

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair
Carla Byers, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Erin Davidson (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Jess Doyle (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Paul Lambert
Stephen Lisik
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sport Centre Users Association
Shelly Scott
Cydney Smythies
Carl Trepanier

REGRETS: Councillor Chris Wilson, Chair
William Truong

STAFF: Darryl Lal, Manager Policy and Business Services
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Scott Groves, Director Capital Projects and Facilities
Eric Kalnins, Tourism Manager
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Recreation Groups – Tri-City Slo Pitch

Noting that the delegation from Tri-City Slo Pitch was unavailable to attend the meeting, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

3. **Economic Development Strategy**

The Tourism Manager utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “Economic Development Strategy” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Background
- What is Economic Development?
- Planning Principles
- Components
- Coquitlam in Context
- Emerging Vision Based on Values
- Emerging Themes / Areas of Focus
- Potential Goals / Strategies to Explore
- Questions to Discuss
- Next Steps
- Thank You

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic
- The belief that the “work from home” model will continue into the future and opportunities that this presents
- The desire for a hotel that has space to accommodate sports tournaments and conferences
- The desire to provide visitors to the City with information on where to dine and shop
- The amenities that are desirable close to a hotel
- The concern that regular sports facility users are not pushed out by tournaments or sport tourism activities
- Support for the concept of prosperity sharing
- The need for improved public transit

Jess Doyle left the meeting at this time (7:40 p.m.).

- The importance of facilitating active transportation and alternative means of travelling around the city
- Sport tourism opportunities and support for hosting competitions in Coquitlam
- The importance of having amenities that would support the hosting of competitions
- The lack of spectator space at the City’s venues and the suggestion that moveable bleachers could be shared among users
- The importance of building facilities and amenities that will meet future needs
- The desire to support and promote local businesses
- The next steps

Committee members were invited to submit further feedback to staff and to visit the City’s public engagement page on the website.

4. **Facilities and Parks Capital Construction Project Updates**

The Director Capital Projects and Facilities provided an on-screen presentation entitled

“Facilities and Parks Capital Construction Project Updates” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Overview
- Completed Projects 2021-2022
- PSLC Arena 3 Change Room Expansion
- Town Centre Park Lafarge Lake Washroom
- Lafarge Lake Washroom (at Evergreen)
- Buchanan Square Roof Replacement & Enhancement
- Cottonwood Park Phase 1B
- CCAC Fitness Area Expansion
- Centennial Artificial Turf Field
- Projects Underway
- Place Maillardville Community Centre & Plaza
- Mundy Park Public Washroom
- Coquitlam Family YMCA Community Policing Station / Park & Ride
- Town Centre Park Lakeside Loop Trail
- Sheffield Park
- Mundy Park Playground
- Nestor Park Upgrades
- Durant Linear Park Stairway Replacement
- Panorama Park Bridge Replacement
- Pop Up Parks
- Feedback & Discussion

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the Town Centre Park improvements
- Concern related to the vandalism of park washrooms
- The desire for an update on the spectator seating capacity and drop off zone at Spani Pool
- The demand for lane swimming
- Improved lighting on the lakeside trail at Town Centre Park
- The impact of rising construction costs and supply chain issues and appreciation that staff have successfully negotiated these challenges in delivering the capital construction projects
- The timing of certain capital projects
- Programming elements and the desire to create gathering hubs
- Enthusiasm for the facilities and parks capital construction projects
- Future planning for Planet Ice
- The desire for information related to the proposed Curling Centre of Excellence
- The desire for an ice rink on Burke Mountain
- The value placed by residents on green space and trees and the desire to incorporate ample green space into future developments, particularly to meet the needs of highrise residents
- The demand for affordable housing
- The strategic advantage enjoyed by Coquitlam as a result of its central location in the lower mainland
- The demand for a hotel and conference space in the city
- The importance of providing amenity space for dogs in close proximity to high density

housing

5. Emerging Issues

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The need for a field hockey turf field and the desire to support the Tri City Eagles Field Hockey Club
- The various demands from different sports and recreation organizations for facilities
- Partnership proposals from sport and recreation organizations

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, September 7, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk