



## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

- PRESENT:**
- Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
  - Commissioner Barbara Larkin, Deputy Chair
  - Councillor James Wang, Member *(participated electronically)*
  - Trustee Bill Brassington, Burnaby School Board *(participated electronically)*
  - Commissioner Karin Alzner
  - Commissioner Stace Dayment *(participated electronically)*
  - Commissioner James Jang *(participated electronically)*
  - Commissioner Dan Staschuk
  - Commissioner Rainy Kent *(participated electronically)*
- REGRETS:**
- Commissioner Claire Preston
- STAFF:**
- Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
  - Mr. Eric Bientjes, Acting Assistant Director Recreation
  - Mr. Steve Bruneau, Assistant Director Parks
  - Mr. Dean Pelletier, Assistant Director Business Operations
  - Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director Cultural Services
  - Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant Director Golf Services
  - Ms. Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, called the Open meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Councillor Wang, Trustee Brassington and Commissioners Dayment, Jang and Kent participated electronically.

For the benefit of the Commission members that were participating by electronic means, the Chair reviewed the staff members present at the meeting.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

THAT the Open Commission meeting convene at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

## **2. MINUTES**

### **2.1 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2020 July 21**

The Commission noted correction to Item 5.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2020 July 21 be adopted **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. DELEGATIONS**

### **3.1 Burnaby Mountain Bike Association**

George Fedosov, Director - Burnaby Mountain Bike Association (BMBA), appeared before Commission in regards to the trail use at Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. The BMBA was incorporated in 2005. The association's mission statement is to promote the establishment of a mountain bike trail network on Burnaby Mountain that is innovative, accessible, sustainable, safe and challenging to a wide range of skill levels. The association has had 50 workdays over a 14 year period, with no accidents, logging 5,200 volunteer hours that encompassed 174 trail repair/maintenance/build projects. At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting of 2020 December 03, the BMBA appeared before Commission to request additional volunteer days and were advised that "expansion is not recommended", they requested to have additional volunteers and were advised that it was a liability issue. Mr. Fedosov stated that BMBA has been awaiting the results of an environmental impact study but the information has not been shared with them. The BMBA would like to see more bylaw enforcement in the parks and the information displayed in the kiosks updated. On 2020 July 22, Mr. Fedosov advised, the City of Burnaby posted signage advising that some trails were to be closed in the coming months "due to developing environmental

restoration efforts". According to the map posted at the kiosks, some trails that were multi-use would now be pedestrian only. On 2020 July 24, City of Burnaby posted a Trail Signage Update on their website advising that the City has not closed any trails and that the signage was posted in error. Mr. Fedosov drew attention to the statement on the City of Burnaby's website that advised, "any changes to trail designations would not happen without discussions with user groups, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and Burnaby City Council". Mr. Fedosov provided links and information to various mountain bike associations, including the International Mountain Bike Association, which published an article entitled, Burnaby Trail Access: a Case Study in Disengaged Land Management, and encouraged Commission to visit the website and read the article. Mr. Fedosov advised that the BMBA believes that a Burnaby Mountain Champion is required to act as a liaison with the user groups and the City. Burnaby Mountain is the single largest designated use area in Burnaby and encompasses 47% of all park space in Burnaby. In BMBA's opinion, this justifies the need for a Champion that could represent Burnaby Mountain and its issues at Commission meetings.

### **3.2 Burnaby Judo Club**

Mr. Johannes Schenk, Club President of the Burnaby Judo Club appeared before Commission to request that the club be allocated space at Bonsor Recreation Complex. The Burnaby Judo Club has been operating since 1965 and has a membership of approximately 180 people from kindergarten age to octogenarian. The Club offers a gender-inclusive program and is operated by a non-profit volunteer society. The Club often serves as a positive first community connection for immigrants. Burnaby Judo Club has been providing Judo training for over 60 years and has been in Bonsor Recreation Complex since 1988. With the support of the City of Burnaby the Burnaby Judo Club has been able to offer:

- Five 4-hour evening and Sunday programs
- Community fitness, child and elite programs
- 2019 season third best U18 result in Canada
- Coach development program referee program
- Community member support program 5 - 4 hour evenings and Sunday program
- Provincial and National program recognition.

Burnaby Judo Club has approximately 15 Instructors who are all volunteers. Their instructors require NCCP Level 1, 2 and 3 certification and a background check. All instructors have a high level of technical knowledge, competency and experience. The Burnaby Judo Club is an International Judo Federation compliant member of Judo BC and Judo Canada. Burnaby Judo Club also has an

overarching concern and aim to provide support and encouragement for development of responsible and "good citizenship skills.

Mr. Schenk advised that with the Covid-19 pandemic the Club has essentially shutdown and are in need of a physical space to run their program. As they are a non-profit who rely on their volunteers it is not commercially viable to look for a private space and they need to be able to access community space not private clubs to ensure it is economically feasible. In the hopes of restarting their program they have submitted a Covid-19 Viasport safety management plan to Bonsor. The plan is for low numbers and no contact. The Club asks that their return to Bonsor space be expedited.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **4.1 Correspondence from Swaminathan Re: Cricket Grounds in Burnaby**

Correspondence was received from Swaminathan in regards to the need for Cricket grounds in Burnaby and requesting an opportunity to meet with staff and provide a proposal. A note on the correspondence advised that staff met with the proponent and have asked for a formal written proposal, including participation numbers and residency information. Staff will also review existing cricket allotments and facilities.

Commission inquired as to whether there were fields available for cricket play. Staff advised that there were and undertook to follow up to Commission with the information on field size and location.

##### **4.2 Correspondence from Theresa Ginn Re: Cameron Water Park**

Correspondence was received from Theresa Ginn, regarding the water park at Cameron Park. Ms.Ginn, submitted a petition with 8 signatures from residents who live along side Cameron Water Park and would like it removed or relocated. A note from staff advised that the water park operation will cease in September for the 2020 season. Relocation of the water play will be reviewed through the planning process for the new Cameron Recreation Centre. Public consultation will be an integral part of the design process and this feedback will be forwarded into the planning process for consideration. Staff advised that they had met with Ms.Ginn on the matter. The petition submitted had eight signatures and is filed at Parks Administration Office.

#### **4.3 Director's Report No. 6, 2020 September 08**

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report dated 2020 September 08 on the following matters:

#### **5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### **5.1 Grade 5 Be Active Program Suspension**

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting that the Grade 5 Be Active Program be suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT the City of Burnaby's Grade 5 Be Active Program be suspended during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Burnaby Board of Education for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought forward at this time

#### **7. INQUIRIES**

##### **Commissioner Alzner - Barnet Marine Park Parking Lot Changes.**

Commissioner Alzner inquired as to the recent changes at Barnet Marine Park parking lot and the concerns raised in the Burnaby Now in regards to wheelchair access.

Staff advised that they were working on solutions to the concerns that have been raised.

##### **Commissioner Kent - Drummond's Walk**

Commissioner Kent inquired as to the possibility of connecting Drummond's Walk "upland section" with the "foreshore" leg of the walk that goes along the shoreline of Barnet Marine Park.

Staff undertook to investigate the location and provide follow up information.

**Commissioner Larkin – Preferential Tee Time Reservations for Burnaby residents at City Golf Courses**

Commissioner Larkin inquired as to whether the opportunity for preferential booking for residents of Burnaby would be considered for the City of Burnaby's golf courses.

Staff advised that, because the present business model makes certain that the golf division remains cost neutral for the City's tax draw, the City must remain competitive in the lower mainland by staying on course with its current objective of encouraging continued growth of its customer base to ensure demand remains high for both prime and non-prime time tee time availability.

**Commissioner Dayment - Tree Removal by Burnaby Mountain Golf Course**

Commissioner Dayment inquired as to the work that is being done along Broadway and the trees that have been removed. Staff advised it was a Fortis project and undertook to provide information.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CHAIR

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COMMISSION SECRETARY