



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

Tuesday, July 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 (participated electronically)
Commissioner Dan Staschuk (participated electronically)
Commissioner Stace Dayment (participated electronically)
Commissioner Rainy Kent
Commissioner Gary Cheng
Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose (participated electronically)
Trustee Christine Cunningham, School Board Representative
(participated electronically)

ABSENT: Commissioner Claire Preston

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.

Due to the pandemic the following members attended the meeting virtually: Councillor Wang, Trustee Cunningham, Commissioner Dayment, Commissioner Sasakamoose, and Commissioner Staschuk.

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

Councillor Dhaliwal, Chair, requested that the Delegation be heard prior to the Presentations.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

THAT the order of the agenda be altered to receive the Delegation prior to the Presentations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2021 June 8

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2021 June 8 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Cunningham arrived at 5:05 p.m.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Cameron Water Park

Ms. Theresa Ginn appeared before Commission to voice concerns with Cameron Water Park and its current location. Ms. Ginn stated she has been a resident of Burnaby for 40 years and has lived at her current home for 35 years. Ms. Ginn advised that her home backs onto Cameron Park where the water park is located. Ms. Ginn stated that the noise from the water park throughout the day is too loud for the residents close by. Ms Ginn further stated that the screaming, yelling and high pitched shrieks throughout the day make being in her backyard impossible.

Ms. Ginn referenced an article that appeared in the 2021 April 24 issue of the TriCity News regarding the banning of Pickleball on courts by Port Moody Council due to the noise complaints of residents. Ms. Ginn expressed her belief that the sounds at the water park are much more invasive than the sounds of pickle ball.

Ms. Ginn advised that she keeps her doors and windows closed, even during the heatwave, to dampen the sound. Ms. Ginn played a video to provide a sampling of the noise that occurs throughout the day.

In closing, Ms. Ginn stated that she feels her quality of life suffers from the noise of the water park. Ms. Ginn requested that the water park be moved to an alternate location.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Normal order of the agenda resumed.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Deer Lake Precinct Wayfinding**

Ms. Zerralyne Te, Planner 3, provided a presentation on the Deer Lake Precinct Wayfinding Plan. The Deer Lake Precinct Wayfinding project was reinitiated by the Civic Building Projects Division in 2019. In 2020, Council approved in principle the conceptual design of the program subject to further review and refinement. The plan is now ready to go forward to Council for approval of the plan as well as to seek a sign bylaw text amendment to enable the plans implementation.

Ms. Te advised the goals of the project are to:

- Develop an exterior signage plan for Deer Lake Precinct which facilitates each of wayfinding for visitors arriving on-foot, cycling, transit, and passenger or commercial vehicles.
- Create a cohesive and contemporary signage system that is easy to update.
- Design a sign family that is welcoming, clear, visible, and integrated.
- Facilitate future approvals of wayfinding signage within Deer Lake Precinct Feedback - principle and conceptual design - slides etc.

Ms. Te stated that Deer Lake Precinct is defined by boundaries of Sprott Street to the North, Willingdon Avenue to the West, Oakland Street to the South, and Sperling Avenue to the East. The area encompasses the Central Administration Area, RCMP buildings, City Hall, various cultural facilities and Deer Lake Park and Trail system.

Ms. Te stated that the key drivers for the design were that it communicate well, enhance the visual identity of the park and that the wayfinding was functional. For function the intent was to ensure that the wayfinding was predictable, followed the philosophy of progressive disclosure and was activating.

Corporate communication standards were utilized for colours and for font. Inspiration for the design was drawn from the natural elements of Deer Lake Park such as water, landscape and trees and the overall function for the signage within the parks.

In closing, Ms. Te provided several images of the signage, directional signage and directional pylons.

Commissioner Kent stated that having a time such as *five minute walk* noted in the directions could be misleading and perhaps only distance should be listed and not time.

Staff took this under advisement.

3.2 Recreation Update

Mr. Eric Bientjes, Assistant Director Recreation, provided an update on the Recreation Division. Mr. Bientjes stated that Recreation Services are generally everywhere in the City at 27 indoor facilities and over 150 outdoor amenities, with programs in 41 schools across the City. There are 10 wading pools, 4 outdoor pools, special events, and outdoor sports programs such as tennis and Mountain Air Bike Skills Park.

