

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

**Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Sara Maglio, Coquitlam Field Sport Association (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative*
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Emily Moughtin, Citizen Representative
Karen Schofield, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative

GUEST: Marcos Alcantara, President BC Team Handball Association

STAFF: Tobi May, Director Major Capital Projects
Leila Todd, Project Manager Major Capital Projects
Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk
Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The Committee:

1. Amended the minutes of the February 12, 2025 Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee by replacing “Coquitlam Tennis Centre” with “The Tennis Centre Coquitlam” in Bullets 16 and 17 of Item 5; and
2. Approved the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 as amended.

Sara Maglio entered the meeting at this time – 7:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Update

Cydney Smythies provided an overview of the document entitled “Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame 2024 Report to Council” contained in the amended Agenda package.

3. British Columbia Team Handball Federation (BCTHF)

Marcos Alcantara, President of the British Columbia Team Handball Federation, gave an on screen presentation entitled “British Columbia Team Handball Federation” and referred to slides contained in the amended Agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued relative to the following:

- General information on handball as a sport and school-based, recreational, provincial, national, and international handball competitions.
- Opportunities to spread awareness of handball such as at the City’s Sports Fair, sharing information with adult recreation leagues, and introducing handball to children through partnering with afterschool programs like MoreSports and DoWhatULuv to introduce the sport to different demographics.
- Opportunities to partner with School District No. 43 to introduce the sport to school aged children.

4. Draft Major Facilities Roadmap (Presentation by Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities Staff)

The Project Manager, Facilities and Parks Planning gave an on screen presentation entitled “Draft Major Facilities Roadmap” and referred to slides contained in the amended Agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The current status of projects within the Draft Major Facilities Roadmap.
- The future status of the City's partnership with the Planet Ice and concern about the level of maintenance being upheld by the current operator.
- Opportunity for Coquitlam-based organizations and residents to have priority ice access at Planet Ice when negotiating a new contract.
- Concerns about the scheduled opening date of the Northeast Community Centre development site being delayed.
- The potential for the City to use the adjacent to the Northeast Community Centre to open a new ice facility.
- The models and key metrics used by the City to determine funding for projected services and facility requirements and how changes to developer funding due to provincial legislation may impact planning.
- The allocation of casino funds relative to Spirit Grants and Capital Projects.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff noted that removing trees too early from a site before construction can create flooding risk.

5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging issues, and the following was noted:

- The Coquitlam Tennis Club's open house and spring league beginning.
- The City's Naming of City Parks Buildings Facilities and Structures Policy and opportunities to update and expand the Policy.
- Concerns about ice availability at Planet Ice.
- The City's Grade 5 and 6 Get Active! Pass and opportunity to expand the age range to 0-18-year-old youth.
- Updates on Cunnings Field repairs and desire for a field hockey friendly surface when repairs are made to the field.
- Moving sign-up times for next-day recreation programs to be 1-hour before current-day events.
- Opportunity for the City to offer e-transfers as a payment method for club-related recreation fees.
- Concerns about field fees as a possible inclusion in the Sports Field Strategy.

- The potential future overcrowding at Town Centre Park associated with the amount of development in Coquitlam City Centre.
- Opportunity for the City to be more consultative with stakeholders relating to field usage data.
- Concern about changes to the Vancouver Aquatic Centre pool and potential impacts on aquatic sports.

The Director Major Capital Projects and the Project Manager Major Capital Projects gave an update regarding the grand opening of Mundy Park Pool and the Coquitlam Shark's "Sharks in the Parks" swim meet scheduled for July 18 – 20, 2025 at Mundy Park Pool.

OTHER BUSINESS**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 11, 2025****ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair

Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk