

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair
Councillor Matt Djonlic, Vice 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
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Brian Keenan, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Bruce Kennedy, Coquitlam Tennis Club

STAFF: Kathleen Reinheimer, Manager Parks
Michael Fox, Community Recreation Manager
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and Roundtable of Introductions

The Chair welcomed new and returning members to the first meeting of 2023 and expressed his appreciation for the Committee members' volunteerism.

Brian Keenan arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Committee members and staff participated in a roundtable of introductions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Committee Orientation

The Committee Clerk provided the Committee with an orientation of its structure, mandate, and responsibilities by referencing an on-screen presentation and utilizing slides.

4. Review and Adoption of the 2023 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Chair explained the Work Plan creation process in terms of determining which items are included and the priority rating they are assigned through feedback by Council.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Issue with lack of sports field items on the Work Plan
- The City's Sports Field Strategy 2013 – 2023 (hereon "the Strategy") and the rationale for its exclusion on this year's Work Plan
- Staff and resource constraints and their impact on Work Plan items
- New sports field at Centennial Secondary School
- The Work Plan priority ranking system
- COVID-19 pandemic impacts and delays on implementation of Work Plan items
- Possibility of City providing financial assistance to sports organizations who invested in past consultation efforts for the Strategy
- Concern for lack of designated field hockey facilities and the impact on retaining participants
- Funding for recreation facilities versus sports programming
- Possible inclusion of specialized field hockey facilities within the Strategy
- The desire to see more arenas and ice sheets within Coquitlam
- Minor hockey organization rules preventing children from participating in ice hockey outside their municipality of residence
- Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map
- Arena Services and Facilities Strategy 2016 – 2030
- Blue Mountain Park Master Plan
- Eventual decommissioning and replacement of City Centre Aquatic Complex (CCAC)
- The necessity of keeping sports fields operational as they age
- The desire for Council and the City to consider feedback from residents and provide further opportunities for input during Work Plan drafting process
- Advisory Committee members' term lengths in 2023, meeting frequency, and Council's process for selecting the Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee endorsed the 2023 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2023 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan.

5. Project Updates – Spani Pool and Percy Perry Track and Field Replacement

The Community Recreation Manager provided a verbal update regarding the Spani Pool Renovation Project (hereon “the Pool”) that covered the following topics:

- Decommissioning, demolition and capping off the sanitary pipes at the old site
- Supply chain issues and the impact on project timeline
- Expected reopening date of Spring 2024
- Facility improvements, new modern amenities and accessibility upgrades
- New drop-off space and parking

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether residents can take as a keepsake bricks and pieces of mortar from the demolition
- Possibility of classifying the Pool as a heritage site
- The Pool’s roundabout, overflow parking, wayfinding and signage
- Design allowing for temporary bleachers to be installed for events
- Provincial swim meets
- The Pool’s specifications including length and depth of lap pool, gutter system, and depth of shallow area
- Public programming flexibility for all ages at the Pool
- Addition of universal change rooms similar to Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex (PSLC)
- Strategies for accommodating usage by various groups at other facilities during the Pool’s renovation
- Eagle Ridge Outdoor Pool anticipated to open on May 1, 2023
- PSLC remaining open instead of shutting down for annual maintenance in June 2023
- Consultations regarding a possible Indigenous art component at the Pool
- Park and social lawn space to surround the Pool
- The desire for the Pool’s full name to be displayed on the building rather than the abbreviated version
- The City’s Naming of City Parks, Buildings and Facilities Policy, its criteria and possible revisions to this Policy

The Manager Parks provided a verbal update regarding the Percy Perry Track and Field Replacement (hereon “the Field”) that covered the following topics:

- History of the facility and previous upgrades
- Expected upgrades for the current replacement project

- Timeline of renovation work, including anticipated construction start date on May 15, 2023
- BC Athletics notifying the City that they would not certify any track events at the Field as of June 2022
- Expected lifespan of new track being 20 years
- Coquitlam Cheetahs Track and Field Club currently being accommodated at the Centennial Oval

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The replacement of ancillary pieces
- Whether all upgrades have to be done simultaneously or in phases
- Assumption that track colour will remain the same

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited the Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community. The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Keeping used sports equipment out of landfills
- The desire to acquire more information on dog libraries/toy boxes in public parks
- Financial status of the City following COVID-19 and potential impacts on recreation projects
- The City's staff vacancy rate and cost escalation on capital projects
- The desire for Council to consider incorporating a representative of the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame and School District 43 as standing members for the Committee
- The Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame's 2023 Induction Ceremony Event to be held on June 15, 2023
- Difficulties involving registration and accessing recreation programs
- Increased pressure on and usage of Mundy Park amenities by residents
- Expanding Burke Mountain's outdoor recreation amenities without damaging the natural environment
- Possibility of installing daily use lockers for hockey players at PSLC
- City-owned trailhead properties that intersect with Crown and Provincial Lands and potential dialogue with First Nations and Province regarding access to these lands
- Funding for parks and recreation and whether it has been commensurate with the population size
- Lack of natural outdoor water spaces within Coquitlam and the desire to expand outdoor recreation access
- Metro Vancouver looking at increasing access to Widgeon Marsh Regional Park
- The Committee's responsibility to raise awareness of under-utilized facilities and interests of smaller sports groups
- The desire to consider establishment of a Sports Council body that exists in other municipalities
- The desire for Planet Ice to be the focus of a possible ice sheet expansion

- Eventual CCAC replacement and possible usages for vacant land next to it
- Symington Symbiotic Foundation Empowering Steps program at Club Aviva and the upcoming Aviva TG Invitational at Pinetree Community Centre to be held on April 15 and 16, 2023
- Possibility of the next Committee meeting in June being held at an off-site location

The Chair requested that the Committee Clerk note for Council’s consideration adding a representative from the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame as a standing member for the Committee when the Terms of Reference are reviewed in the fall.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Dennis Marsden, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk