



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, 2015 May 20

An 'Open' meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission was held in the Hemlock Room, Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2015 May 20 at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor N. Volkow, Chair
Councillor A. Kang, Vice Chair
Commissioner K. Alzner
Commissioner M. Foley
Commissioner J. Jang
Commissioner L. Loftus
Commissioner L. Matricardi
Commissioner K. Purdy
School Trustee K. Chen (*arrived at 7:30 p.m.*)

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Peppard

STAFF: Mr. D. Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Mr. D. Hunter, Assistant Director - Parks
Mr. D. Nokony, Assistant Director – Cultural Services
Mr. Collis, Assistant Director – Recreation
Mr. D. O'Connor, Assistant Director – Golf Services
Ms. H. Edwards, Manager – Parks Planning Design and Dev.
Mr. D. Pelletier, Manager – Business Operations
Mr. J. Schumann, Planner 3 - Current Planning
Ms. D. Luketic, Acting Client Support Assistant – Parks
Mr. S. Genio, Client Support Assistant – Parks
Ms. E. Prior, Administrative Officer

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY

THAT the 'Open' Commission meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Commission meeting reconvened in the Hemlock Room, Cameron Recreation Centre at 7:05 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **'Open' Meeting of 2015 April 15**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' Commission Meeting held on 2015 April 15 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG

THAT correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Administrative Officer**
Re: Central Park Memorial to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen

A memorandum was received from Administrative Officer, Financial Management Committee regarding a Central Park Memorial to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen.

The proposed site of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial for Peace and Education will be in Central Park on the west side of Patterson Avenue, just south of the BC Parkway and West Station House of the Patterson SkyTrain Station. The installation project completion is anticipated at the end of summer 2015.

b) **United Way Committee Chair**
Re: 2015 City of Burnaby Employees Workplace
United Way Campaign

Correspondence was received from Angela Boal, United Way Committee Chair regarding the 2015 United Way Campaign seeking contributions from Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to support the campaign.

A report referring to this request appears elsewhere in this agenda. (see Item 1 of the Directors Report)

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Chair - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission**
Re: 2015 Liaison Member to Senior Citizens' Centres

A report was received from Chair - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission appointing Commissioner Wayne Peppard as the 2015 liaison member to the Senior Citizens' Centres. Commissioner Karen Purdy will act as alternate.

The Chair - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommended:

1. THAT the liaison members to the Senior Citizens' Centres for 2015 be approved as submitted.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY

THAT the recommendation of the Chair – Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **Director's Report No. 5**
2015 May 20

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted his Report No. 5 dated 2015 May 15, covering items listed 1 to 4.

Item 1 2015 Annual United Way Campaign – Request for Support

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report addressing a request for Commission support of the 2015 Annual United Way Campaign.

A request was received from the 2015 United Way Steering Committee for a contribution of passes and restaurant gift certificates to support the campaign.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT Commission support be given to the City of Burnaby 2015 United Way Workplace Campaign and that a donation of recreation passes, cultural services admissions, rounds of golf and a lunch or dinner for two at Burnaby Mountain valued at \$50.00 be contributed.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Angela Boal – Chair of the City of Burnaby United Way Campaign Committee.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY

THAT the recommendations of the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2 2015/2016 Community School Grant

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting approval be given for the expenditure of \$460,656 as the City's share of the funds to operate Burnaby's community schools. The funds are included in the City's Annual Budget.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT Commission approval be given for the expenditure of \$460,656 as the City of Burnaby's share of the operating funds for the 2015/2016 Community School Program.
2. THAT Council authorize the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District #41 for the support and operation of eight Community Schools (Edmonds, Gilmore, Lochdale, Maywood, Second Street, Stride Avenue, Byrne Creek and Stoney Creek).
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Burnaby Board of Education for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY

THAT the recommendations of the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3 Demolition of City Owned Structures at 5361 Rumble Street and 1576 Gilmore Avenue

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting the removal and/or demolition of the city-owned structures at 5361 Rumble Street (at McPherson Park), and 1576 Gilmore Avenue (at Willingdon Heights Park).

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to authorize the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the structures, including all outbuildings and fences at 5361 Rumble Street and 1576 Gilmore Avenue.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT the recommendation of the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4 2015 May – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Capital Funding Bylaw

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting approval be given for the expenditure of \$214,580 to allow for funding of three projects from the 2015 Annual Financial Plan.

The projects will include a Burnaby Arts Council backyard enhancement project at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts; driving range lobby improvements and equipment for the Burnaby Mountain Golf Centre; and minor capital replacement work and upgrades at various park locations.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$205,000 from the 2015 Annual Financial Plan for the projects outlined in this report be approved.

2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$214,580 (inclusive of GST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

THAT the recommendations of the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

There were no of New Business brought before the Commission at this time.

6. INQUIRIES

Commissioner Karen Purdy

Commissioner Purdy brought forward concerns conveyed to her regarding the off-leash area for dogs at Warner Loat Park. Patrons to the park queried if the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department could address the wet nature of the soil in the off-leash area.

Staff undertook to investigate.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair announced the beginning of the public comment/question period. The audience was encouraged to speak to the Commission on matters of interest or concern.

Mr. Steve Menzies, Dynamos Swim Club Burnaby, appeared before the Commission requesting reconsideration of pool allotment time for the 2015/2016 season.

Mr. Menzies expressed concern regarding the sole consolidation of practice times to C.G. Brown pool for the upcoming season. Currently the Dynamos Swim Club is practicing at Bonsor, Edmonds and C.G. Brown pools. The speaker advised that eliminating times at Bonsor and Edmonds pools will disadvantage the members of the club due to the inadequacies of the facilities at C.G. Brown for competitive swimmers.

School Trustee Chen arrived at the Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. and took her seat at the table.

In conclusion, the speaker requested support from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to reconsider the decision to eliminate practice times at Bonsor and Edmonds and engage in discussion with the Dynamos Board of Directors to attain a solution that would benefit all parties involved.

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT the comments of Mr. Menzies be REFERRED to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Ronda Field, New Westminster resident and parent of a Dynamos Swim Club member appeared before the Commission to express concern regarding the loss of practice swim times at Edmonds and Bonsor pools. Ms. Field feels that relegating practice session to C.G. Brown pool will adversely affect many families from the swim club.

The Commission advised that the comments from the previous speaker had been referred to staff.

Mr. Jeremy Roberts, 7314 Barnet Road appeared before the Commission requesting the reinstatement of an outdoor rifle range in the Barnet Road area.

The Commission advised that noise complaints experienced while the ranges were active as well as urban development at SFU would make an outdoor range unviable.

Ms. Irene McCutcheon, 5762 Eglinton Street, appeared before the Commission requesting consideration and support for a new location/building for the Burnaby Art Gallery, preferably at Civic Square. Ms. McCutcheon advised that the local arts community will be selling promotional buttons – ‘NAG’ – New Art Gallery for Burnaby to promote the need for a new facility.

The Commission advised that the City is in the preliminary stages of discussion regarding a presentation facility in the Metrotown area.

Mr. George McLaughlin, Burnaby Velodrome Club President, presented a framed photograph of cyclists at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre to the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

The Commission and staff thanked Mr. McLaughlin for the commemorative photograph.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI

That the 'Open' Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:

CHAIR

SECRETARY