



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

Tuesday, September 14, 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 Stace Dayment (*participated electronically*)
Commissioner Rainy Kent
Commissioner Claire Preston (*participated electronically*)
Commissioner Dan Staschuk (*participated electronically*)
Commissioner Gary Cheng
Trustee Christine Cunningham, School Board Representative (*participated electronically*)

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. Karin Hung, Senior Planner
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary
Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager Parks Planning Design and Development

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, Commissioner Dayment, Commissioner Preston, Commissioner Staschuk and Trustee Cunningham.

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

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

THAT the order of the agenda be altered to receive the delegation prior to the presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Open meeting held on 2021 July 13**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2021 July 13 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **DELEGATION**

4.1 **Yervana – Re: Partnership Proposal** **Speaker: Mr. Jim McGovern**

Mr. Jim McGovern, CEO and Founder, Yervana, appeared before the Commission to provide information on Yervana.

Mr. McGovern provided background on the company which started in 2018 to create a platform and marketplace that would connect people with outdoor adventure. Mr. McGovern stated that the philosophy from the beginning was collaborative technology, working with the community to provide opportunities for outdoor adventure. By 2019, the company received support from the tourism industry and with the generational shift in how people want to do business, innovative companies like Yervana have benefitted from the increase in technology required throughout the pandemic.

The speaker advised that Yervana's mission is "*to offer a wide range of outdoor adventures through easy to access technology. Inspiring people to interact and share their passion for the outdoors, while creating a global community founded on trust and knowledge.*"

Mr. McGovern stated that Yervana is proposing the City of Burnaby join in a two-year pilot program with Yervana. The company requires access to municipal parks

based on a user agreement. The agreement would not include any public facilities, such as soccer/hockey/baseball fields and pools.

Mr. McGovern concluded by advising that the partnership would enhance Burnaby as a great place to live and play.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESTON

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STASCHUK

THAT the request made by the delegation be **REFERRED** to staff for a report on the advisability and feasibility of a partnership with Yervana.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Normal order of the agenda resumed.

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **Cultural Services Division**

Speakers: Denis Nokony, Assistant Director Cultural Services
Deborah Tuytens, Cultural Heritage Manager

Mr. Denis Nokony, Assistant Director Recreation, and **Ms. Deborah Tuytens**, Cultural Heritage Manager, provided an update on the Cultural Services Division. The efforts conducted in the Cultural Services Division are conducted with a team approach in three areas; Arts Services, Cultural Heritage and Burnaby Art Gallery.

The speaker advised that the origin of Cultural Services in the community goes back to the 1960's when citizens got together to help create a museum, an art gallery and theatre and performing arts community represented through the Burnaby Arts Council and their 40 member organizations. Volunteer passion, commitment energy resources have helped build the constituency you see today, largely present at Deer Lake Park. Century Gardens was created in that period and the park has become a central location for major events, celebration and cultural experiences. Cultural Services provide what the citizens of Burnaby and 100,000 of visitors want and that is quality experiences to learn to share to grow and to discover the community they are passionate about.

Ms. Tuytens, provided the following overview of the three areas:

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

- fine and performing arts programs
- performing arts theatre exhibitions
- special events, festivals and concerts
- filming

Burnaby Village Museum

- indigenous and multi-cultural connections
- special events
- historical collection
- community history and research

Burnaby Art Gallery

- exhibitions
- collection
- school and public programs
- City Public Art Collection

The speaker provided a synopsis of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, noting the following:

- limited number of people were permitted to attend programs;
- in person events were cancelled; and,
- rental allotments and activities were cancelled.

The division team introduced a significant number of online programs and streaming services which were positively received by the public. The speaker advised that Filming was an area that continued during Covid. In 2021, there have been 129 film days, 5 productions and 150 locations used.

In conclusion, Ms. Tuytens advised of a new event scheduled for 2021 October 21 – 31 at Burnaby Village Museums entitled *Eerie Illusions*. This will be a multi-media immersive walk through experience unlike anything else in Metro Vancouver which will showcase Burnaby Village Museum's 10 acre venue as it has never been seen before.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Memorandum from Acting Deputy City Clerk - Re: Yunomi/You Know Me Project**

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at the 2021 July 26 Council meeting, received the above report and approved the Yunomi/You Know Me Project, as outlined in the report.

5.2 Memorandum from Acting Deputy City Clerk - Re: Cameron Community Centre and Library Project Approval of Schematic Design and Funding Request

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at the 2021 July 26 Council meeting, received the above report and approved the final schematic design and the use of Community Benefit Bonus Reserve to finance the second phase of work for the Cameron Community Centre and library project.

5.3 Correspondence from Burnaby Firefighters Association - Re: Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Golf Tournament

Correspondence was received from Mr. Scott Alleyn, Secretary, Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society, requesting approval for co-sponsoring the 2021 Charity Golf Tournament with the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society. A note on the correspondence advised that Item 6.1 of the Director's Report refers to this item.

5.4 Correspondence from Sarah Kim, United Way 2021 Committee - Re: United Way Donation Request

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sarah Kim, United Way 2021 Committee representative, requesting support for the 2021 City of Burnaby Employees Workplace United Way Campaign. A note on the correspondence advised that Item 6.5 of the Director's report refers to this item.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Burnaby Firefighters Tournament Fee Waiver Request

A report was received from the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting approval for co-sponsoring the 2021 Charity Golf Tournament with the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be given to the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society to co-sponsor the 2021 Charity Golf Tournament with the Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at the Riverway Golf Course on Wednesday, September 22nd.
2. THAT the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society be granted a fee waiver for all green fees.
3. THAT the proceeds for the 2021 Charity Golf Tournament be contributed to a Commission sponsored program to benefit this community.
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Scott Alleyn, Secretary Local 323 of the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 2022 Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting Schedule

A report was received from Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting approval for the 2022 Commission meeting schedule.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be given for the 2022 Commission meeting schedule including the dates and locations for the Community Commission meetings.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Spray Park Facility in Cameron Park

A report was received from the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services providing information on the spray park in Cameron Park.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT the report be received for information.
2. THAT a copy of the report be provided to Ms. Theresa Ginn.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 2021 Grade 5 Be Active

A report was received from the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting that the Grade 5 Be Active Program be reinstated starting fall 2021 and that the program be extended to include Grade 6 students who missed out due to last year's suspension of the program.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be given to resume the City of Burnaby's Grade 5 Be Active Program on an annual basis starting Fall 2021.
2. THAT Grade 6 be included in the Grade 5 Be Active program for the 2021 school year to accommodate Grade 5 students missed with last year's suspension of the program.
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Burnaby Board of Education for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 2021 United Way Campaign

A report was received from Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting support for the City of Burnaby 2021 United Way Workplace Campaign and incentive prizes for the campaign.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT Commission support the City of Burnaby 2021 United Way Workplace Campaign with a donation of recreation passes, cultural services admissions, rounds of golf and a lunch or dinner for two at Burnaby Mountain, valued at \$50.00.

2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Scott Houston - Chair of the City of Burnaby United Way Campaign committee.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CHENG

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Walk with Doc

Commissioner Kent advised of the Walk with Doc event taking place on Thursday, 2021 September 23 at 7:00 p.m., and encouraged all Commissioners to attend. The event has a team of Burnaby family doctors participating in a community walk at Confederation Park Track.

School District 41

Trustee Cunningham advised that there is a video on the School District #41 website, entitled *Welcome Back*, that reflects on the past school year's accomplishments, and encouraged the Commission to view the video.

Speed Bumps at Gilpin School Park

Commissioner Staschuk thanked staff and workers who installed the speedbumps in front of Gilpin Elementary School and Gilpin School Park.

8. **INQUIRIES**

Horizon's Restaurant

Commissioner Larkin inquired if there will be a dining room included in the design of the facility, similar to Riverway Restaurant.

Staff advised that the most versatile dining room that can be integrated within the banquet plan will be pursued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Committee/Commission meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

SAV DHALIWAL
CHAIR

KATHRYN MATTS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 2