



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13, 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
Trustee Christine Cunningham, School Board Representative
(participated electronically)
Commissioner Gary Cheng *(participated electronically)*
Commissioner Stace Dayment *(participated electronically)*
Commissioner Rainy Kent
Commissioner Claire Preston *(participated electronically)*
Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose
Commissioner Dan Staschuk *(participated electronically)*

STAFF: Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Mr. Eric Bientjes, Assistant Director Recreation
Mr. Steve Bruneau, Assistant Director Parks
Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director Cultural Services
Mr. David O'Connor, Assistant Director Golf Services
Mr. Dean Pelletier, Assistant Director Business Operations
Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager Parks Planning Design and Development
Ms. Karin Hung, Senior Planner
Ms. Theresa Cheng, Recording 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, Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Dayment, Commissioner Preston, Commissioner Staschuk and Trustee Cunningham participated electronically.

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 hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm 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 March 09

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Capitol Hill Hall

Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the history of Capitol Hill Community Hall. The Capitol Hill Community Hall Association was formed in 1912 with the goal of constructing its own community hall.

Ms. Codd noted that the Capitol Hill Community Hall that we know today was eventually built at 316 Howard Avenue. The municipality provided the land and some of the construction materials, but the Community provided the labour, and furnishings. The hall was constructed as a non-partisan public space to serve a variety of community groups, including groups with different political views and religious affiliations.

Ms. Codd advised that the Hall has served an important role in civic life as a voting station and location for All Candidates' meetings, in addition to being used to conduct meetings and social events for the Capitol Hill Community Hall Association and other community groups.

The hall is listed on the City's heritage inventory. The City has been maintaining an inventory of heritage buildings and resources since 1990. The Capitol Hill Community Hall was added during an update of the inventory initiated in 2005 and published in 2007.

In 2020, staff responded to requests from the Community Hall Association to consider implementing upgrades to the hall to improve accessibility, including upgrading washroom and kitchen facilities.

Mr. Dean Pelletier, Asst. Director Business Operations, advised that the major challenge of the Capitol Hill Hall is the slope that it was built on. The slope makes accessibility hard for those in wheelchairs etc. In addition to this challenge the washrooms have not been upgraded since the hall was built which means that the washrooms need to be brought up to code.

In conclusion, Mr. Pelletier advised that a concept plan and costing was completed in 2020, and in 2021 work will begin to plan and implement upgrades to the interior and exterior to support greater accessibility including:

- Upgraded washrooms and kitchen
- Exterior improvements to make it easier to enter and exit the building.

3.2 Fees and Charges during Covid-19

Mr. Eric Bientjes, Assistant Director Recreation, provided a presentation on the fees and charges structure during Covid-19. All drop in activities have become preregistered and prepaid individual programs with Covid-19 related capacities. Punch cards and passes have been discontinued. Many programs such as dance and fitness classes are not permitted due to Public Health Orders, currently in effect. Small rooms cannot be utilized for programs. Contact tracing information is required for all customers.

In 2019, the average discount for all clients was 19% offered for punch cards and passes. In the proposed new fee structure which staff would like to be in effect as of 2021 June 01, staff propose a 20% discount across the board for the consideration of the Commission. The discount rate is comparable to the value offered by punch cards and passes and will provide some relief to all patrons. This fee structure is expected to remain in place as long as the current pandemic exists.

The following notice of motion was brought forward:

1. THAT staff refer the rate adjustment to Council for approval to be effective on 2021 June 01.

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

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKAMOOSE

THAT staff refer the rate adjustment to Council for approval, to be effective 2021 June 01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Memorandum from Administrative Officer - Re: Proposed Food Systems Strategy

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that at the Open Council meeting held on 2021 January 25, Council received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report sought Council authorization for a framework and approach for a Burnaby Food Systems Strategy.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5.1 Richard Bolton Park

A report was submitted from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services providing information on the advisability and feasibility of a spray park at Richard Bolton Park. The report advised that the ability to place water play features within the park is restricted due to existing underground water tanks, water main lines and pumps.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Sasakamoose advised that the water feature at Richard Bolton Park has a push button that is hard for toddler size children to operate as well as a wood chip ground cover that is hard on feet.

Staff undertook to evaluate the current water feature.

5.2 Fees and Charges During Covid-19

A report was submitted by the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services providing a review for Commission of the proposed fee structure during Covid-19.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKAMOOSE

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Commission at this time.

7. INQUIRIES

McGill Park

Commissioner Kent noted that on the south side of McGill Park that borders Carleton Avenue (between Carleton Avenue and Madison Avenue on McGill Street) there is a sandbox that is only 16 feet from the road. There is parking on the street parallel to the sandbox and if you are driving along McGill Street the sandbox is blocked from view.

Commissioner Kent inquired if there was an opportunity to put up fencing in front of the sandbox or eliminate parking in front of the sandbox to increase safety for users of the sandbox.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Free Flowers and Plants

Commissioner Wang advised that the City of Richmond has a program that gives free flowers/plants to home owners and inquired if staff allow any type of free pick up of surplus garden materials for citizens.

Staff advised that the Trees 4 Free program has just launched which allows residential and commercial property owners the opportunity to apply to receive a Tree 4 Free to be planted on the boulevard in front of their properties. Staff further advised that approximately 20 years ago the department had a program that recycled plant bulbs for use by residents.

Staff undertook to investigate the feasibility of reinstating a similar program.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Open Committee/Commission meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Councillor Dhaliwal
Chair

Theresa Cheng
Recording Secretary