PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, 2017 October 18

An 'Open' meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission was held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Street, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2017 October 18 at 7:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Paul McDonell, Chair
Commissioner Karin Alzner
Commissioner Guyle Clark
Commissioner James Jang
Commissioner Barbara Larkin
Commissioner Lee Loftus
Commissioner Lance Matricardi, Deputy Chair
Commissioner Dan Staschuk
School Trustee Baljinder Narang

ABSENT: Councillor Dan Johnston

STAFF: Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Mr. Craig Collis, Assistant Director - Recreation
Mr. Don Hunter, Assistant Director - Parks
Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant Director - Golf Operations
Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director - Cultural Services
Mr. Dean Pelletier, Manager - Business Operations
Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager - Parks, Planning, Design & Dev.
Mr. Johannes Schumann, Senior Current Planner - Planning & Bldg.
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary
Ms. Shelley Tucker, Recording Secretary

The 'Open' Commission meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG

"THAT the Open Commission meeting do now convene."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Commission meeting convened in the Multi-Purpose Room.

2. MINUTES

a) Open Commission meeting of 2017 September 20

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

"THAT the minutes of the Open Commission meeting held on 2017 September 20 be now adopted."

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

"THAT School Trustee Baljinder Narang be recorded as an attendee of the Open Commission meeting held on 2017 September 20."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG

"THAT the minutes of the Open Commission meeting held on 2017 September 20 be now adopted."

3. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE

"THAT the following items of correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Administrative Officer
Re: Remembering Working People: "Plaques Around the Province" Project

The Administrative Officer advised that City Council received a report re: Remembering Working People: "Plaques around the Province" Project and sent a copy of the report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

b) Administrative Officer
Re: New Kapoor Singh Siddoo "Stop of Interest" Sign

The Administrative Officer advises that Council at the meeting of 2017 September 18 received a report re: the New Kapoor Singh Siddoo "Stop of Interest" Sign and forwarded a copy of the report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

c) Pacific Spirit Quilters' Guild
Re: Request for Reduction of Rental Fees

The Pacific Spirit Quilters' Guild requests a reduction of rental fees of 10-15% for use of the Burnaby Village Museum's Discovery Room. The Guild meets monthly to make "comfort quilts" for Burnaby Family Life and St. Michael's seniors, as well as preemie and baby quilts for Burnaby General and Royal Columbian Hospitals' neo-natal units.

NOTE: A report will be prepared for the next Commission meeting.

b) Burnaby Minor Hockey Association
Re: Fee Waiver Request for "Pat Quinn Classic"

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association requests the waiving of arena rental, extra staffing costs, and related costs, for the "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament to be held at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre and the Kensington Park Rink on 2017 December 27-30.

NOTE: Item 1 of the Director's Report refers to this matter.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Director's Report No. 9
2017 October 18

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted his Report No. 9, dated 2017 October 18, covering the following items listed i-ii.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

"**THAT** the Director's Report be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i) Burnaby Minor Hockey Association Fee Waiver Request Pat Quinn Tournament 2017

Mr. Larry Hayes, Executive Administrator of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association requested the waiving of arena rental, extra staffing costs, and related costs for the "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament to be held at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre and the Kensington Park Rink from 2017 December 27- 30.

It was recommended:

1. **THAT** the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) be granted a fee waiver of $11,767.44 (excluding tax) for the use of Bill Copeland Sports Centre and Kensington Arena from 2017 December 27-30 to host the Pat Quinn Classic Hockey Tournament.

2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Larry Hayes, Executive Administrator, Burnaby Minor Hockey Association.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

"**THAT** the two recommendations be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii) BC Heritage Emergency Response Network

Professor Anthony Shelton, Director, Museum of Anthropology invites the Burnaby Village Museum to formally sign an agreement to participate in a BC Heritage Emergency Response Network. This Statement of Cooperation would allow for a quick response between BC's largest arts and culture institutions in the event of a localized emergency.

It was recommended:

1. **THAT** approval be granted for the Burnaby Village Museum to join the BC Heritage Emergency Response Network.

2. **THAT** the Director of the Museum of Anthropology be so advised.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CLARK
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

"THAT the two recommendations be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Jang announced several upcoming events sponsored by the Burnaby Arts Council. There will be a performance by Bill Coon, Juno nominated guitarist/composer, on November 03 at the Deer Lake Gallery entitled "Cinq a Sept". On November 04 there is an opening reception for an exhibit called the "Worlds of Wonder", held at the Deer Lake Gallery. And finally, the 46th Deer Lake Craft Festival will be held at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts on November 24, 25, and 26. The Festival features hand-made crafts made by 60 BC artisans, and includes live music and entertainment.

6. INQUIRIES

Commissioner Loftus requested an update on the progress of the sports boxes.

Staff advised that the technical analysis precludes Central Valley as an appropriate site due to the high cost of excavation. A study done at the proposed Central Valley location concludes that contamination and instability of the ground has ruled it out as a location for the sports boxes. Next steps include examining other potential sites that might be more suitable.

The Chair advised that two new hockey arenas are being proposed for the South Burnaby area and that public open houses will be held to gather feedback, after which, the projects will obtain Council approval, and then contracts for the work will be sought. The estimated timeline for start of construction is late 2018 or early 2019. As the population of Burnaby grows there is more demand for these venues.

Commissioner Larkin requested an update on the completion date of the Willingdon Linear Park.

Staff advised that the anticipated completion date is late November/early December, 2017, when the park will be largely complete. A second contract process will begin in the spring for the submission and installation of public artwork. The addition of public artwork is an ongoing process, and the Willingdon Linear Park will be populated in phases with artworks by local artists.

Commissioner Alzner enquired if there is anything that can be done about the Deer Lake Park Walkway which can be very icy in winter.

Staff advised that walkways are cleared only after main roads are cleared, and crews cannot always get to the Walkway. Also, the Deer Lake Park Walkway is located in an isolated area that is constantly damp and therefore causes the Walkway to stay icy in winter conditions despite the best efforts of the crews.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

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.

Ms. Cathy Griffin, 21 – 8400 Forest Grove Drive, Burnaby, a cyclist that regularly rides the Central Valley Greenway has concerns about the long stretch where she must ride on the road which she feels puts her and other cyclists at risk. Ms. Griffin noted that there are new sewage pipes being installed along the Greenway, and wondered whether a separated cycle path could be added at the same time. In addition, she asked whether there are any plans for the old interurban trail to connect up with the Central Valley Greenway. Furthermore, are there plans to put a cycle path around Burnaby Lake. Finally, Ms. Griffin noted that weaving around pedestrians and other obstacles is not advisable, and asked if it is possible to paint a line down the urban path to separate cyclists from pedestrians.

Staff advised that the sewage refit along Winston Street is a partnership project with Metro Vancouver, and they would have to be consulted about any additional plans. However, there is not enough room along the Burnaby Lake trail to add a separated cycle path. Neither separated and/or separation of cycle paths, nor a connector between the interurban trail and the Central Valley Greenway are in the medium term (10 year) plans for the Cariboo Community. Sixty percent of the Burnaby Lake trails are leased to Metro Vancouver, and there are still some privately owned lands. The lease with Metro Vancouver expires in 2021 at which time, if the City repatriates the park into its holdings, then opportunities for additional recreation amenities would be entertained. Staff explained that there is a new cycle standard for town centres and a hierarchy of cycle facilities that will be implemented resulting in new concrete paths with rumble strip dividers.

The Chair advised that the Provincial Government is responsible for the closed bridge on Gilmore Street, and that the City is in talks with the new Provincial Government to have it replaced, which would provide space for a dedicated bike lane. The hope is that it will be replaced in the next couple of years.

Ms. Trudy Meyer, 5280 Oakmount Crescent, Burnaby, expressed concern about the Oakmount Crescent stairway up to Oakland. She reported that the brickwork has come undone, and it needs to be updated.

Staff advised that a crew would be sent to assess the stairway, and thanked Ms. Meyer for the information.

Ms. Debbie Reid, 420 North Boundary Road, Burnaby, a cyclist, expressed concern that the roots that are coming up through the shared asphalt pathways along the golf course perimeter, and along Sanderson, are a hazard. The roots have been marked

with pink, but no further repairs have been undertaken. She asked when the repairs will be made.

Staff advised that the Traffic Committee would be alerted.

Ms. Debbie Reid, also requested clarification of Parks and Recreation's process when hiring instructors to teach nutrition or mental health courses at the City, specifically the criteria used to hire instructors, and whether educational requirements are followed.

Staff advised that a rigorous system is in place, and that programmers have a set of criteria when hiring instructors that includes a thorough panel assessment of credentials, as well as reference checks and comparative analysis of other municipalities. Staff will report further and thanked Ms. Meyer for bringing it to their attention.

Ms. Christine Joe, 4804 Westlawn Drive, Burnaby, thanked the Commission for the wonderful job on the new Willingdon Linear Walkway to date. Ms. Joe was concerned about the two large rocks that seem out of place and she feels that they unbalance the look of the Walkway. She would also like to see more trees and flowers along the Walkway.

Staff advised that the Willingdon Linear Walkway is not yet complete. There will be over 200 trees planted along the corridor. The two large boulders will be incorporated into the landscape design in a creative and pleasing manner.

Ms. Joe further expressed concern about tree trimming in her neighbourhood. Some older cherry blossom tree branches are hanging low requiring walkers to duck under them. She has reported the issue to the Treeline, but asked if there is a regular maintenance schedule.

Staff advised that it is challenging to manage the 60,000 street trees in the City of Burnaby with only two crews. Council has recently provided increased funding for next year for tree maintenance.

The Chair advised that the Parks and Recreation's budget is the largest operational budget in the City, and great effort is made to strike a balance between budgets and higher taxes.

Ms. Joe also enquired as to the annual pass. She feels it is getting more expensive, and no longer provides the 10% discount that used to be available if the pass was renewed in September. The 10% discount was eliminated several years ago. She notes that there are toonie swim days, but the cost is still prohibitive to certain groups of people who wish to swim. She requested the reintroduction of the 10% discount on the annual passes.

Staff advised that the Be Active Pass program provides a considerable discount to patrons, and that the annual pass remains the best deal. Staff will arrange a time for a personal conversation with Ms. Joe about this issue.

Commissioner Loftus advised that the Commission takes great care in setting the rates. The City of Burnaby endeavours to provide rates below all other municipalities, and there is a significant subsidy in place for Burnaby patrons. The Commission is dedicated to bringing value to Burnaby's recreational programs, and tries to remain as affordable as possible.

Ms. Joe asked if there are any plans to replace the Willingdon Community Centre, which is surrounded by new, large houses and no longer serves the growing community.

The Chair advised that there is a replacement plan being explored. There are two options; the first would be a new park; the second would be to tie into the Willingdon Linear Walkway and the Brentwood area. This is still under discussion.

Ms. Joe requested that signage be improved at the main entrance to Burnaby. Existing signage only says "Burnaby", but she would like to see the sign say "Welcome to Burnaby". She would also like to see some flowers at the boundaries to Burnaby.

The Chair advised that the suggestion will be taken under advisement and addressed where possible; that there are many entrances to Burnaby, and that several roads, such as Boundary Road and North Road, are shared with other municipalities.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair thanked the audience for their attendance.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

"**THAT** the Open Commission meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Commission meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Kathryn Matts	Councillor Paul McDonell
COMMISSION SECRETARY	CHAIR

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