

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Sports Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Chair
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Jeanette MacLean, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Andrea Mattinson, Sport Centre Users Group
Tam Chernenkoff Miller
Larry Ryan
Cydney Smythies
Anna Teglas
Leila Todd
Carl Trepanier
Paul Lambert
King Chan

STAFF: Jennifer Keefe, Manager Community Recreation and Culture Services
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Tiana Solares, Manager of Policy and Business Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

Councillor Marsden assumed the role of the presiding officer.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Vice Chair welcomed new and returning members. The Chair thanked all members for their participation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 12, 2020

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Scope of the Sports Advisory Committee**

The Committee Clerk, at the request of the Chair, read the current Sports Advisory Committee mandate.

The Chair encouraged the Committee to discuss the mandate of the Sports Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The usage of outdoor and open space facilities
- The change of organized sport amidst COVID-19
- The hourly allocations for user groups
- The availability of un-organized recreation in the City
- A comparison of passive recreation space versus organized recreation space
- Adult sport leagues in indoor facilities
- The available resources to support casual recreation users
- How the City engages with passive recreational users
- Informal user versus formal user requirements
- The desire to survey recreational user satisfaction during and post COVID-19
- The extension of the mandate to support passive recreation and casual users
- The various user group space allocations
- The biking culture within the City of Coquitlam
- The desire for multi-use recreational spaces to support passive and traditional sports
- Off-season facility utilization
- The desire to widen the scope of the Committee's mandate to include inclusivity and equity

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to review and modify, as appropriate, the mandate and name of the Sports Advisory Committee to include casual, recreational, and inclusive usage of civic facilities.

4. **Sports Field Strategy and Fields Update**

The Manager of Policy and Business Services noted the desire to refresh and revise the current Sport Field Strategy to reduce barriers with respect to access and participation as well as increase access and inclusion for all members of the community.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to understand if the survey findings during COVID-19 will be representative of the future forecast
- The engagement of community groups on the revision of the Sport Field Strategy
- The communication of information to non-structured users regarding the strategy

The Sport Services Manager provided information regarding the Fields Update, including the status of Cunnings Field, Centennial Artificial Turf Field, and Cottonwood Park in Phase 1B.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- A comparison of sand based versus water based artificial fields
- The understanding that planned updates will not deviate due to COVID-19
- The Coquitlam Arena Strategy

5. Emerging Items Requiring Review (As needed)

The Vice Chair invited discussion pertaining to emerging items relative to the community challenges arising from COVID-19.

The Sport Services Manager provided information regarding liability protection for user groups, as announced by the Provincial Government, and noted the announcement should address concerns with respect to losses or damages caused by COVID-19.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The distinction between casual versus organized use of public recreational spaces under current and changing COVID-19 health regulations
- Support for paired park-hosting as opposed to individual hosting
- The desire for a consistently updated timeline for facility re-opening based upon changing COVID-19 health regulations

In response to a question from the Committee, the Sport Services Manager addressed the demand for an app that would show field and sport court availability for public use and recognized the potential use of the City's PerfectMind software.

The Vice Chair acknowledged that grant availability from local and provincial governments in 2021 and 2022 will differ from previous years with respect to a shift in operations related to COVID-19.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that the City of Coquitlam will not copy the City of Port Coquitlam or the City of Port Moody with respect to their taxation measures
- The lack of aquatic user group allocation during COVID-19 and the desire to repurpose time and equipment to casual aquatic users

The Manager Community Recreation and Culture Services provided information relative to the remainder of user group allocation and modifications that may be made as the situation evolves.

The Sport Services Manager added that outdoor user group allocation will remain in place as-is for the summer months.

The Chair thanked all participants and recognized the efforts in creating a recreational app for the City of Coquitlam.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, September 9, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

_____ CHAIR

Ashland Selby-Brown
Information Clerk