

**SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)  
Councillor Chris Wilson, Vice Chair  
Carla Byers, Coquitlam Tennis Club  
King Chan  
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association  
Paul Lambert  
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sport Centre Users Association  
Cydney Smythies  
Anna Teglas  
Leila Todd  
Carl Trepanier

REGRETS: Tam Chernenkoff Miller

ABSENT: Larry Ryan

STAFF: Lanny Englund, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities  
Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning  
Gorana Cabral, Manager Financial Planning  
Darryl Lal, Manager Policy and Business Services  
Erin Desautels, Environmental Sustainability Manager  
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager  
Claudette Haire, Business Services Manager  
Jamie Mahal, Revenue Planning Specialist  
Raj Singh, Parks Planner 2  
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Medi Tavassoli, Tricity Futsal Academy

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Councillor Wilson assumed the Chair.

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning noted that since the publishing of the agenda, staff had confirmed a community group presentation by Medi Tavassoli of the Tricity Futsal Academy, and this item was added to the agenda.

**1. Introduction of General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities, Lanny Englund and Darryl Lal, Manager Policy and Business Services**

The following staff members were introduced:

- Lanny Englund, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
- Darryl Lal, Manager Policy and Business Services

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 were approved.

Councillor Hodge arrived at this time (7:03 p.m.) and assumed the Chair.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Funding Mechanisms for Parks and Facilities – Presentation**

The Revenue Planning Specialist provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Funding Mechanisms for Parks and Facilities” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Financial Plan Overview
- Budget Framework
- Budget Process Schedule
- Capital Plan
- Capital Plan Objectives
- Capital Funding Framework
- Key Capital Reserves for Parks & Recreation
- Other Key Capital Reserves
- DCC Program – Parkland Acquisition & Development
- Operating Plan
- Operating Budget
- Operating Tied to Capital
- 10-Year Operating Budget Forecast
- Thank You

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The various funding sources for parks and facilities
- Sources of funding from development, such as Development Cost Charges (DCCs) and Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) for capital projects across the City
- The desire to provide funding for facilities and amenities in older, established areas of the City as well as the newer neighbourhoods

- The demand for ice rinks, the timing of the Arena Services Strategy, and future budgeting for an arena to potentially replace Planet Ice
- The understanding that it is important to proceed with all the projects in a phased manner to avoid the financial, programming and construction impacts from undertaking them at once
- The shortage of dry floor space that is suitable for lacrosse
- The demand for pickleball and curling facilities
- The understanding that staff will be reviewing options and potentially negotiating with Planet Ice in the future

#### **4. Introduction to Community Recreation Groups – Tricity Futsal Academy**

Mr. Medi Tavassoli provided a presentation relative to the sport of futsal and the activities of the Tricity Futsal Academy. He presented a series of images illustrating the Tricity Futsal Academy's events and activities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The difference between futsal and soccer
- The City-wide demand for gym space and the relative unreliability of booking space in school gymnasiums
- The understanding that the sport of futsal is accessible to a diverse group of people
- The belief that the sport of futsal is growing

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr. Tavassoli for his presentation and for his contributions to the community.

#### **5. Blue Mountain Park Master Plan**

The Parks Planner provided an on-screen presentation entitled "Blue Mountain Park Master Plan" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Location
- Master Plan Process
- Project Timeline
- Three Zones
- The Field
- The Core
- The Grove
- Existing Park Amenities
- Existing Park Conditions – Facilities
- Existing Park Conditions – Sport and Recreation
- Sports and Recreation
- Questions and Feedback
- Committee Engagement Opportunities

- Thank You!

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The popularity of the wading pool at Blue Mountain Park, particularly among families with young children
- The understanding that the wading pool, Scout Hall, and washroom/concession building are aging and will need replacing
- The public consultation process
- Timelines related to the projects in the City's Aquatic Strategy
- The understanding that the Scout Hall has provided for many years of community use and the desire to replace it with a multi-use facility for community use
- The importance of retaining the trees at Blue Mountain Park
- The belief that spray parks are accessible to a wide range of users
- Support for an expanded picnic area and family area
- The demand for outdoor pools and the expectation that this demand will continue to grow as the City's population grows
- Concern related to the closure of a number of outdoor pools across the City
- The desire that the wading pool be replaced with a new wading pool
- The benefits of spray decks versus wading pools
- The increasing density of the Austin Heights neighbourhood and the belief that Blue Mountain Park is perfectly located for families who live in the nearby condos
- Support for moving the cenotaph to a more prominent location and the desire that the Legion be consulted
- Support for amenities such as pickleball and a pop-up beach
- The desire for a bike track suitable for skill building
- The growing demand for outdoor recreation amenities since the COVID-19 pandemic

## **6. Environmental Sustainability Plan**

The Environmental Sustainability Manager provided an on-screen presentation entitled "DRAFT Environmental Sustainability Plan" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Outline
- Purpose
- Background
- Progress to Date
- What we heard from the community
- What we heard from you
- Themes
- ESP Structure
- Climate Action

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The current and future demand for improved transit service on Burke Mountain, particularly when the Province develops Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- Appreciation for the safety and lighting improvements and designated multi-use pathway on the King Albert Greenway and the desire for more projects of a similar nature
- Concern regarding the loss of the City's tree canopy and the importance of retaining mature trees
- The challenges of meeting the City's greenhouse gas reduction targets while managing a rapidly growing population

Committee members were invited to provide further feedback via the online survey at <https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/envioplan> and to share the survey with their groups.

## **7. Park and Facility Updates**

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a verbal update relative to the status of the following:

- The City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Town Centre Park improvements
- Cottonwood Park expansion project
- Coquitlam Crunch expansion project
- Mundy Park / Chilco washrooms
- Pop-up parks
- Place Maillardville Community Centre Renewal
- Buchanan Square redevelopment
- Centennial Secondary School artificial turf field
- Spani Outdoor Pool renewal project
- City Centre Aquatic Complex expansion project
- Coquitlam Family YMCA

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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CHAIR

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Julie Hunter  
Committee Clerk