

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association

REGRETS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club

GUESTS: Paul Self, President, Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club
Tara Self, Head Coach, Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club

STAFF: Ted Urich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Saarah Arkoulis, Manager Facilities Capital Project Management
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Leila Todd, Project Manager Facility and Parks Planning
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the first meeting of 2024 and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Committee Welcome

The Committee Clerk provided introductory comments relative to the 2024 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee (SRAC) Meeting Schedule, Committee member attendance expectations, conflict of interest and evacuation procedures.

Dan Cooper arrived to the meeting at this time (7:02 p.m.).

There were no comments from the Committee.

3. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups – Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club

Paul Self, President, and Tara Self, Head Coach, Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club provided introductory comments that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club (hereon “the Club”), including history, mandate, programs, community partnerships, participant demographics, competitions and Coquitlam track and field facilities required for programs

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Club, including event types by age group, costs for participants, rationale for lack of a pole vault program, whether a master’s and cross country running program is offered, board of directors’ scope and challenges of recruiting board members
- The importance of World Athletics certification for Percy Perry Stadium’s track and field

The Chair expressed appreciation for the delegation’s presentation.

4. Review and Adoption of the 2024 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Chair provided introductory comments relative to the 2024 Sports and Recreation (SRAC) Work Plan, including the drafting process and Coquitlam’s Business Plan priority classification system.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns regarding the 2024 SRAC Work Plan (hereon “the Plan”), including Coquitlam Business Plan priority classification and assignments, lack of consultation for the Plan’s drafting process and not considering needs of different sport groups

- Desire for the Plan to consider more non-sport field facilities and provide updates on the Planet Ice lease renewal timeline
- Coquitlam’s Sports Field Strategy (hereon “the Strategy”), including rationale for being a Coquitlam Business Plan “B” priority and desire for the Strategy to be a consistent item going forward
- Concern regarding potential loss of women’s field hockey in Coquitlam due to lack of sports fields and facilities
- Coquitlam Business Plan priority “A” and “B” SRAC items that were completed in 2023
- Desire for public consultation opportunities regarding the Coquitlam Business Plan and Council to consider community input prior to finalizing priorities
- Concern regarding the perception that staff are meeting with particular sports groups and not others

The Chair advised the Committee to focus on the 2024 SRAC Work Plan’s items instead of the individual 2024 Coquitlam Business Plan priority classifications.

The Manager Parks and Facility Planning indicated that staff will consider Committee feedback and potentially provide more information regarding Coquitlam’s 2024 Business Plan priorities at future meetings.

The Committee endorsed the 2024 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2024 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan.

5. Construction and Programming Update – Town Centre Park Community Centre

The Manager Facilities Capital Project Management provided a presentation entitled “Town Centre Park Community Centre – Construction and Programming Update” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Town Centre Park Community Centre Project (hereon “the Project”), including history, construction timeline, floor plan, amenities, programs and community partnerships

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Project, including budget, opening timeline, change room features, possibility of public Wi-Fi and whether the patio will be accessible from Lafarge Lake
- Whether data exists regarding the number of Lafarge Lake and Town Centre Park users
- Concern regarding the lack of parking at Town Centre Park and Evergreen Cultural Centre

6. Fraser Mills Park and Community Centre Public Engagement Update

The Project Manager Facility and Parks Planning provided a presentation entitled “Fraser Mills Community Centre Update” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Fraser Mills Park and Community Centre Project (hereon “the Project”), including timeline, site plan, amenities, budget, development agreement, synergy with other City plans and projects, relation to Coquitlam’s recreation service provision and capacity, community engagement opportunities and community partnerships

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the Fraser River will be publicly accessible and jurisdictional authority
- The Project, including projected floor plan and square footage, possibility of public feedback opportunities for potential aquatic features, indoor racquetball and squash courts, bicycle motocross (BMX) facilities, a library and possibility of connecting an outdoor walking/cycling path to New Westminster and Port Coquitlam
- Desire to know more details regarding funding commitments from the City and developer for the Project
- Concern regarding the developer’s contribution being insufficient for facility in comparison to more recent facility assessments
- Coquitlam’s pool capacity percentage calculation process and whether neighbouring community populations and facilities were considered
- City population projections for Fraser Mills Neighbourhood

7. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Desire for Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex (PSLC) Arena 1 to be named after Les Wingrove

- Concern regarding hockey teams losing ice time to figure skating programs and shortage of local sports facilities impacting participant retention
- Coquitlam Crunch South Extension construction timeline
- Possibility of converting former retail space into sporting facilities
- Spani Pool reopening timeline including when parking lots will be publicly accessible
- Concern regarding inadequate lighting along pathways at Town Centre Park and Committee support for the Lights at Lafarge Lake timeline extending to end of February
- Dogwood Pavilion website issues
- Concern regarding flooding in Bramble Park near the tennis courts
- Concern regarding Meadowbrook Park jurisdiction, the absence of lighting along trails and unhoused residents using the park

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, April 10, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk