

## BCRPA Region 2 Monthly Meeting Notes

**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2011

**Host City:** City of Surrey

**Tour:** Chuck Bailey Covered Youth Park

**Attendees:** Shirley McKell, Todd Gross, David Turner, Gerhard Vandenbosch, Tony Ward, Denis Legroulx, Tim Neufeld, Lanny England, Scott Lamont, Dan Henegar, Tab Buckner, Marty Benson

### HortEdBC Presentation

Anne Kadwell from HortEducationBC presented on Apprenticeship programs currently being offered in BC. Highlights of these programs include:

- A variety of streams currently offered
  - Arboriculturist Apprenticeship
  - Dairy Apprenticeship
  - Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship
  - Production Horticulturist Apprenticeship
- The Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship is now a *Red Seal* program meaning that the credentials are transferable across Canada.
- The Arboriculturist Apprenticeship program is starting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Interested employees should visit [www.horteducationbc.com](http://www.horteducationbc.com) for detailed information on courses.
- Experienced employees can consider writing a Challenge Exam in order to become a Certified Tradesperson.
- HortEdBC is looking at possible mentorship training in the future.
- Some tax benefits are possible for organizations that take on apprenticeship students.
- For specific questions and inquiries contact Anne @ [akadwell@horteducationbc.com](mailto:akadwell@horteducationbc.com)

### Chuck Bailey Youth Park Presentation

Jaki Lowe from Vanderzalm and Associates provided a presentation on the recently constructed Chuck Bailey Youth Park. Highlights include:

- Park has the first dedicated roof structure for a skateboard/ BMX facility in BC.
- Park includes a variety of elements for skating and biking. Park has bowls and a wide range of street elements.
- Park includes a sport court that can be used for either sport activities or skateboarding.
- Design of park incorporates elements from neighbouring Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre.
- The area around the park is mostly zoned for high density housing. The park fits into an urban environment.
- Two community consultation meetings were held in order to help gain a sense what future riders and the community wanted to see in the park.

- Park has been extremely well received by the public since it was opened.

### **Round Table**

- Todd
  - Field renovation project has been awarded. Project to include complete renovation.
  - Landscape renovation project is in the works for a library facility.
  - Are people aware and dealing with the Metro Vancouver Waste Strategy?
- Denis
  - Interested in further discussing the potential for a structural training program; possibly through Kwantlen. Item to be placed on to September agenda for discussion.
- Gerhard
  - Is there a place for retired Parks professionals at the BCRPA regional meetings? What role could/ should these individuals play in the future? Possible future agenda item.
  - City of Surrey is celebrating 25-years of Parks volunteers on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the annual Partners In Parks Celebration.
- Lanny
  - Currently working on Mackin Park redevelopment.
  - Currently involved with Glen Park master plan.
  - Private developers are starting to design and build neighbourhood parks.
    - Inspection is a critical component of these park projects in order to help ensure all standards are being met.
  - Looking for sample guidelines on street trees. Please forward information to Lanny if possible.
- Scott
  - Major construction projects continue in City.
  - Additional \$340,000 being spent on upgrades to a downtown park.
  - Many events taking place including Live at Squamish.  
<http://www.liveatsquamish.com/>
- Shirley
  - Artificial turf field is opening soon.
  - Pumpkin Festival is taking place through the fall.
  - Traffic control during events can be a challenge.
- Dave
  - Work continues on the North Shore Spirit Trail. Upon completion, this trail will connect Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove.
  - The Trans Canada Trail is being worked on with a focus on filling in remaining gaps. The Kinsol Trestle on Vancouver Island will be a highlight of the trail on the west coast.
- Tim
  - The Darts Hill Garden Open House is planned for June 21<sup>st</sup> at Darts Hill. The event will include visual and performing arts, garden tours and refreshments. This is a

terrific opportunity to see this garden. Check out <http://www.dartshill.ca/> for complete event details.

- Tab
  - Opening a new artificial turf field
  - Opening two new sand based fields in the Willoughby area of the Township
  - Preparing to build 1<sup>st</sup> artificial turf field in Aldergrove
- Marty
  - Recently attended the Leisure Development Program at Silver Star. This three year program attracts a range of employees including new and experienced parks and recreation professionals.
  - This year's courses focussed on Risk Management, Community Development, Building Design and Landscape Design.

**A tour of Chuck Bailey Covered Youth Park followed the meeting and presentations.**