that requested an amendment to the Council approved Dufferin Park Concept Plan.
At that meeting, the delegation, represented by Mr. Blake Choquer, requested that a tennis court be installed in place of a games court in the approved plan. Mr. Choquer informed the Committee that a petition in support of the change had been signed by 126 residents in the neighbourhood.

DISCUSSION

During the planning for Dufferin Park, Parks staff requested residents identify the amenities they preferred in the future park. The following amenities were requested:

- Playground  64%
- Paths and walking trails  45%
- Large open area  42%
- Water park  25%
- Tennis courts  23%
- Hockey box  20%
- Picnic tables  19%
- Retain old trees/natural areas  15%
- Basketball court  12%

Parks staff reviewed the input and developed the concept plan for the second public open house. The concept plan incorporated a games court that provided a location for both basketball and ball hockey. While there was support for tennis courts, the decision was made to develop a games court instead of tennis courts for the following reasons:

Size

Dufferin Park is a neighbourhood scale park typical of parks adjacent to an elementary school. It includes a playground, soccer field with parking as well as some open space for picnicking etc. A tennis court is larger than the games court. Further, it is the City’s practice to develop tennis courts in pairs or more as it creates a tennis community. Three concept plans are attached to this report as Appendix II to this report. The concept plans show the site impacts of one or two tennis courts on the park. All three options lead to loss of green space and disconnection of paths. Concept 3 would highly impact adjacent neighbours.

Capital Costs

Paving and fencing is more expensive for a tennis court as a tennis court is larger, fences are taller and paving is a higher grade asphalt with a fully painted surface. A games court costs $75,000 and a single tennis court is $145,000. Douglas is a fairly compact neighbourhood and park amenity contributions are limited based on population projections.
Youth

Youth are often silent on their needs and staff felt strongly there was a need to deliver an amenity for youth in the park. While tennis seems to be growing in popularity, basketball and ball hockey remain more popular with youth.

Operating Costs

Operating costs on tennis courts are higher due to the nets which are vulnerable to cutting by vandalism. There is also a higher expectation for leaf and debris removal on tennis courts. Dufferin Park is not in a central location and staff are mindful of the operating costs as the time and fuel required are larger to get to Dufferin Park.

Future School Amenities

City Staff have consulted with School District staff about plans for the future elementary school west of the park site. The new school is not in the School District’s 5 year capital plan and enrolment in adjacent schools is not triggering a need to develop this school at this time. New schools typically have a basketball court but detailed plans for the school have not been completed as the school is not in the Capital Plan.

Balance of Amenities

The approved concept plan for Dufferin Park delivers a balance of amenities for the neighbourhood. The playground has areas for children 1-5 as well as 5-12. The soccer fields will be used by children, youths and adults in organized leagues as well as informal use during non-booked hours. The games court will serve youth and young adults and the walking loop will serve older adults as walking is the most popular outdoor recreation activity in Surrey.

Tennis in Neighbourhood Parks

The City currently operates 16 tennis courts in South Surrey. Typically courts in neighbourhood scale parks are not well used as is the case at Bell Park (136th Street and 18th Ave) and Alder Park (approximately 16th Avenue and Lilac Drive). Larger scale tennis complexes like South Surrey Athletic Park that have lights and create a tennis community are typically more successful.

Construction Status Update

Construction of the park is nearing completion. The park will be opened in two phases: passive areas including the playground, walking paths, lawn areas, parking lot and games court; and the sports field area. The passive park areas will be open in summer 2014 with the installation of the playground and paving of the paths, parking lot and games courts remaining to be completed. The sports field drainage, irrigation and growing medium are all installed but the grass requires an establishment period of 8-10 months and will be open for play in spring 2015.
SUMMARY

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. receive this report as information;

2. recommend that Council not amend the approved concept plan for Dufferin Park to accommodate tennis;

3. direct that a copy of this report be forwarded to the delegation from the Douglas Neighbourhood that advanced the proposal to amend the approved concept plan; and

4. attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting that will go forward to Council with the approved recommendation.

Ted Uhrich
Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager

Attachments:
Appendix I – Dufferin Park Approved Concept Plan
Appendix II – Alternate Concepts with Tennis
The park program in the concept plan includes a soccer field and supporting parking, a playground, a sport court, and lawns surrounded by meadows and some preservation of the existing forest up the east side.

