

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 2:06 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
Jim Ogloff, Fire Chief
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services
Don Luymes, General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Donnie Rosa, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services
Nikki Caulfield, Director Human Resources and Corporate Planning
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Stephanie James, Emergency Operations Centre Director
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications
Sean O'Melinn, Legislative Services Manager
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2020

The Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2020 were approved.

REPORTS OF STAFF

2. Verbal Update of the Deputy City Manager – COVID-19 Pandemic Response

The Deputy City Manager provided a verbal update relative to the City's COVID-19 pandemic response. He highlighted that the Emergency Operations Centre is functioning well, and work is underway on the coordination of directives from the Province and the federal government as well tracking the financial impact on the City and human resources / workforce adjustments. He also provided updates related to issuing building permits and process improvements that have been established, the appropriate use of sports fields and consultation with other municipalities, staff preparations for possible federal government stimulus programs, and information related to holding Public Hearings while following the advice of provincial health officials.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that there had initially been mixed messages from the Province regarding the use of sports fields and that the issue has now been clarified
- The understanding that the City is working with School District 43 (SD43) and the other municipalities to coordinate messaging regarding sports field use
- The belief that sports courts should continue to be closed because the nature of their use makes it challenging to practice physical distancing
- Uncertainty related to whether tennis courts should be opened
- The belief that public health and safety are of primary concern and that consistency among the Tri-Cities and SD43 is important

Recess and Reconvene

Due to technical issues, the meeting recessed at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC at 2:27 p.m. All members of the Committee were present.

- Concern related to people not practicing social distancing, in particular at Percy Perry Stadium at night, and the understanding that staff will watch the area carefully
- The belief that most people are practicing physical distancing but that there are some individuals who are not committed to the physical distancing mandate
- The desire to use communications tools to engage the public and disseminate information regarding issues such as the need for physical distancing, the harmful impacts of pollutants being poured into storm drains, and an increase in littering
- The desire for people to understand that it is important to work together during the COVID-19 crisis
- The City's recognition of the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job

The Manager Corporate Communications provided information related to public messaging that is due to be issued the next day on the subject of storm drains and watercourse protection, littering and keeping garbage out of parks, and the recognition of the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.

The Committee received the verbal update of the Deputy City Manager regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic Response for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 4, 2020

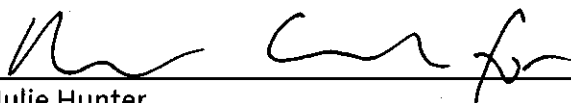
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, April 27, 2020 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk