

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 2:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Craig Hodge
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Teri Towner
Councillor Chris Wilson
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Jonathan Helmus, Director Utilities
Doug Vance, Manager Building Permits
Genevieve Bucher, Manager Community Planning
Jim Ogloff, Fire Chief
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications
Jennifer Keefe, Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Culture Services
Claudette Haire, Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Culture Services
Scott Groves, Parks, Recreation and Culture Services
Ted Uhrich, Finance, Lands and Police
Demian Rueter, Planner 3
Dan Ward, Planner 1
Andrew Martin, Acting Officer-in-Charge
Darryl Lal, Manager Police Services
Darren Carr, Inspector
Rylan Simpson, Strategic Analyst
Stephanie Lam, Legislative Services Manager
Misty Temple, Legislative Services Clerk

Councillor Mandewo, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, March 15, 2021

The Committee, with the exception of Councillor Zarrillo, approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, March 15, 2021.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

2. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Update on Construction Industry Stakeholder Consultation and Proposed Policy for Energy Step Code Requirements in Coquitlam

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments regarding the status of the implementation of energy step code requirements. He noted that the complexity involved with the task suggests that an incremental approach for reaching targets would be most effective.

The Manager Building Permits provided a presentation entitled “Energy Step Code – Proposed Staged Implementation” with slides titled as follows:

- UDI / HAVAN / Independent Builders
- BC Building Code (BCBC) Energy Efficiency Targets
- ESC – Coquitlam Implementation Timeline (Proposed)
- BC Building Code (BCBC) References Simplified
- BCBC References Simplified (Cont’d)
- Some Important Points Regarding ESC
- Proposed Staged ESC Policy Implementation for Coquitlam
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that uncertainty regarding provincial energy codes presents challenges in setting definitive timelines in planning for step three
- The desire to make progress similar to that of neighbouring municipalities
- The knowledge that costs will increase as a result of new code requirements
- The understanding that homebuyers may not see a return on energy-saving investments for an extended period of time
- The belief that new energy requirements are intended to mitigate climate change rather than provide a return on investments
- The desire for a more aggressive timeline for reaching step three

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated April 1, 2021 and entitled “Update on Construction Industry Stakeholder Consultation and Proposed Policy for Energy Step Code Requirements in Coquitlam” for information.

3. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Heritage Management Strategy Update – Phase 2 Engagement Summary and Heritage Revitalization Agreement Evaluation Framework

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments regarding the most recent update on the Heritage Management Strategy (the Strategy) consultation work. He noted that efforts are being made to assess possible methods of updating the Strategy’s process.

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (3:46 p.m.) and returned at 3:48 p.m.

The Planner 3 provided an onscreen presentation entitled “Heritage Management Strategy Update” with slides titled as follows:

- Project Overview – Process Summary
- Phase 2 Engagement Summary: Key Metrics
- Heritage Revitalization Agreements (HRAs): Current Context
- Coquitlam Heritage Assessment Template
- HRA Evaluation Tool
- Augmented Application Review Process
- Other Implementation Items
- Next Steps

Councillor Marsden left the meeting at this time (4:08 p.m.) and returned at 4:10 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The need to effectively preserve heritage homes without incurring excessive costs
- The desire to ensure that timelines for completion are consistent
- The importance of encouraging program participation by offering incentives
- The desire to maintain structure for the criteria used in the heritage home registry
- The knowledge that longer processes result in higher costs overall
- The importance of recognizing how the style of a heritage home may fit the aesthetics of the surrounding community
- The possibility of expanding the heritage home program to small businesses

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (4:20 p.m.) and returned at 4:22 p.m.

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated March 31, 2021 and entitled “Heritage Management Strategy Update – Phase 2 Engagement Summary and Heritage Revitalization Agreement Evaluation Framework” for information.