- Entry Beacon: A vertical beacon and place-marking element marking the entry to the park from the north.
- Obelisk Markers: A play on the border theme involving an obelisk on the eastern border through the park based on the art of stonework along the Canadian border.
- The Plaza: Symbolic layers concrete bands mimic rail road along border, creating 1.2 acres of parking (the Canada-US boundary) while the plaza is paved with tiles of bricks (the 16 American states). New pathways also included with circulation and shared pedestrian route on the West Coast.
- Tumbling Hills: What looks like the tumbling down a geyser? The playground will be protected from soccer balls by two nets.
- Forest Path: A meandering, dappled sunlight experience for all ages. Good educational tool for future school.
- Managed Meadows: An open or sparsely timbered area to encourage wildlife and other small animals.
Appendix II – Alternate Concepts with Tennis

OPTION 1

SOCCER FIELD

1 TENNIS COURT

Tennis court placement impedes Douglas Greenway

PARKING LOT
Significant visual and noise impacts to adjacent residents.
TO: Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee  
FROM: Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager  
DATE: May 21, 2014  
FILE: 6520-20/G; 0550-20-10  

RE: Grandview Heights Parkland  

RECOMMENDATION  
The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:  

1. receive this report as information;  
2. recommend to Council that 2770 – 168th Street be retained for park purposes; and  
3. direct staff to forward a copy of this report to the delegation from the Western Cedar Evergreen Group that petitioned the City regarding parkland in Grandview Heights.  

BACKGROUND  
At the April 16th, 2014 meeting the Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Committee received a delegation from the Western Cedar Evergreen Group, represented by Ms. Sybil Rowe that requested:  

1. heritage designation of the majestic evergreens framing either side of 168 Street from 24 Avenue to 32 Avenue; and  
2. the creation of a green park for families at the nine-acre property site on the 2700 block of the east side of 168 Street.  

The delegation had petitioned the community of Grandview and received 730 signatures in support of the requests.  

Adopted in 2005, the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan identified the general location of a number of parks, school/parks and greenway locations in the plan area. (See the General Land Use Plan map attached as Appendix I.)  

Since that time, three neighbourhood concept plans (NCP) have been adopted by Council with one more currently underway. Each of these NCP's specifically locates neighbourhood parks and greenways in the plan areas. The number and location of neighbourhood parks in each NCP is guided by the projected population and ensuring an equitable spatial distribution so that future residents are able to enjoy their local parks at a reasonable distance from their homes.
In addition to the neighbourhood parks, the City also plans for community and city level parks, as guided by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategic Plan and the Official Community Plan. In the Grandview Heights area, there are two city level parks (Redwood Park and Darts Hill Garden Park) and two future community level parks (Grandview Heights Community Park and a community park in the Redwood Heights NCP).

Since 2005, other plans and studies have been adopted or are currently underway that also impact the amount and location of current and future parkland in Grandview Heights. The adopted Ecosystem Management Study (EMS) and the draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) identify significant habitat corridors and hubs in the Grandview area.

DISCUSSION

Current and Future Parks in the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan Area

In the Grandview Heights area there are currently two constructed neighbourhood parks (Oliver Park & Morgan Heights Linear Park), two undeveloped neighbourhood parks in the Sunnyside Heights NCP and two City level parks (Redwood Park & Darts Hill Garden Park). There are also several smaller linear parks and riparian areas in the community. Additionally, Fergus Watershed Park is a Community level park just outside the Grandview Heights area. See Appendix II for a map of existing parks in the Grandview Heights area.

In the adopted NCP’s, there are three future neighbourhood parks in Sunnyside Heights NCP, two future neighbourhood parks in the North Grandview Heights NCP and one in the Orchard Grove NCP. There are also planned linear parks in the Sunnyside Heights and North Grandview Heights NCP’s for greenways and other pedestrian and riparian corridors.

The Redwood Heights NCP, which has stage one approval is planned to have 5 neighbourhood parks, riparian area and a significant north-south habitat corridor leading to a large habitat hub. There are 2 additional planned NCP’s in the Grandview Heights area but the planning for those NCP’s has not begun. See Appendix III for a map of future parks in the Grandview Heights area.

Community Level Grandview Heights Park

In addition to the NCP parks, there is the Community level Grandview Heights Park at the northeast corner of 168th Street and 24th Avenue. At the time of the adoption of the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan, this Community level park was intended to be 37-50 acres (15-20 hectares). It will house the Grandview aquatic centre and other future park amenities. The aquatic centre is under construction and the remaining amenities in the park will be subject to community consultation and detailed design once capital funding is in place for development of the park.

Since the adoption of the General Land Use Plan, the City and the Surrey Board of Education (School District No. 36) entered into discussions regarding the future development of shared school-community facilities at the location of the Community level Grandview Heights Park. Recently, the Board of Education purchased 16 acres (6.5 hectares). The result of this is that the City will be able to assemble land for a park that is at the low end of the size scale (approximately 38 acres/15.5 hectares) for the intended future Community level park.
Biodiversity Protection

In addition to the approved and in process NCP’s, other plans and policies may influence the amount and location of parkland in Grandview Heights. The adopted Ecosystem Management Study (EMS) and the draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) identify significant habitat corridors and hubs in the Grandview area. As development occurs in the area, additional parkland may be acquired to achieve the intent of the BCS. An area specific Development Cost Charge is proposed in Redwood Heights NCP area to acquire a habitat corridor and hub to ensure biodiversity protection in that area.

Trees on 168th Street

The Engineering Department’s Transportation Division plans the City’s road network including width of roads and schedule for construction and is aware of the delegation’s concerns about the protection of trees on 168th Street between 32nd Avenue and 26th Avenue. Widening of 168th Street is not in the Engineering Department’s current 10 Year Servicing Plan. However, the timing for widening may change with future updates to the Servicing Plan. The Engineering Department will be commissioning a study to assess the impacts of road widening and help provide more certainty on any opportunities to offset the road centre line and make adjustments to the boulevard in an effort to enhance tree protection on 168th Street.

2770 - 168th Street

The delegation requested the City consider designating the property at 2770 168th Street as parkland. This property was acquired with funding from the Parkland Acquisition Reserve, and therefore is already parkland. The property was acquired for land banking for future park purposes, either on that property or in another suitable location when Grandview Heights Area 5 NCP went through the NCP process. However, at this time no target date has been set for planned commencement for Grandview 5 NCP.

Grandview Heights Community Park to the south which will meet the minimal size requirement anticipated in the original General Land Use Plan. Based on this, staff suggest that 2770 - 168th Street be retained for park purposes. Whereas the Grandview Heights Community Park to the south will be developed with playing fields and other active park infrastructure, 2770 - 168th Street could be kept in a somewhat more natural state, and be used for a mixture of passive activities such picnicking and playgrounds. Given the mature trees on the site, and the meadow-like areas contained within the property, the park would be an ideal site for activities that are difficult to achieve on a site with active playing fields.

In order to better understand the potential of this site, Parks staff has commissioned a site survey, an arborist report and an environmental assessment for the property. This information will be essential in determining a master plan for the future park when the Grandview 5 NCP is approved in the future.

With respect to future road widening of 168th Street on the west side of the park, it may be possible to move planned sidewalks from the road edge into the park, thereby reducing the impact to mature trees growing within the road allowance.
SUMMARY

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. receive this report as information;
2. recommend to Council that 2770 – 168th Street be retained for park purposes; and
3. direct staff to forward a copy of this report to the delegation from the Western Cedar Evergreen Group that petitioned the City regarding parkland in Grandview Heights.

Ted Uhrich
Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager

cc: Manager – Transportation Division

Attachments:
Appendix I – 2005 Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan
Appendix II – Existing Parks in Grandview Heights Area
Appendix III – Future Parks in Grandview Heights Area
Notes: Community scale park facilities, including playing fields and a community centre (total 15-20 hectares or 37-50 acres), will be established in Grandview Heights in location(s) to be determined at the NCP stage based on the policies and criteria contained within this plan.

Future Study Areas: Where the Cluster Form designation is adjacent to ALR, significant buffers will be provided with the width of the buffer directly proportional to density to ensure that the intent of the OCP and Council policies regarding densities adjacent to the ALR are retained, and to ensure a compatible interface between residential development and the ALR.
Grandview Heights Existing & Future Parkland

Map Created: April 2014

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TO: Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee
FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
DATE: May 14, 2014
FILE: 0250-20/S

RE: Support for Surrey Eagles Hockey Team

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee endorse the following recommendation being forwarded to City Council for consideration:

1. staff negotiate a two year lease extension with the Eagles at a total annual cost of $26,000 per year for the same level of ice time booked in the 2009/10 season. This cost includes a 4% increase from the 2013/14 Eagles’ lease.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to address the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team (the Eagles) request to negotiate an extension of their lease at South Surrey Arena for an additional two years, at the same rate as their contract for 2011/12 to 2013/14 seasons.

BACKGROUND

Junior “A” hockey is the highest level of amateur hockey played in Canada. The Eagles franchise is part of the BC Junior Hockey League and has been in Surrey since 1991 with the South Surrey Arena being the home of the Surrey Eagles since that date. There are many models of operation between Jr. A Teams and the arenas in which they play. Consideration is given to gate proceeds, advertising revenue, concession, liquor sales and seating capacity. All these factors are considered in addition to the market in which the team is located and the impact they have within the community.

In 2011, the City of Surrey worked closely with the Eagles to negotiate a three year lease for use of South Surrey Arena and made a number of facility improvement to enhance the Team and spectator experience. The 2011 memo to Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is attached as Appendix I. Council’s motion approving the three year lease with the Surrey Eagles is attached as Appendix II.

At the conclusion of the three year term, staff were to review the Eagles’ financial position and provide further recommendations to City Council regarding the terms of an extension to the lease.
DISCUSSION

City staff continue to work with the Surrey Eagles on an ongoing basis. The Eagles have recently undertaken change in ownership; Chuck Westgard is the current owner of Eagles. Although the Eagles have experienced a successful 2012/13 season including winning both the BCHL Championship and Western Canadian Cup Championship, they continue to have a challenge to make the Team financially viable. Given their current financial challenges, the Eagles have requested that the terms of their current lease be extended for the next two years. The request from the Eagles is attached as Appendix III.

The Eagles have developed several initiatives to improve their financial performance and increase their connection with the community. The following is a list of their proposed actions:

- expand their corporate sponsorship program through the development of ten temporary corporate suites (by installing dividing curtains) at the east end of the arena;
- offer an increased number of hockey schools, clinics and instructional sessions;
- introduce a community skate with Eagles alumni;
- reduce operational costs such as biletting and equipment allowances; and
- increase the focus on recruitment of local players.

A 4% increase ($1,000) to the previous rate of $25,000 annually is contained within the recommended annual rate. The 4% increase is consistent with the annual fees increase charged to other user groups at Surrey Arenas.

CONCLUSION

The Eagles have been part of the community since 1991 and have provided high level entertainment as well as community engagement. Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize staff to negotiate a two year lease extension with the Eagles at a total annual cost of $26,000 per year (which includes the a 4% fee increase) for the same level of ice time booked in the 2009/10 season.

Laurie Cavan
General Manager
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Appendix I – Memo to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee dated January 11, 2011
Appendix II – Council Resolution to CR Ro35
Appendix III – Request or Surrey Eagles contract Extension for South Surrey Arena
Appendix I

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
DATE: January 11, 2011  FILE: 0250-20/S
RE: Requests from the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee endorse the following recommendations being forwarded to City Council for consideration:

1. Direct staff to negotiate a 3 year lease agreement with the Eagles at a total annual cost of $25,000 for same level of ice time booked in the 2009/2010 season;
2. Proceed with maintenance improvement and renovations to the dressing room and showers at an estimated cost of $50,000;
3. Provide annual fitness passes to the Eagles players for access to the existing South Surrey Pool and fitness facility and the new fitness facility to be built at the South Surrey Recreation Centre;
4. Upgrade the existing public address system at an estimated cost of $50,000;
5. Allow the Eagles to install a fixed exterior sign on the north side of the South Surrey Arena;
6. Support the Eagles application to the Liquor Control Branch for a "Liquor Primary License for Recreation Centres" as described in this report; and
7. Proceed with the concession operation improvements as defined in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to address the requests that were made to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee by representatives of the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team (the Eagles) during their presentation to the Committee at its meeting on November 17, 2010.

BACKGROUND

Junior "A" hockey is the highest level of amateur hockey played in Canada. The Eagles franchise is part of the BC Junior Hockey League and has been in Surrey since 1991 with the South Surrey Arena being the home of the Surrey Eagles since that date.

A delegation from the Surrey Eagles Junior Hockey Franchise appeared before the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee at its meeting on November 17, 2010. The delegation made a presentation regarding the facilities available to the team and the financial plight of the team. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached as Appendix "A". The delegation made several requests for the Committee's consideration. These are discussed in this report.
On December 9, 2010 PRC staff met with Eagles organization representatives to further clarify the priorities relative to the requests that they made of the Committee. At that meeting a re-prioritized summary of their requests was provided as follows:

1. **Lease Structure** – Replace the current annual rental agreement between the City and the Eagles with a 5-year lease agreement that provides that ice time will be provided to the Eagles at no cost to reflect the value to the City and the community of the team being located in Surrey;

2. **Dressing Room Upgrades** - Minor renovations to the dressing room and shower facilities in the South Surrey arena, which are below the standard of newer Junior “A” hockey venues in British Columbia, such as the Langley Event Centre. These requested renovations include cosmetic upgrades to the dressing room area and shower room upgrades;

3. **Fitness facilities** - Fitness facilities be provided for team use;

4. **Public Address System** - Replace the existing public address system (PA) in the South Surrey arena;

5. **Signage** - Erect a proper reader board sign at each of the entrances to the South Surrey Athletic Park for use by the Eagles and other users of the Arena and Park and give the Eagles the right to install “Eagles” exterior signage on the north side of the arena;

6. **Liquor Licensing** - Support an application by the Eagles for “liquor primary special use permitting” to allow beer to be served in portions of the South Surrey Arena during Eagles games;

7. **Food Services** - To address the long line ups that currently occur and to improve the overall game experience of fans, renovate and add capacity to food concession areas in the South Surrey Arena; and

8. **Soar With The Eagles Program** - An annual contribution of $50,000 from the City to the Eagles to operate a community outreach program known as the “Soar with the Eagles Program”.

It is noted that during their presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee on November 17, 2020, the representatives of the Eagles had requested that the City consider providing a 3,100 square foot expansion to the Eagles dressing room area in the Arena to include expanded/renovated dressing room facilities, classroom space and a fitness room. The estimated cost of such a project is over $700,000. The representatives of the Eagles have since advised that in consideration of the overall cost that this expansion is not a priority for the 2021/2022 season. Their highest priority is the negotiation of new facility lease agreement and support for the “Soar with the Eagles” program. Staff will review the proposed addition following the 2021/2022 Eagles season to re-access the needs for the addition with the Eagles.
DISCUSSION

Staff has undertaken a survey of other cities that host BCJHL hockey teams with respect to what facilities are provided to the team and the related lease or rental agreement between the team and the host city (see Appendix B – Jr. A British Columbia Hockey League Survey). It has been determined that there is no standard lease or operating agreement between host cities and the owners of the related junior hockey franchise across the League. In some circumstances, the host city provides dressing room and ice time to the team at no cost and in other circumstances a reduced rate is charged. It is evident from the survey that the dressing room and fitness facilities being provided at the South Surrey Arena for the South Surrey Eagles are not up to the League average.

The City currently provides the Eagles with dressing room space at the South Surrey Arena at no cost but charges the Eagles for practice and game ice time at standard adult ice rates. The following is a summary of the amounts that the Eagles are currently charged for ice time at the South Surrey Arena:

Eagles practices: Monday to Thursday 2:30-4pm = $134.75/hour
Eagles games: A 4 Hour minimum at $224.65/hour or a minimum of $998.60 per game
(approximately 30 games per year)

The following is an approximate breakdown of the amounts that the City expects to collect from the Surrey Eagles for ice time for the 2010/2011 regular season:

a) Regular season games and practices:
   • Approximately 130 hrs of game time at $224.65/hr for a total of $29,204 for the year
   • Approximately 159.5 hrs of practice time currently at $134.75/hr for a total of $21,492 for the year
   • Total regular season games and practices = $50,696

b) Playoff games:
   • Although in 2009/2010 season there were only 3 playoff games, for the purpose of consistent comparisons in this report staff have developed a "best case playoff model" of 9 games (3 best of 7 series with 3 home games in each series) plus on month of extra practices on the basis of 4 one and half hour practices per week.
   • Using this model the cost for playoffs would be 9 games x 4 hrs/game x $224.65/hr = $8,087 plus 4 weeks x 4 practices per week x 1.5 hours per practice x $134.75 = $3,334

c) Other Ice Bookings (Hockey school, main camp, tournaments based on 2009) = $26,953

Total ice time rentals for 2010/2011 = $50,696 + $8,087 + $3,334 (best case playoff model) = $66,117
  = $88,580

The dressing room and shower room space provided for Eagles use in the South Surrey arena is very basic. No fitness facilities or classroom space is provided. Some of the other teams in the BCJHL provide such amenities for their local team.
The owners of the Eagles have advised that the operation of the team is not profitable and is in fact currently costing the ownership group in excess of $200,000 per year. They have advised that this level of subsidy to the team is not sustainable for the group.

**Consideration of Eagles Requests:**

Having undertaken the above-referenced survey of other host cities and reviewed the requests that have been made by the Eagles, staff recommends the following:

1. **Lease Structure:**

   Most host cities enter into a lease agreement with the owner of the related BCJHL franchise for the provision of ice time. In some circumstances the host city provides ice at no cost to the hockey team. In consideration of the value of the Eagles organization to the image of the City and the entertainment opportunity that Eagles games provide to the community, it is recommended that the City enter into a 3-year lease agreement with the Eagles that will provide ice time at an annual cost of approximately $25,000 to the Eagles. The $25,000 would provide for regular season practices and games as well as historical additional ice bookings. This lease agreement would provide 550 hours of ice per season. Any ice rentals beyond the 550 hours would be charged in accordance to the City’s Fees and Charges. The lease agreement would be subject to a commitment from the Eagles in relation to the Eagles organization that the team players will be actively involved in the community in speaking engagements in schools and in mentoring. In the third year of that 3-year agreement, staff will review with the Eagles organization the financial position of the team and provide recommendations regarding the terms of an extension to the lease agreement.

2. **Dressing Room Upgrades:**

   Renovations to the dressing room and shower room at the South Surrey Arena are considered warranted as the existing dressing room has been in use for many years. The estimated cost of such renovations is $50,000, which is available in the 2011 Capital budget. This is viewed as maintenance of infrastructure at the South Surrey Arena.

3. **Fitness Facilities:**

   A new fitness facility is being added on to the South Surrey Recreation Centre in 2011. An agreement should be structured between the City and the Eagles hockey organization to allow Eagles players to use the new fitness facility at no cost within prescribed parameters. Access to the existing fitness facilities at the South Surrey Pool can be provided immediately to the Team members.

4. **Public Address System:**

   Staff have made arrangements for a professional acoustics consultant to complete an overall PA system review and make recommendations to achieve appropriate sound quality for the South Surrey Arena. Staff estimate that an upgrade to the system would cost approximately $50,000. This would be viewed as the normal upgrading of infrastructure at the South Surrey Arena.
5. **Signage:**

Staff is reviewing the potential to install a digital sign on 148 Street or 20 Avenue fronting the South Surrey Athletic Park that could provide information to the public regarding Eagles games and could also promote other events and opportunities available to the public at the South Surrey Athletic Park. A reader board sign structure similar to that at the Surrey Museum (Attached as Appendix C) is estimated to cost approximately $200,000. Such a sign would be considered an augmentation to the infrastructure of the South Surrey Athletic Park and would normally be funded through the City's Capital budget. Once the study is complete, staff will forward a separate report to the Committee complete with recommendations.

The Eagles request to install fixed exterior signage on the north side of the South Surrey Arena is considered reasonable. Staff will work with the Eagles to accommodate this request subject to the Eagles paying the costs, which are estimated to be $10,000. The Eagles organization is amendable to this approach.

6. **Liquor Licensing:**

The Liquor Control Branch is responsible for issuing liquor licenses in BC. They consider applications for licenses in the context of regulations. The LCB has a category of license referenced as "Liquor Primary License for Recreation Centres". If issued it allows liquor to be served in a recreation facility in the presence of minors until 10 pm.

Coquitlam has allowed beer to be served to designated seating at their arena during hockey games. The designated seats represent 60% of the capacity of the arena. A catering company undertakes the beer sales and has staff on site to regulate and supervise where it is consumed.

The South Okanagan Event Centre allows for the sale of beer and its consumption designated areas of the arena accounting for 80% of the capacity of the arena. The remaining 20% is designated as a family area. The beer is served and the location of its consumption supervised by facility food and beverage staff.

The Langley Events Centre sells beer and allows for its consumption in all but two sections of the arena, which are designated as no liquor family sections.

Staff recommend that the City endorse an application by the Eagles organization to the LCB for an appropriate liquor license to allow for the sale and consumption of beer in the arena during Eagles games subject to the a designated "Family Area" consisting of 20% of the total seats in the arena where the consumption of beer is not permitted.

The Eagles will receive the revenues from this service.

7. **Food Services:**

There are two concessions in the South Surrey arena which operate during the Eagles games. These concessions are operated by the City. Most hockey game patrons use the upper concession but due to the limited capacity of this concession area, line ups occur and frustrate the arena patrons and also limit the purchases that are made.
Staff has reviewed the provision of concession services in the South Surrey Arena and are taking the following actions:

a. The City will use mobile "pre-packaged food" vendor carts for use during Eagles games and other larger events at the South Surrey Arena that will sell foods such as cotton candy, popcorn, chocolate bars, etc in the seating area; and
b. The City will use a new satellite "hot food" vendor cart located in the upper concourse of the Arena to sell premade hot food such as hot dogs and coffee as well as popcorn, etc.

These carts, which would cost approximately $10,000, are considered an augmentation to the permanent infrastructure at the South Surrey Arena. There is sufficient funding in the 2011 Capital budget to provide for such purchases.

Staff has taken action to upgrade the electrical power supply to the upper concession area in the Arena to allow for an additional French fry deep-frying machine. This work has been completed at a cost of approximately $10,000. Additional staff is being employed in the concession areas during Eagles games to serve the patrons more expediently.

The Eagles organization has agreed that announcements will be made prior to the end of each period during hockey games informing game patrons that the lower level concession is open and has the same menu as the concession on the upper concourse. Staff is aware that there are typically no line ups at the lower concession during Eagles games.

8. Soar with the Eagles Program

The Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team is launching a community program named "Soar with the Eagles". The intent of this program is for the Eagles organization and players to more actively engage with the youth of Surrey through the public school system and the minor hockey associations. The main intention of this program is to highlight the importance of scholastic and athletic success. This message will be delivered through player participation in school and minor hockey events, presentations, role modelling, coaching clinics, tutoring and speaking engagements. An additional component of this program will be the donation by the Eagles of two hundred tickets for each home game to local schools, community centres, minor sports teams, fundraisers and low income families. The Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team has requested $50,000 in annual support from the City of Surrey toward this program.

The objectives of this program are commendable and are aligned with many youth initiatives undertaken by the City. Given the community outreach, and desired positive outcome of the program, it could provide significant value to the City and the community. Staff recommend Council consider supporting the program at some level with Council Initiatives as the potential funding source.
CONCLUSION

The Surrey Eagles are very important to the City of Surrey and we are committed to support the continued successful partnership through the recommendations made in this report.

Laurie Cavan
General Manager
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Appendix A – Surrey Eagles Executive Summary
Appendix B – Jr. A British Columbia Hockey League Survey
Appendix C – Photo of the Reader Board Sign at the Surrey Museum
### Appendix II

**Regular Council - Public Hearing Minutes**  
*February 28, 2011*

**Item No. Ro35 Support for the Surrey Eagles Hockey Team**  
*File: 025-20/S*

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report to provide information and recommended actions for Council’s consideration related to a recommendation that was forwarded to Council by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee (the “Committee”), which was in response to a presentation the Committee received from representatives of the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team (the Eagles).

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in her report.

It was Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Hepner  
That Council:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a 3 year lease agreement with the Surrey Eagles hockey team (the “Eagles”) at a total annual cost of $25,000 for the same level of ice time as the Eagles booked in the 2009-2010 season;

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4. Support an application by the Eagles to the Liquor Control Branch for a “Liquor Primary License for Recreation Centres” as generally described in this report; and

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**RES.Ru-373**  
*Carried*
April 30, 2014

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RE: Request for Surrey Eagles Contract Extension for South Surrey Arena

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Respectfully,

Per: Surrey Eagles

Chuck Westgard,
Owner