

CITY OF BURNABY
THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES

2015 FEBRUARY 18

An 'Open' meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission was held in Lakeview Room at Bill Copeland Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., on Wednesday, 2015 February 18 at 18:30 hr., followed immediately by a 'Closed' meeting from which the public was excluded. At the conclusion of the 'Closed' meeting, the 'Open' meeting was reconvened at 19:06 hr. in the Upper Lobby.

PRESENT: Commissioner Volkow in the Chair
Commissioners Alzner
Foley
Jang
Kang
Loftus
Matricardi
Purdy
School Trustee Chen

ABSENT: Commissioner Peppard

STAFF PRESENT: D. Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
D. O'Connor, Assistant Director-Golf Operations
D. Nokony, Assistant Director-Cultural Services
H. Edwards, Manager-Parks Planning, Design and Development
D. Pelletier, Manager-Business Operations
J. Schumann, Community Planner - Planning and Building
E. Bientjes, Manager Recreation Services
N. Hoyles, Manager Recreation Services
W. Cornwall, Operations and Events Supervisor
L. Balser, Sound Technician
T. Cheng, Recording Secretary

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
"THAT the 'Open' Commission meeting do now reconvene."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Commission meeting reconvened in the Upper Lobby, Bill Copeland Sports Centre at 19:06 hr.

ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2015

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services called for nominations for the Office of Chair.

Commissioner Foley nominated Commissioner Volkow for the Office of Chair for 2015.

Commissioner Alzner seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Volkow was elected Chair for 2015 by acclamation.

Commissioner Volkow took over the Chair.

The Chair thanked the Commission for his nomination.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2015

The Chair called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Chair for 2015.

Commissioner Loftus nominated Commissioner Foley for the Office of Deputy Chair for 2015.

Commissioner Kang seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Foley was elected Deputy Chair for 2015 by acclamation.

The Deputy Chair thanked the Commission for his nomination.

The Chair welcomed the audience to the Bill Copeland Sports Centre and introduced the Commissioners, the Director and the School Trustee in attendance. Commissioner Peppard sent his regret. The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services introduced staff members in attendance.

The Chair provided an explanation of the sequence of the agenda, including an invitation for members of the audience to speak with the Commission on matters of interest during the question and answer period.

MINUTES

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
“THAT the Minutes of the ‘Open’ Meeting of 2015 January 21 be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG:
“THAT the following items of correspondence be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) The Westridge Elementary School PAC requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 2 of the Director’s Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (b) The Gilpin Elementary School PAC requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 2 of the Director’s Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

Item 2 of the Director’s report was brought forward for consideration at this time.

Item 2 – Playground Development Grant requests
from Gilpin Elementary School and École Westridge Elementary School

The Gilpin Elementary School PAC and École Westridge Elementary School PAC requested a grant from the 2015 Annual Operating Playground Development Budget to assist with the redevelopment of their playgrounds. Both schools meet the Playground Grant guidelines and have received approval from the Burnaby School District to install the playground components within 12 months of receiving the Playground Grant.

It was recommended:

1. THAT the playground development grant requests from Gilpin Elementary School and École Westridge Elementary School be approved.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to; Ann Johannes, Gilpin Elementary Pac Chair; Sean Gaster, Gilpin Elementary Principal; and the Pac Executive of École Westridge Elementary (Janice Ho, Co–Chair, Debra Phillipson, Co–Chair, Rhonda Manson Vice–Chair, Colin Sian, Secretary, Yuko Kiyama, Treasurer).
3. THAT Council be requested to authorize the City enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the contribution to the cost of the playground upgrades as detailed in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
“THAT the three recommendations be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

- (a) The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted his Report No. 2, dated 2015 February 18, covering the following items listed as 1 - 5.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG:
“THAT the Director’s Report be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 1 – 2015 Recognition Night

The purpose of Recognition Night is to recognize the important contribution that the volunteer community groups add to the provision of parks, recreational and cultural programs and services in the city. The opening of the Clubhouse at Riverway Golf Course provided an opportunity to explore a new City venue for this annual event in 2012 and the new location has proven to be very successful. The total budget for the 2014 Recognition Night is \$11,500.

It was recommended:

1. THAT approval be given to host Recognition Night on Friday, 2015 April 24 at the Clubhouse at Riverway Golf Course.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
“THAT the recommendation be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2 – Playground Development Grant requests from Gilpin Elementry School and Ecole Westridge Elementry School

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Item 3 – Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park - Fraser River Dyke Rehabilitation Compensation Sites

As part of the City’s ongoing program to upgrade flood protection works along the Fraser River, the Director Engineering requested the use of several areas within the Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park for the installation of aquatic, riparian and terrestrial habitat compensation works required by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Engineering staff have submitted conceptual plans for the proposed habitat compensation works prepared by Dillon Consulting which meet the DFO’s requirements and are acceptable to Parks Staff. Signs will be posted in the park notifying the public of any temporary disruptions. The City must complete the installation of the required compensation works by 2015 December 21.

It was recommended:

1. THAT approval be given for use of two sites within Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park for required Department of Fisheries and Oceans compensatory environmental in-stream and salmonid habitat enhancement works along Glen Lyon Creek and Fraser River foreshore riparian plantings, for the dyke rehabilitation and upgrade works undertaken by the City along reaches one and nine of the Fraser River North Arm dyke, as outlined in this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Environment Committee for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JANG, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER:
“THAT the two recommendations be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4 – Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park fitness circuit

Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park provides unbroken access to the North Arm of the Fraser River between the City of Vancouver boundary and the Big Bend. To enhance and expand the park user experience, a 12 station fitness circuit has been proposed to be added to the park between Byrne Road and Tillicum St. The Rotary Clubs of Burnaby have expressed an interest in sponsoring the development of the fitness circuit in Burnaby Foreshore Park to commemorate Canada’s Sesquicentennial, 150th birthday. An agreement between the City of Burnaby and the Rotary Clubs of Burnaby would be drafted and executed. The Rotary Clubs would create an internal donation program with the intent of raising \$150,000 to cover all costs for the project and open the facility on 2017 July 01. Provision for sponsor recognition would be made at individual exercise stations where a small bronze plaque with limited number of characters would be installed. In addition, the gateway entry features would be designed to support both the City of Burnaby logo and the Rotary International logo.

It was recommended:

1. THAT staff be directed to enter into an agreement with the Rotary Clubs of Burnaby to fund the development of a fitness circuit in Fraser Foreshore Park as outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council be requested to concur.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to appropriate representatives of the three Rotary Clubs of Burnaby.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KANG, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
“THAT the three recommendations be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 5 – 2015 February - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Capital Funding Bylaw

The 2015 Provisional Financial Plan for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services contains 13 projects to be funded from Capital Reserves. To enable work to go ahead on these projects, approval was requested to bring down a bylaw for funding.

It was recommended:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$990,000 from the 2015 Provisional Financial Plan for the projects outlined in this report be approved.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$1,036,260 (inclusive of GST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
“THAT the two recommendations be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Foley commended staff for organizing the Dine Out in Burnaby event which he enjoyed.

The Director commended Dean Pelletier, Manager Business Operations, Bob Farahani, Manager Food Services, Jason Mok, Executive Chef at the Eagle Creek Restaurant, at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course and the City’s Food Services staff. This year Eagle Creek Restaurant participated in the Dine Out event for the first time and we won an award for the best menu of under \$18 among a group of some 300 restaurants.

The Chair advised that the Mayor announced our award at the Council Meeting of February 16. It is a very impressive accomplishment of our Food Services staff. We took over the operation of the Eagle Creek Restaurant within the past 18 months. The City’s Food Services staff have turned the restaurant around and we won 1 of 7 awards in the Dine Out event. On the Council agenda was a letter from former Councillor Gary Begin who praised the food, service and facility at Riverway Clubhouse.

Staff advised that it is the first time the award was received outside the Vancouver downtown core. Eagle Creek Restaurant staff have done an outstanding job. When renovation is completed at the restaurant, it will cater to golfers, casual diners, weddings and events.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS:
“THAT four golf passes to the Burnaby Mountain and four golf passes to the Riverway Golf Courses and tickets to the Blues & Roots Festival be given to the South Burnaby Neighbourhood House for their Premier Annual Fundraising Event on 2015 February 28.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INQUIRIES

School Trustee Chen thanked the Commission and Council for the playground development grants to Gilpin and Westridge Elementary Schools. It is an example of the School District and the City working together. The Commission and the public were invited to attend the official opening of the Byrne Creek Secondary School as a community school on March 04 at 4 p.m.

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.

David Handleman, 3768 Triumph Street, Burnaby, inquired regarding the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission's plan to build a new art gallery. The Burnaby Art Gallery was opened in 1967. The building is lacking in many ways for an art gallery. They think Burnaby can do better in terms of a proper facility for more art exhibits and activities where the cultural community can gather and prosper. It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Burnaby Art Gallery in 2017 when it will be opportune to have a plan for a new Burnaby Art Gallery.

Bill Thomson, 4660 Westlawn Drive, Burnaby, complimented the Commission for the establishment of a new performing arts centre for the City and inquired regarding its exact location. The anniversary for the Burnaby Art Gallery is coming up and it is an opportunity to do a proper feasibility study. There are a number of artists who feel that the existing Burnaby Art Gallery is inadequate.

The Chair advised that there were repeated appeals for a new art gallery since 1996. There are various competing ideas in regard to a new art gallery. One idea argues that the City should build a new performing arts centre in the next 4 years. A number of people have argued against a new art gallery that is close to a new \$300 million Vancouver Art Gallery. The current Burnaby Art Gallery serves its purpose and presents fine shows. David was requested to clarify his vision.

David Handleman suggested that a feasibility study may find the benefits of a new art gallery. A more centrally located new art gallery with better parking facilities could be located in the Metrotown area to attract a large section of the public. It could host art and music events and to display more significant part of the collection. There will be economic benefits to Burnaby. The corporate sector may be involved in funding. It will attract top notch art and artists and promote Burnaby as a cultural destination.

Commissioner Foley inquired if the City has some free up space for the proposed performing arts centre.

Bill Thomson advised that the Burnaby Arts Council has identified the Civic Square area next to the Library as an appropriate site.

The Director advised that the Planning and Building Department and the development community are in discussion about the best location.

The Chair advised that the process has been started and this matter will be discussed in future meetings and workshops for setting the City priorities.

Tom Kellett, 5652 Patterson Avenue, Burnaby, President of Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club, thanked the Commission for supporting the Jack Crosby All Star Novice Tournament and re-surfacing outdoor sports boxes. He has written to the Commission about the loss of floor time for Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club. This year their floor time is increased by 2.25 hours. Their team enrolment has also increased from 26 to 28. They need more floor time for practice and games. The Cariboo sports box needs re-surfacing. Port Moody and Coquitlam each has a new outdoor covered sports box. Langley has one for several years. They hope there will be a new outdoor covered sports box by 2016 in Burnaby to promote youth sports before a new ice arena is built.

Commissioner Foley commented that a covered sports box is a viable facility for multi sports as supported by Tom's dialogue with various user groups.

Commissioner Matricardi commented that the sports box in Langley is well used but in the colder climate, the floor becomes very slippery. Staff should talk to lacrosse and ball hockey groups to choose the appropriate floor.

Peter Beynon, 6590 Oakhill Place, Burnaby, thanked the Director and staff for working with the Rotary Clubs of Burnaby to develop the fitness circuit proposal in Fraser Foreshore Park. A world class art gallery and performing arts centre will attract people.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
"THAT the 'Open' meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Meeting adjourned at 20:05 hr.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:

CHAIR

SECRETARY

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