

**SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

**Indicated Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Dave Jones, Coquitlam Field Sport Association
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Emily Moughtin, Citizen Representative
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Karen Schofield, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Tobi May, Director Major Capital Projects
Brian Forrester, Manager Sport Services (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Chris Siddaway, Manager Community Partnerships and Policy (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Jennifer Mills, Manager Legislative Services
Leila Todd, Project Manager Facilities and Parks Planning
Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

The Chair conducted roundtable introductions of Committee members and attending Staff.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Committee Welcome**

The Committee Clerk gave a presentation entitled “2025 Advisory Committee Orientation Session” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

In response to questions from the Committee, the Committee Clerk noted the following:

- Committee members are required to attend regularly scheduled meetings and must notify the Committee Clerk as soon as possible in advance of the meeting to confirm their attendance or communicate their regrets.
- Committee members are now required to request hardcopy agenda packages in their response to attending the meeting.

3. Review and Adoption of the 2025 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Director Major Capital Projects provided introductory comments relative to the 2025 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Draft Work Plan.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The City’s partnership with Planet Ice scheduled to end in late-August and the potential for the item to be discussed under the Major Facilities Roadmap Work Plan item.
- The Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Update being scheduled for the April 9, 2025 Meeting by Committee member Cydney Smythies.

**COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2025 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan.

4. Sports Field Strategy Update

The Manager Community Partnerships and Policy and Manager Sport Services gave a presentation entitled “Draft Coquitlam Sports Field Strategy (2025-2035)” and referred to slides contained in the amended Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The project timeline and methods of communicating the Draft Sports Field Strategy to user groups.
- The potential for user fee implementation for artificial turf fields to occur via a gradual fee structure to ensure equity across sport groups and support a continued diversity of sports and activities.
- The possibility of a fee structure that supports the continuation of female participation in sport and prevents youth from dropping out of sports due to financial constraints.
- The definition of “long term” in relation to P3 and Regional Collaboration in the Draft Sports Field Strategy Plan.
- Concern over the planned growth in sports field inventory scheduled for the next 10 years as it is currently difficult for sports organizations to meet their Standards of Play with the current inventory.
- Concerns about the age of the data used in the creation of the Draft Sports Field Strategy Plan and disappointment in the consultation process prior to the Draft Strategy going before Council.
- Desire to see a specified implementation plan relating to the scheduled maintenance and repairs of existing field inventory, the associated costs, and how those costs fit into the anticipated funding gap.
- The success of the current allocation process and the positive collaboration of sports groups in the City of the Coquitlam.
- The budget for field maintenance not appearing to substantially grow or consider inflation from 2006 to 2025.
- The importance of considering the growth of new sports and required facilities and how that may impact funding for other sports facilities in the city.
- The Draft Strategy being a guiding document and that engagement can still occur as the planning process continues.

The Manager Sport Services and the Manager Community Partnerships and Policy left the meeting at this point and did not return - 8:34 p.m.

5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Accessibility Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging sports and recreation issues and events in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Coquitlam Crunch Trail, including its possible extension, new trail system creation, and the recreational and active transportation functions it serves.
- The nomination period for the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame "Hall of Fame" and the "Wall of Fame" being open until March 1, 2025.
- Potential impacts to the bird nesting season related to the construction at the Northeast Community Centre.
- The progress of construction of recreation facilities at new school sites planned for the Burke Mountain community.
- The City's partnership with Planet Ice ending in August and the potential impacts to ice arena facility availability.
- Desire to update the Poirier Forum to include HVAC.
- The Coquitlam Curling Association/Curl BC's continued interest in a Curling of Excellence facility.
- The Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association's continued goal to honour Les Wingrove.
- Indoor Recreation Strategy updates.
- The expected opening date of Mundy Park Pool.
- Sustained interest in an ice arena being built in the Northeast Community Centre.
- Continued growth in pickleball in Coquitlam and the impacts caused by a lack of facilities.
- Opportunity to use unconventional facilities for sports and recreational activities, such as the former Safeway location at Lougheed Mall being converted into an indoor pickleball facility.
- Opportunity for temporary disc golf courses in underutilized recreation spaces such as Eagle Mountain for tournaments.
- The potential impacts parking fees at neighbouring municipalities' recreational spaces may have on access to recreational activities.
- Coquitlam Tennis Centre now being the only local indoor tennis facility and how facility bookings are allocated for public use.
- Coquitlam Tennis Centre's location being near Metro Vancouver's Coquitlam Water Main Project construction and the potential physical damage to the court surfaces that could eventually lead to safety issues.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, April 9, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair

Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk