



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION M I N U T E S

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 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
Commissioner Gary Cheng
Commissioner Stace Dayment
Commissioner Rainy Kent
Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose

ABSENT: Trustee Christine Cunningham, School Board Representative
Commissioner Claire Preston
Commissioner Dan Staschuk

STAFF: Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Mr. Dean Pelletier, Assistant Director Business Operations
Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director Cultural Services
Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant Director Golf Services
Mr. Steve Bruneau, Assistant Director Parks
Mr. Eric Bientjes, Assistant Director Recreation
Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager Parks Planning Design and Development
Ms. Karin Hung, Senior Planner
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically: Commissioner Dayment

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff physically present.

The Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓ñəm 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 2021 February 09

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2021 February 09 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Correspondence from Ms. Mary Vickars Re: Off-Leash Dog Park Areas in Burnaby

Correspondence was received from Ms. Mary Vickars in regards to the off-leash dog areas available in Burnaby and Ms. Vickars concerns with the off-leash area at Fraser Foreshore Park. A note on the correspondence advised that the Fraser River Port Authority regulations prohibited dogs from swimming in the river at the time the dog park was established as the underwater hazards posed by log boom storage were recognized as a physical danger and impediment to both humans and dogs. The on land facilities will be reviewed in 2021 and the addition of shade and rest features will be considered. Staff contacted the writer to advise.

3.2 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer Re: Heritage Program Update

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that at the Open Council meeting held on 2021 February 22, Council received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report outlined the activities of the Heritage Program for 2020 and identified the work plan initiative for 2021.

3.3 Correspondence from Burnaby Horsemen's Association RE: Membership, Boarding and Facilities 2021

Correspondence was received from the Board of Directors of Burnaby Horsemen's Association providing an update on the club activities and extending an invitation to Commission to contact the Association if interested in a COVID safe tour of the facility.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Community Participation in Environmental Programs

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report providing information on community participation in environmental programs. The report advised that City of Burnaby staff and CUPE Local 23, in co-operation with local stream keeper groups, neighbourhood groups and community groups have supported annual stream and neighbourhood clean-ups as well as other restoration activities over the past number of years. These community events often coincide with an opportunity for environmental grant funding, an annual environmental campaign such as Earth Day, Environment Week, Rivers Day or corporate giving days. Given the pandemic, some annual events are cancelled or tentative for 2021 and the report advised that staff will work with the community groups to reinstate activities when it is appropriate.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKAMOOSE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

5.1 Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose

Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose provided the Commission with the following notice of motion:

THAT staff provide a report on the feasibility and advisability of installing a Spray Park at Richard Bolton Park.

Arising from discussion and without objection by any member, the notice was waived and the motion was before the Commission:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKAMOOSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG

THAT staff provide a report on the feasibility and advisability of installing a Spray Park at Richard Bolton Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought forward by Commission.

7. **INQUIRIES**

Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose - Online Registration System

Ms. Sasakamoose inquired as to the online registration system and challenges that residents have had with registering for programs and asked if there were ways to make the system more efficient.

Staff advised that the current registration software system is in the process of being replaced and the new system will provide a more fluid registration process.

Staff further advised that due to the pandemic all programs are registered programs including what was formerly drop-in visits, putting additional pressure on the system. Staff advised they will look at ways to mitigate this for future registration dates.

Commissioner Rainy Kent - Barnet Marine Park Off-Leash Dog Area

Ms. Kent inquired if there was an opportunity to review the off-leash dog area at Barnet Marine Park to lessen the conflict between the user groups and create a more welcoming environment for the different user groups.

Staff undertook to review the off-leash area at Barnet Marine Park

Commissioner Barbara Larkin - Buller Beresford

Ms. Larkin inquired as to the date of the development of park land referred to in the Royal Oak Community Plan and inclusion of the Buller Beresford park land in the Capital Plan.

Staff undertook to provide additional information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Commission meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CHAIR

COMMISSION SECRETARY