

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 13, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 2:01 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, 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
Danny Bandiera, Manager Information and Communications Technology
Kevan Cornes, Manager Facilities
Scott Groves, Director Strategic and Capital Projects
Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facility Planning
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Dana Soong, Manager Utility Programs
Mark Zaborniak, Manager Design and Construction
Andre Isakov, Park Planning and Design Manager
Graham Judd, Project Manager – Corporate Planning
Sean O'Melinn, Legislative Services Manager
Ashland Selby-Brown, Information Clerk

Councillor Towner, 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, July 6, 2020

That the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2020 were approved.

DELEGATIONS

2. April Duffield – Opposition to the Removal of Old Growth Trees in the Burquitlam Neighbourhood

April Duffield and Karen Duffield appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding their opposition with respect to the removal of large trees in the Burquitlam neighbourhood.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Burquitlam community's opposition regarding the removal of large trees
- The benefits of trees in an urban landscape
- The belief that gentrification is occurring in the Burquitlam neighbourhood
- The belief that there are community health benefits associated with inner-city forestry
- The effects of green space on a civic environment
- The biodiversity in the City of Coquitlam
- The desire to reduce tree removal during development
- The desire to encourage community tree planting
- The belief that there is a substantial amount of urban forestry within the City of Coquitlam
- Concerns regarding the preservation of trees during development

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Ms. Duffield and her sister for their presentation.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

3. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and the General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities – Coquitlam Crunch Trail Expansion Phase 1

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services provided introductory comments regarding the popularity of the Coquitlam Crunch Trail and the upcoming expansion plan.

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The Park Planning and Design Manager provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Crunch Trail and Expansion Plan 2018-2023” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- The Crunch Trail
- The Crunch Trail & Expansion Plan – Phase 1 Improvements
- The Crunch Phase 1 Improvements: Outdoor Exercise Areas
- The Crunch Phase 1 Improvements: Viewing Decks
- The Crunch Phase 1 Improvements: Parking Lot & Guildford Way Crossing
- Next Steps
- The Crunch – Phase 1 Planning to Date

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The previous expansions and improvements to the Coquitlam Crunch Trail
- Concerns regarding the growing popularity of the trail
- The desire to implement enhancements that provide additional capacity for users
- The desire to emphasize resident safety on the Crunch Trail
- The desire for proposed crosswalk designs to focus on resident safety
- The desire for crosswalk enhancements to direct users to safer crossing points
- The desire to improve transverse trail connection points along the Crunch Trail
- The dangers of road-crossings in the area and the measures being proposed to ensure community safety
- Resident access and traffic flow along the Crunch Trail street crossings
- The benefits of transverse trails during COVID-19 to encourage social distancing
- The desire to maintain a design that is inclusive to all residents
- The desire for additional road signage prior to crosswalks

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (2:44 p.m.).

- The desire to support recreational users of the trail
- The desire to increase accessibility while maintaining safety
- The desire for bike racks at the base of the Crunch trail
- The desire for coat and bags hooks to be an addition to the washroom facilities

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (2:47 p.m.).

- The desire for preventative measures with regard to potential injuries while descending the trail
- The desire for a circuit connection to Town Centre Park to encourage the dispersion of trail users

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities dated July, 3 2020 and entitled “Coquitlam Crunch Trail Expansion Phase 1” for information.

Councillor Zarrillo left the meeting at this time (2:50 p.m.).

4. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and the General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities – Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map

Councillor Zarrillo returned to the meeting at this time (2:51 p.m.).

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services provided introductory comments regarding the importance of a forward looking Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map to connect priority projects in the City of Coquitlam.

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (2:53 p.m.).

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facility Planning provided a presentation entitled “Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Purpose
- Strategic Goals/Strategy Links
- Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan

Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at this time (2:55 p.m.).

- Why should we do a Road Map?
- The Recreation and Culture Facility Inventory
- Initiatives
- Capital Investment Sequencing
- Major Facility Planning
- Decision Making
- Trends and Innovations
- Transparency
- Pandemic Implications
- Timeline, Funding
- Next steps
- Questions?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to update community amenities to coincide with emerging sports and trends
- The desire for multi-use dry floor amenities and the benefits of repurposing current gymnasium facilities
- The belief that it is important to share road map information with the community
- Evolving demographics and population within the City
- The unpredictable impact of COVID-19 and its effects of future user projections

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Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (3:20 p.m.) and Councillor Zarrillo assumed the Chair.

- The diversity of sport and the desire for inclusivity within the sport community
- The desire for sport court boundaries to be projected to allow for better usage of indoor multi-use spaces

Councillor Towner returned to the meeting at this time (3:22 p.m.) and resumed the Chair.

- The desire to communicate infrastructure projects to residents

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities dated July 7, 2020 and entitled "Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map" for information.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

5. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works – Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Infrastructure and the Cedar Drive Project

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided introductory comments regarding the size and complexity of the Northeast Trunk Infrastructure and the Cedar Drive Project.

The Manager Utility Programs provided a presentation entitled "Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Infrastructure and Cedar Drive Project" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Background
- Completed Projects
- Development Servicing Phasing
- Current 5-Year Capital Plan
- Development Servicing Phasing
- Future Projects + 5 Years
- Cedar Drive Project
- Project Goal
- Project Objectives
- Sanitary Sewer Expansion
- Partington Creek Drainage Improvements
- Land Acquisition
- Funding & Schedule
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Questions and Feedback

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns regarding flooding in the area
- The property requirements for the project and the percentage of that property that is agricultural
- The population growth expected within the City of Coquitlam
- The capacity of the project and the location of the urban containment boundary
- The desire to limit the number of bridges and reduce the use of small bridges in the area
- The desire to inform the community of the maintenance conducted with respect to fish bearing streams
- The road safety benefits on Cedar Drive that would be facilitated by the project
- The desire for a design with limited water crossings to maximize environmental protection

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated July 6, 2020 and entitled “Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Infrastructure and the Cedar Drive Project” for information.

Councillor Zarrillo left the meeting at this time (3:56 p.m.).

FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICE SERVICES

6. Report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services and the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services – Public Wi-Fi Strategy and Town Centre Digital Parking & Wayfinding Signage Update

The General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services provided introductory comments regarding the status of the joint strategy with Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and Information, Communications and Technology departments.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The extent of the service and coverage within the City
- The ability to add additional locations without changing the budget
- The benefits of providing internet connectivity to the community
- The desire for larger and more visible signage around Town Centre Park
- The desire for Town Centre Park area coverage to be prioritized in the strategy
- The understanding that active and high traffic areas will be included in the next phase of the project

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (4:03 p.m.).

- The desire for coverage to accommodate high traffic zones
- The desire for digital parking signage at the Coquitlam Crunch

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The Committee received the report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services and General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services dated July 6, 2020 and entitled "Public Wi-Fi Strategy and Town Centre Digital Parking & Wayfinding Signage Update" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 27, 2020

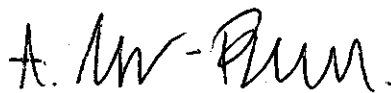
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, July 13, 2020 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Ashland Selby-Brown
Information Clerk