

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, April 10, 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
Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club

REGRETS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association

STAFF: Ted Urich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Ryan Voon, Climate and Energy Manager
Doron Fishman, Park Planning and Design Manager
Leila Todd, Senior Project Manager
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024

A Committee member advised of an error in the Minutes and requested that Item 7, Point 1 be amended to "Arena 1" instead of "Arena 2".

The amended Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 were approved.

The Committee Clerk undertook to follow-up regarding a correction of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups – Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame

Cydney Smythies, President, provided introductory comments regarding the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame’s Annual Report that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame (hereon “the HOF”), including background, history, mandate, location and logistics of annual recognition event, COVID-19 impact on HOF activities, community partnerships, catalogue of artifacts and inductees, data breakdown of included sports, HOF board actively looking for members, challenges of finding HOF and Wall of Fame inductees, fundraising efforts and lack of funding being a significant challenge, partnership with City for preservation of artifacts and upcoming events

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The HOF, including possibility of partnering with Coquitlam Centre to display artifacts and local university programs to enlist student assistance for website and interactive artifact display design, expanding to other Coquitlam facilities, acquiring charitable status, travelling exhibits or “road shows” and Committee appreciation for HOF activities

The Chair thanked Cydney Smythies for her presentation and report.

3. Burke Mountain Joint School/Park Site Planning Update

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided a presentation entitled “Burke Mountain Athletic Park” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Burke Mountain Athletic Park Project (hereon “the Project”), including background, timeline and present status, site location, considerations and breakdown of amenities, partnership with School District No. 43 (SD43), public engagement opportunities and next steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Committee desire for the Project’s amenities to include pickleball courts, outdoor basketball courts, skateboard bowl/park, bike storage facilities, covered outdoor spaces, public washrooms, lighting at night, water fountains and free public Wi-Fi
- Concerns regarding the Project, including parking lot locations, lack of available parking, potential traffic congestion issues, the site’s orientation

relative to the sun and possibility of re-positioning trees to provide shade during hot summer days and City efforts to mitigate these concerns

- The Project, including desire for details regarding City partnership with SD43 in terms of responsibility for amenities, amenity development in terms of timing and sequential order, potential for public access to school parking lots, designated handicap spots along nearby roads, transit and active transportation considerations, the proposed running track's surface material and whether tennis courts will be accessible for residents with disabilities
- The City's tennis court expansion efforts across Coquitlam in the next few years
- Whether data exists regarding Coquitlam pickleball and tennis participation numbers
- Concerns regarding Coquitlam sports fields being double-booked, specifically at school sports fields, the booking process for sports fields and possible solutions
- Whether the City intends to provide free public Wi-Fi in all Coquitlam parks or just specific parks

4. Civic Facility Planning and Climate Action Plan Update

The Climate and Energy Manager and Senior Project Manager provided a presentation entitled "Facility Planning & Climate Action" that covered the following topics

- Overview of City recreation facility planning and climate action considerations, including staff desire for Committee feedback, climate action interpretations, benefits of applying a sustainability lens to facility planning, examples of local sustainability programs and facilities since 2010, details of Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex's (PSLC) Thermenex heating and cooling system, Coquitlam's future community centres and the importance of resident comfort at City facilities regardless of weather
- Overview of the City's Environmental Sustainability Plan, including background, purpose, goals, synergy with other City plans and policies, breakdown of Coquitlam's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and City GHG emission reduction efforts
- Overview of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), including background, purpose, timeline, synergy with other City plans and policies, priority areas and data breakdown of results from public engagement opportunities

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Climate action interpretations, including mitigating effects of extreme weather events such as heat domes, reducing GHG emissions and drought-preparedness

- Committee appreciation for the City's climate action and sustainability efforts at local recreation facilities such as PSLC
- PSLC, including operational lifespan, ongoing sustainability considerations and potential for installation of other sustainable energy technologies in addition to Thermenex system
- Considerations for retrofitting older City facilities
- Whether the City's GHG emission reduction targets are Coquitlam wide or targeted and challenges of GHG emission reduction initiatives
- Whether future City recreational facilities will adhere to a particular sustainability standard such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification
- Concerns regarding diminishing tree canopy, the lack of tree re-planting efforts in Coquitlam and deficiency of trees in Coquitlam parks
- The Northeast Community Centre (NECC), including potential for utilization of Thermenex heating and cooling system, District Energy (DE), rain water recapture and arena expansion

5. 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:

- Coquitlam Tennis Club 2024 season beginning and upcoming open house on Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 1240 Pipeline Road
- Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse recently named Ryan Boivan the new President and continues to desire to rename PSLC Arena 1 after Les Wingrove
- Current status of Planet Ice Coquitlam's lease renewal agreement negotiations
- PoCoMo Pickleball Club season beginning in mid-May
- Concern regarding damage at Bramble Park Pickleball Courts due to flooding and cleaning/maintenance efforts
- Concern regarding decreasing participant numbers for women's field hockey and desire for dedicated field hockey facilities in Coquitlam
- Desire for and challenges of public/private partnerships to create new publicly accessible indoor and outdoor sports facilities at commercial sites in Coquitlam
- Desire for increased funding/subsidization to the City's Financial Assistance for Recreation (FAR) program
- 55+ BC Games to be held in Salmon Arm, BC from September 10 to 14, 2024
- Desire for a future presentation regarding the effects of recent provincial housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, on City's Density Bonus and Development Cost Charges (DCCs) framework

- Concern regarding an increase in rodent populations at Como Lake due to discarded bird seed and breadcrumbs
- Potential for a future delegation representing the Pacific Rim Hockey Academy to appear before the Committee
- Concern regarding double-booking of PSLC arenas and desire for clarity on City's booking system for ice times

The Sport Services Manager noted that staff will follow-up regarding the concern of double-booking at PSLC arenas.

The Chair thanked Committee members for their time and expressed optimism for the next meeting in June being held at the future Town Centre Park Community Centre (TCPCC).

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 12, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk