

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 11, 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
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
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
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club

GUESTS: Sandon Fraser, President, Coquitlam Little League

REGRETS: Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ted Urich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Julia Power, Legislative Services Clerk
Amalee Truong, 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, June 12, 2024

The Committee amended June 12, 2024 meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee to separate and include “The Dogwood Seniors Society Pickleball Group has had to restrict registration due to increased interest” and “PoCoMo Pickleball Club has partnered with the city to offer a paddle rack system” for Item 5, Point 4 and Point 5.

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 were approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups – Coquitlam Little League

Sandon Fraser, President, Coquitlam Little League, provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Little League: Developing Youth in the Tri Cities Since 1955” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam Little League, including background, volunteerism, guiding principles, partnership, organization structure, achievements, and future plans

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to see upgrades to existing field space to increase capacity and usage opportunities
- Desire to learn about player demographics and player fees
- Desire to collaborate with other organizations to increase opportunities, including indoor practice spaces
- Desire to know more about the renewal of Riverview Park Elementary School Park for Coquitlam Little League
- Desire for increased lighting at Mackin Park during the next park renewal

3. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Update

Committee Clerk provided the date, time and location of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition event

There was no discussion to this item.

4. 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:

- Desire to learn about the construction progress and tentative opening date of Mundy Park pool
- Desire to understand the Major Facilities Roadmap and impacts of housing legislation on funding for park and facility development

- Desire to be public consultation opportunities to provide input regarding the agreement between GSL Group and the City, relative to Planet Ice

Councillor Marsden recused himself at this time due to a conflict of interest with the Planet Ice operator, GSL Group — 7:41 p.m.

- Interest in using the needs of arena users to guide the operations of Planet Ice and the allocation of ice times

Councillor Marsden returned to the meeting at this time — 7:43 p.m.

- Desire to receive information about development fees and to provide feedback regarding the allocation of amenity cost charges
- Desire to understand the reason Planet Ice experienced a closure on September 10, 2024
- Expressed congratulations to Coquitlam Adanacs Lacrosse Team for their 2024 Minto Cup victory and welcomed the new President of the Coquitlam Sports Centre User Association (CSCUA), Tali Campbell
- Desire to understand the timeline of the proposed Northeast Community Centre site, including felling of trees on site
- Update on Coquitlam events, including, Coquitlam Tennis Open Tournament, Tennis Memorial Tournament, and the Terry Fox Run in Mundy Park on September 15, 2024
- The Dogwood Seniors Society Pickleball Group have capped memberships, waitlist continues to grow
- PoCoMo Pickleball Club memberships grow, increased usage of courts due to increased players
- Desire to learn about recreation user fees and to provide feedback on the 2025 budget
- Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame will participate in the Coquitlam Metro-Ford Soccer Club 40th anniversary celebration on September 28, 2024, all members of the public welcome to attend
- Concerns about field usage, including casual users occupying booked field space and refusing to leave
- Plans to fundraise to upgrade Mundy Park Disc Golf
- Question regarding the operation and ownership of the Shark Shack located at Mundy Park Pool

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk