



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, 2019 November 12

An Open meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2019 November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Paul McDonell
Commissioner Karin Alzner
Commissioner Stace Dayment
Commissioner James Jang
Commissioner Barbara Larkin
Commissioner Dan Staschuk

ABSENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Commissioner Guyle Clark
Commissioner Claire Preston
Mr. Bill Brassington, School Board Trustee

STAFF: Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Mr. Steve Bruneau, Assistant Director - Parks
Mr. Craig Collis, Assistant Director – Recreation
Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director - Cultural Services
Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant Director - Golf Operations
Mr. Dean Pelletier, Assistant Director - Business Operations
Ms. Karen Hung, Planner - Planning and Building
Mrs. Kathryn Matts – Commission Secretary
Ms. Theresa Pickford – Administration Clerk

The Chair Called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

The Chair recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2019 October 15**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2019 October 15 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Burnaby Art Council Speakers: Teena Martin, Maria Anna Parolin**

Ms. Teena Martin, Executive Director, Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) appeared before Commission and provided a synopsis of the 2019 year at the Deer Lake Art Gallery. Ms. Martin thanked Commission for their continued support and their understanding that arts have a larger impact than just experience. Ms. Martin spoke of the long history of working with the City of Burnaby. The City donated the space in which the Deer Lake Art Gallery and the BAC offices are located. The front and back yard of the gallery are extensively utilized for many community events. At the recent Blues & Roots Festival, the City provided the BAC with the opportunity to sell 50/50 tickets and helped raise \$3,500 for their events and programs.

Ms. Martin advised that the mandate of the BAC is to serve the community by creating a vibrant and diverse presence of the Arts in the City and actively advocate for the importance of the arts. Ms. Martin emphasized the importance of the arts in the City of Burnaby for both economic development and the well-being of the community.

Ms. Maria Anna Parolin, Co-Chair BAC Board of Directors, thanked the City of Burnaby for investing in the Gallery and advised that 2020 will highlight an expanded gallery, local artists and great live music. Ms. Parolin invited all the Commissioners to stop by the Gallery and see the current Artificial Intelligence exhibit on until December 14.

Ms. Parolin and Ms. Martin also extended future invitations to Commissioners for the following events:

- Luminescence Opening – Saturday, 2020 March 14 (7:00pm)
- 50th Retrospective Burnaby Festival of Learning – 2020 May 01 (7:00 pm)
- Gala Event – Saturday, 2020 May 09
- Youth Jam 2.0 feat. Mayor Hurley and Councillor Joe Keithley playing music with Burnaby High School students – Saturday, May 30 (6:30 pm)

b) Confederation Seniors' Association
Speaker: Peter Kauhausen, Beth McLaren

Mr. Peter Kauhausen, appeared before Commission in regards to the lunch program at Confederation Senior's Centre. This is the first time that the Association has come to Commission asking for financial assistance. The need to ask for support comes from the cost of the paid kitchen staff for the meal program. The arrangement made with the City is that the wages need to be paid back at the end of the fiscal year. Rising costs and wages make it increasingly difficult for the Association to continue this program.

Ms. Beth McLaren, advised that the hot lunch program is important to the centre providing a hot lunch at a low price to the seniors who drop in. For many seniors it is their one hot lunch of the day. There are close to 100 volunteers involved with the hot lunch program. Confederation is the only centre in Burnaby offering the lunch program, which provides a healthy nutritious full lunch with dessert and coffee. Seniors come every day making it their main meal, meeting with friends for lunch in a comfortable setting. Lunches are priced at \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Lunch offerings vary and some examples are pot roast, almond crusted sole and chicken cordon bleu. Volunteers mainly run the program with just the one staff member employed by the City of Burnaby. Confederation Seniors' Association needs the support of the Commission in order to make the program viable.

Staff undertook to provide information to Commission at the next Commission meeting on the ability to support the Confederation Seniors' Association hot lunch program.

c) Aquafit Programs
Speaker: Peter McGown, Richard Lee

Mr. Paul McGown and **Mr. Richard Lee**, both residents of Burnaby, appeared before Commission to discuss the current Aquafit programs offered at Burnaby pools. Mr. McGown spoke of the benefits of Aquafit as an exercise for people who want a low impact activity, have arthritis or are recovering from an injury. Mr. McGown noted that the number of instructors has declined over the years resulting in less classes being offered. Mr. McGown would like to see steps taken to address the staff shortage. Mr. McGown is concerned that the current staff allocation is not sufficient and wonders how the demand will be met when the new aquatic centres are added.

Mr. Richard Lee, advised that he has been a user of Burnaby pools for a long time and has been attending aquafit classes for approximately 30 years. Mr. Lee lives close to Bonsor pool but due to the lack of classes often has to drive to other Burnaby pools to participate in Aquafit.

Mr. Lee would like to see the City of Burnaby look at incentives for Aquafit instructors to encourage more interest in teaching the programs and thinks this should be addressed in union contract negotiations.

Arising from discussion the following motion was adopted.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAYMENT

THAT staff prepare a report for the next Commission meeting, outlining initiatives to retain instructors and provide a projected timeline of implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

a) **Director's Report No.10**
2019 November 12

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted his Report No. 10, dated 2019 November 12, covering the following items listed as i-iii:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

THAT the Director's Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i) **SUMMER CONCERTS 2020**

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report to secure preliminary approval for up to 12 outdoor events at Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn between 2020 May 01 and 2020 September 30, and up to 15 special events at Swangard Stadium between 2020 April 01 and 2020 November 01. The events include the City's annual Symphony in the Park, the Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival and up to ten ticketed concerts hosted by the City, outside organizers and/or community groups at the festival lawn. Swangard Stadium events will include the Burnaby Celebrates Canada Day and up to 14 other special events.

It was recommended:

THAT approval be granted for up to 12 outdoor events at Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn between 2020 May 01 and 2020 September 30, and up to 15 special events at Swangard Stadium between 2020 April 01 and 2020 November 01.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii) **2019 NOVEMBER CAPITAL FUNDING BYLAW**

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw, in the amount of \$3,205,000 to finance fourteen projects for 2020 as outlined in the report.

It was recommended:

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the City Solicitor to bring forward a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw in the amount of \$3,205,000 to finance the projects outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAYMENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii) **REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION PLAN FOR CAPITOL HILL
CONSERVATION AREA**

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report recommending staff undertake the remediation of Capitol Hill Conservation Area. The report discusses the history of Capitol Hill Conservation Area and the recent discovery of significant unauthorized BMX activity in Capitol Hill Conservation Area. The report provides a damage assessment and a remediation and restoration plan. It also discusses potential upgrades to Burnaby's Mountain Air Bike Skills Park to include BMX components as a way to channel this activity to places in Burnaby that are best suited to accommodate it.

It was recommended:

THAT staff undertake the remediation of Capitol Hill Conservation Area as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

7. **INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JANG
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

THAT the Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Commission meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Kathryn Matts
COMMISSION SECRETARY

Councillor Paul McDonell
CHAIR