



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

Tuesday, November 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 (participated electronically) Councillor James Wang, Member Commissioner Stace Dayment (participated electronically) Commissioner Rainy Kent Commissioner Claire Preston Commissioner Mikelle Sasakamoose (participated electronically) Commissioner Dan Staschuk (participated electronically)
ABSENT	Commissioner Gary Cheng Trustee Christine Cunningham, School Board Representative
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, Planner 3 Ms. Kathryn Matts, Commission Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Commission meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Due to the pandemic the following members attended the meeting virtually: Councillor Wang, Commissioner Dayment, Commissioner Larkin, Commissioner Sasakamoose, Commissioner Staschuk.

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

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LARKIN

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 October 12

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESTON

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2021 October 12 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Burnaby Disc Golf Club

Mr. Peter Dube, of the Burnaby Disc Golf Club appeared before Commission to discuss the need for a new disc golf course in the City of Burnaby, as the popularity of the sport increases. Mr. Dube advised that disc golf is essentially the same concept as golf, except you try to get a disc (frisbee) in a basket. It's free to play in all the parks in the Greater Vancouver area and there is no need to book tee times. The sport can be played all year round in the Lower Mainland.

Ms. Sarah Breau, advised that in the last few years, disc golf has seen a significant amount of new players coming to different courses to play. The increase has been felt everywhere, and particularly at Robert Burnaby Park, one of the most liked disc golf parks around Vancouver.

Mr. Dube advised that 80% of disc golfers play on a regular basis (at least once a week). Mr. Dube stated that a community benefits from disc golf as it:

- promotes health and well being
- serves more of the community
- stimulates the local economy

Ms. Breau provided information on Raptors Knoll Disc Golf Course, an 8 -hole park that opened in Langley in June 2019. The course is the result of a collaboration between the Township of Langley and the Jackman Wetlands Disc Golf Society and was built on an old landfill. The course plays host to many important tournaments and is ranked 17th best in the world.

Mr. Dube advised there is a need for a new course in Metro Vancouver and proposed that Central Park would be the perfect spot for a course. Mr. Dube feels that the Southwest part of the park already has natural fairways and lines for a course. The park has many washrooms, parking, playgrounds and paths for people. The park is accessible due to close proximity to the highway, main roads, and a SkyTrain Station. This is unique when compared to other urban courses.

In conclusion, Mr. Dube advised that the cost of putting in a new disc golf course is relatively low. A full 18-hole course, based on the budget of other parks studied was approximately \$20,000 and Mr. Dube believes that the City of Burnaby could have a world class course for under \$30,000.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER RAINY KENT
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLAIRE PRESTON

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **Golf Division Update**

Speaker: Mr. David O'Connor, Asst. Director of Golf Operations

Mr. David O'Connor, Asst. Director of Golf Operations provided an update on the Golf Operations division. Mr. O'Connor advised that the Golf division manages and facilitates a variety of business components for the City's four unique golf courses and two driving ranges. These are:

- maintenance operations for 400 acres of turf playing surfaces;
- enhancement of environmental areas and waterways;
- pro shop services - all sites (retail sales, golf club fitting); and,
- growing the game of golf and player retention programs.

The speaker further explained that Golf Operations falls under various Business Categories such as:

- Green Fee Player Development and Retention

- Driving Range Stall Occupancy Development
- Reservation Management and Event planning
- Lesson Programming
- Retail Sales & Custom Club Fittings
- Fleet Cart Management
- Marketing & Social Media
- Turf Management & Grounds Maintenance
- Asset Management and Capital Improvement Planning

To carry out the above Golf has a staff complement of 135 (21 RFT and 115 Auxiliary) covering off various expertise and skillsets.

Mr. O'Connor advised that the pandemic forced the golf courses closed from 2020 March 18 - April 30. This meant cancellation of reservations, league play, tournaments, events and festivals. In addition programs such as camps, clinics and school programs were cancelled. During this time staff worked diligently to develop and create the golf course operational safety plan for re-opening. In addition staff were able to continue with ongoing turf management and golf course cultural practices. Security of the golf course properties, assets and facilities was required during this time.

Due to the golf course operation safety plan prepared, the course was able to re-open on 2020 May 01. Challenges during this time were:

- enforcement of new safety procedures, protocols , and rules
- surge in demand for tee times, pitch & putt admissions, driving range stalls
- limited inventory of tee times available
- managing safe line ups for waiting customers
- implementing new tee time booking platform
- staff recruitments - interviewing and training
- extended operational hours within customer service areas
- extended operational hours within customer service areas 5am - 11pm 7 days/week
- staff shifting challenges to meet safety protocols

Mr. O'Connor advised that golf courses saw a renewed growth during the pandemic. A significant increase in demand for tee times took place at both Riverway and Burnaby Mountain Golf Course (+25%). Over 40,000 online customers utilized Golf Burnaby's database. There was an increased demand for Pitch & Putt golf course play as well as driving range use. Retail merchandise sales were up by fifteen percent. The speaker advised that the golf team came together through the pandemic period and offered safe opportunities for guests.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Connor provided information on upcoming Capital projects such as the four new equipment storage buildings being built, annual upgrades and replacement of Irrigation and Drainage systems, design and construction of new green location on holes #14 and #15 at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course; and Kensington Pitch and Putt upgrades.

Normal order of the agenda resumed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Samantha Gurney - Off-Leash Dog Park

Correspondence was received from Ms. Samantha Gurney inquiring if there are plans for an off-leash dog park near Lougheed Centre.

Staff undertook to follow up with the writer.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Outdoor Ice Skating and Tobogganing 2021

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report providing information on the outdoor skating and tobogganing policy that does not encourage ice skating on Deer Lake, Burnaby Lake, Central Park ponds, Burnaby Mountain Golf Course ponds or tobogganing on Burnaby Mountain.

The Director recommended:

1. THAT Commission receive this report for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Burnaby Christmas Bureau Promotional Support 2021

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report to obtain approval for a promotional initiative in support of the Burnaby Christmas Bureau at the Burnaby Village Museum Heritage Christmas 2021.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be granted for a promotional initiative in support of the Burnaby Christmas Bureau at the Burnaby Village Museum Heritage Christmas 2021 as outlined in this report.
2. THAT approval be granted to donate revenue from the Burnaby Village Museum Carousel ride sales from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 2021 December 04 to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau.
3. THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council approve the promotional initiative and the donation of revenue.
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Program Manager of the Burnaby Christmas Bureau

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESTON

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Burnaby Allotment Garden Association Lease Agreement Renewal

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report requesting approval for a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT approval be granted for a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby. The property addresses are 7528 Meadow Avenue, 5945 Fourteenth Avenue, and 6069 Fourteenth Avenue. The new Licence Agreement would be effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2027, under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council be requested to approve a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, as outlined in this report.

3. THAT Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare and finalize for execution a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, as outlined in this report.

4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESTON

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

8. **INQUIRIES**

Covered Sports Box

Commissioner Staschuk inquired if there would be an opportunity to provide more input on the Sports Box design.

Staff advised that as the project moved forward additional information would be provided.

Allotment Gardens

Commissioner Preston inquired if there were opportunities for additional allotment gardens.

Staff advised that the Planning Department are looking at identifying future allotment garden areas.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
CHAIR

KATHRYN MATTS
COMMISSION SECRETARY