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND FACILITIES

4. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities, the General Manager Finance, Lands and Police, and the General Manager Planning and Development – Place Maillardville Seniors’ Housing Project

The General Manager Finance, Lands and Police provided introductory comments regarding the project’s history. She also noted that the site works well for seniors’ housing, and will be able to effectively provide the parking and amenities necessary for the project.

The Project Manager provided a presentation entitled “Place Maillardville Seniors’ Housing” with slides titled as follows:

- Purpose
- Assumptions
- Background
- Feasibility Study
- Needs Assessment
- Feasibility Study
- Proposed Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support for the progress made in providing options for the project
- The understanding that senior housing is a necessity
- The desire to accommodate as many units as reasonably possible
- The importance of establishing how the pandemic has impacted interest in senior housing
- The desire to consider providing more housing availability by reducing unit sizes
- The knowledge that adding additional storeys may require undue costs in relation to parking accommodation

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities, the General Manager Finance, Lands and Police, and the General Manager Planning and Development dated April 1, 2021 and entitled “Place Maillardville Seniors’ Housing Project” for information.

5. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Recreation Passes and Memberships Update

The Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments regarding the temporary suspension of recreation passes and memberships as a result of pandemic closures.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to provide effective public outreach so that those in need of affordable recreational facilities are aware
- The importance of obtaining community feedback
- The understanding that having access to such facilities is important for community health

The Committee received the report of the General Manager, Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated April 1, 2021 and entitled “Recreation Passes and Memberships Update” for information.

FINANCE, LANDS, AND POLICE

6. Report of the Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP Attachment – Mental Health-Related Calls for Service for the Coquitlam RCMP

The acting RCMP Officer-in-Charge provided introductory comments relative to the RCMP’s initiatives and improvements for responding to calls for mental health services. He noted that they are planning to introduce a co-response team for such calls, with an officer and mental health professional paired together. They are also working with Fraser Health to provide additional training to their members, as well as establishing a dedicated police line for officers to connect with mental health professionals with questions.

The Strategic Analyst provided an onscreen presentation entitled “The Implications of Mental Health for the Coquitlam RCMP” with slides titled as follows:

- Background
- Data
- Results
- Discussion and Next Steps
- Questions?

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (5:21 p.m.) and returned at 5:23 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that municipalities with similar initiatives have faced challenges in effectiveness
- The desire to obtain more dialogue from Fraser Health to improve effectiveness
- The belief that initiatives may be better suited as a regional response
- The understanding that such calls often require a dual-response from law enforcement and healthcare workers
- The knowledge that healthcare worker presence is necessary for responses
- The need for the Province to directly fund a nurse position within law enforcement for the purposes of addressing calls related to mental health related matters

In response to a question from the General Manager Finance, Lands and Police, Council advised that staff will draft a letter on behalf of Council, requesting that the Provincial government provides direct funding to the RCMP for dual-responses to mental health-related calls for service.

The Committee received the report of the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment dated March 31, 2021 and entitled “Mental Health-Related Calls for Service for the Coquitlam RCMP” for information.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

7. Report of the Deputy City Manager – Coquitlam COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update

The Deputy City Manager provided introductory comments regarding status updates for the Coquitlam COVID-19 vaccination clinic. He noted that cost-recovery strategies would be explored and reported to Council.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The strong community support for the City’s vaccination initiatives
- Support for increasing efficiency with clinic updates
- Clarification that most municipalities have chosen not to require rent from Fraser Health for vaccination sites

The Committee received the report of the Deputy City Manager dated March 30, 2021 and entitled “Coquitlam COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update” for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

OB-1 RCMP Update (Councillor Zarrillo)

A member of the Committee addressed the fact that there has been growing concern from the community regarding the number of shooting incidents in the City. Acting Officer-In-Charge advised that there is limited information that can be shared with the Public, including Council, during ongoing police investigations.

Acting Officer in Charge reported that there has been an increased police presence in the affected areas of the community.

NEXT MEETING DATE – April 19, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 5:58 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, April 12, 2021 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Misty Temple
Legislative Services Clerk