In a normal year, the Recreation Division organizes and oversees many special events such as; Giro di Burnaby, Chalk Art Festival, Canada Day at Edmonds, Car Trunk Swaps and Burnaby School District Graduating Ceremonies. In addition, staff organize the user groups that enjoy the use of the grass, gravel and artificial turf.

Recreation Services partners with the Burnaby School District in 8 Community Schools. The division works with a variety of Community Service Organizations from Kid Sports to South Burnaby Metro Club, and the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame.

In March 2020 recreation facilities were closed due to Covid-19 and the result of Provincial Health Orders. Centres re-opened when allowed with safety plans in place and following Provincial Health Orders. As part of the reopening plan Burnaby Residents First program was introduced, as well as registered programs and reduced fees to adapt to the new way of doing business and limitations of service and technology.

Mr. Bientjes advised that as part of the BC Restart Plan Phase 3 additional services are opening. Currently staff are transitioning from Covid-19 Safety Plans to Communicable Disease Plans. Phase 4 will resume in September with closer to normal programs in effect.

In conclusion, Mr. Bientjes advised that Recreation staff is involved in significant Capital Projects currently as Subject Matter Experts:

- PRISM Project – replacement project for current registration software
- Rosemary Brown Arena – Tentative Opening Summer of 2022
- Burnaby Lake Aquatics and Arena Project

In addition, there are several projects in schematic design phase that staff are involved with and 2020 saw the acquisition and opening of the Christine Sinclair Community Centre.

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the presentation.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Cameron Water Park

This item was dealt with earlier in the Agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Correspondence from Ms. Susan Luo - Re: Gazebos in Parks

Correspondence was received from Ms. Susan Luo regarding locations of gazebo outdoor shelter. A note on the correspondence advised that staff contacted Ms. Luo and advised that currently outdoor covers in the form of gazebos and shade/rain structures and picnic shelters continue to be added to various parks on an annual basis. At Confederation Park a covered multi-use sports box is currently being planned. Staff advised that this space will be available for outdoor exercise groups including Tai Chi.

5.2 Correspondence from Piao (Ellie) Han - Re: Maywood Park Washroom Installation Request

Correspondence was received from Piao (Ellie) Han regarding the need for a washroom at Maywood Park. A note on the correspondence advised that staff

contacted the writer and advised that, while smaller neighbourhood parks do not usually have washrooms, due to their close proximity to visitor's homes, and time spent at the park based on amenities offered, an accessible port-a-potty will be installed at Maywood Park. A petition (containing 100 signatures) for a washroom installation at Maywood Park is on file at the Parks Administration Office.

5.3 Correspondence from Mr. Tom Kellett, President, Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association - Re: Burnaby Lake Aquatic and Arena Facility

Correspondence was received from Mr. Tom Kellett, President Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club, in regards to the plans for the Burnaby Lake Aquatic and Arena Facility and the need for additional spectator seating. A note on the correspondence advised that staff have reviewed the concerns expressed in the letter and will provide a response as soon as possible.

Commission requested that they receive a copy of the response.

5.4 Correspondence from Ms. Elie Lubendo - Re: Graffiti Wrap and Sculpture at King's Crossing

Correspondence was received from Ms. Elie Lubendo in regards to a graffiti tag that was made close to the horse statue at King's Crossing.

Staff advised that they had contacted the Anti-Graffiti Coordinator in regards to Ms. Lubendo's concerns.

5.5 Memorandum from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services - Re: Rick Hansen Foundation

A memorandum was received from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services providing information on the City's relationship with the Rick Hansen Foundation. The memo advised that although the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department does not have a direct relationship with the Rick Hansen Foundation, staff are actively involved in the Access Advisory Committee. This corporate Committee is in contact with the Rick Hansen Foundation, semi-regularly. The memo advised that all new Civic Projects require Rick Hansen training/certification as criteria in the RFP process for consultants/architects of new civic facilities

5.6 Memorandum from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services - RE: Flower Bulb Giveaway

A memorandum was received from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services regarding any opportunities for a flower bulb giveaway. In lieu of a free floral giveaway program, staff have looked into an alternative sustainable giveaway for public consumption; Sprout pencils. The memorandum advised that the pencil

contains a capsule of edible herb seeds which, after the end of use of pencil, can be planted. The pencils can be branded and distributed at community events.

5.7 Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk - Re: Smoking Restrictions in Parks

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that at the Council meeting held on 2021 June 28, Council received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report recommended Council adopt a new bylaw that would restrict smoking in City parks, outdoor public spaces and business premises.

5.8 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer of Community Heritage Commission - Re: Preservation and Repair of Cenotaphs and Heritage Landscape Features

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer - Community Heritage Commission, advising that at the 2021 June 28 Open Council meeting, Council received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report provided an update on work underway to preserve and maintain cenotaphs and heritage landscape features that have been identified as civic heritage resources.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 2021/2022 Community School Grant

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting approval and authorization of an agreement with the Burnaby School District #41 for the support and operation of eight Community schools.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be given for the expenditure of \$528,229.00 as the City of Burnaby share of the operating funds for the 2021/2022 Community School Program.
2. THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Burnaby School District #41 for the support and operation of eight Community Schools (Byrne Creek, Edmonds, Gilmore, Lochdale, Maywood, Second Street, Stoney Creek and Stride Avenue)
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Burnaby Board of Education for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BARBARA LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAINY KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Christine Cunningham expressed appreciation of the agreement.

6.2 Willingdon Heights Park - Demolition of City-Owned Structures at 1204, 1276, 1294, 1304, 1340, 1394, 1404, 1422, 1494 and 1540 Gilmore Avenue

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting authorization for the sale for moving, salvage or demolition of the structures at 1204, 1276, 1304, 1340, 1394, 1404, 1422, 1494 and 1154 Gilmore Avenue within Willingdon Heights Park.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to authorize the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the structures, including all outbuildings at 1204 Gilmore Avenue.
2. THAT Council be requested to authorize the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the structures, including all outbuildings at 1276, 1294, 1304, 1340, 1394, 1404, 1422, 1494, and 1540 Gilmore Avenue as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BARBARA LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAINY KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

Appreciation of Burnaby Schools

Commissioner Dayment expressed appreciation for the steps taken by Burnaby School District to ensure the school year was as successful as possible, given the pandemic.

Future Wayfinding

Commissioner Dayment noted that new signage had been installed at some Coast Mountain Bus Company and it has been well received by residents and bus riders. Commissioner Dayment expressed hope that the wayfinding that is underway at Deer Lake Precinct will be used throughout the City to assist newcomers to find our facilities when using the transit system. Two areas that Commissioner Dayment mentioned were Central Park and Christine Sinclair Community Centre and the need for visitors to have signage directing them to our facilities.

Bastion Coffee Shop

The Chair advised that the Bastion Coffee Shop opened in the Christine Sinclair Community Centre.

Staff encouraged Commissioners to stop in to see the facility.

Burnaby Schools Update

Trustee Cunningham expressed appreciation for all the teachers and staff and their work throughout the pandemic. Trustee Cunningham advised that the School District is undergoing an audit of current school names for cultural sensitivity and appropriateness.

Trustee Cunningham advised that the School District would be facing some challenges with respect to greatly increasing populations around town centres. The School District will be looking at the overview of their long term facilities planning when the school year begins in September.

8. INQUIRIES

Seniors Centres Reopening

Commissioner Larkin inquired if a decision has been made on the opening of the Seniors Centres and program start up.

Staff advised that communications with the seniors societies have been undertaken to invoke Stage 3 and then Stage 4 of the BC Restart Plan. Staff are transitioning to the new lessening regulations with respect to people's comfort levels. Staff are looking for a restart of programs at the Seniors Centres as of September.

Names of Parks

Commissioner Sasakamoose inquired if there has been any advancement on providing information on the history of names of parks and public spaces.

The Chair advised that Parks would only be one part of the initiative as it would also involve Planning and Engineering.

Horizons Restaurant Update

Commissioner Staschuk inquired as to the restaurant on Burnaby Mountain and if an update could be provided to Commission.

Staff advised that the demolition process is well underway at the location. The concession is under construction and anticipated to open in the fall. Staff undertook to provide additional information to Commission in September.

Central Park

Commissioner Staschuk inquired if there was any advancement on his request for speed limit signs on Pattison Street at Central Park from Kingsway Avenue to Willingdon Avenue

Staff undertook to follow up on the above.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

COUNCILLOR SAV DHALIWAL
CHAIR

KATHRYN MATTS
COMMISSION SECRETARY