

MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Review Framework for Developer Initiated Art on Private Property (Presentation by the Planner 3)**
7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
3. **Cultural Understanding Project Sub-Committee Update (Discussion Led by the Sub-Committee Lead)**
7:35 – 8:15 p.m. (40 minutes)
4. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:15 – 9:00 p.m. (45 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT



MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Brent Asmundson, Chair
Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Vice Chair
Simin Ahmadian, Citizen Representative
Shannon Alves, Citizen Representative
Silvia Luigia Camolese, Citizen Representative
Carolina Echeverri, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)
Honore Gbedze, Citizen Representative
Arun Ghag, Citizen Representative (left at 7:52 p.m.)
Ann Johannes, Citizen Representative
Bitia Rezaei, Citizen Representative
Lucie Wee, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

REGRETS: Nikki Kasravi, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Manisha Dutta, Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Zeralynne Te, Community Social Development Manager
Doron Fishman, Park Planning and Design Manager
John Musil, Parks Planner 2
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Glen Park – Phase 3

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided introductory comments.

Lucie Wee arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Parks Planner 2 provided a presentation entitled “Glen Park Phase 3” that covered the following topics:

- Background and overview of Glen Park (hereon “the Park”)
- Project timelines and public engagement opportunities
- Glen Park Master Plan (2011)
- The Park and City Centre demographic data and population growth projections
- History of the Park’s amenity expansion and upgrades
- Phase 3’s proposed amenity expansion and upgrades

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Rationale for the Park’s Phase 3 amenity expansion despite other nearby parks and facilities with comparable amenities
- Comparison between the Park and Blue Mountain Park’s features
- Staff’s desire for community feedback
- The City’s changing demographics in last decade

Carolina Echeverri arrived to the meeting at this time (7:16 p.m.).

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The desire for a walking promenade, connecting the Park to other nearby Coquitlam parks, increasing green space, Wi-Fi connectivity and charging pads for electronics, a cultural corner and social space, covered plaza/outdoor spaces, a spray park and childminding area, community gardens and a meditative/reflective space
- Coquitlam Public Library (CPL) story times in the Park during the summer, including the Family Story Time and the Fresh Air Story Time
- Different perspectives regarding the Park being a neighbourhood park rather than a larger community/social park
- How the Committee’s feedback will be utilized and turned into actionable items
- The possibility of staff collaborating with the CPL to host pop-up public engagement opportunities

3. 2023 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Update

The Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provided a presentation entitled “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Update” that covered the following topics:

- Background information on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
- The City’s 2023 EDI Work Plan items including key themes and goals
- Accessibility and diversity in Coquitlam
- Public engagement opportunities
- Bridging gaps, breaking down barriers and providing safe and welcoming civic spaces
- Collaboration and partnerships with community organizations
- The necessity of creating an Accessibility Plan and related provincial legislation
- The City’s Cultural Program and example of the “Walk in My Shoes” display at City Hall
- The City’s Recruitment and Retention EDI Action Plan 2023 – 2026
- The future of EDI in Coquitlam

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Where residents can acquire EDI promotional material
- The extent of EDI training programs and opportunities for staff
- Possibility of the City partnering with the Tri-Cities Local Immigration Project (TCLIP) and incorporating its Anti-Oppression Capacity Building Project as a component of internal EDI training
- Importance of the City reaching out to talented and qualified immigrants for employment opportunities
- Possibility of the City partnering with local immigration non-profits, such as TCLIP and Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC), to connect newcomers with local job opportunities and to provide internship opportunities
- Logistical challenges of attracting and retaining employees regardless of background

Arun Ghag left the meeting at this time (7:52 p.m.).

4. Cultural Understanding Project Sub-Committee Update

The Sub-Committee Lead advised that there were no updates at this time.

5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding upcoming events and emerging issues. The following information was shared:

- ISSofBC upcoming English classes for newcomers in the fall and eventual opening of a new settlement hub
- Upcoming CPL events, including Indigenous Film Festival from September 27 – 29, 2023 and Conversations About Race from October 11 – November 8, 2023
- Vancouver International Film Festival from September 28 – October 8, 2023

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 18, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Brent Asmundson, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

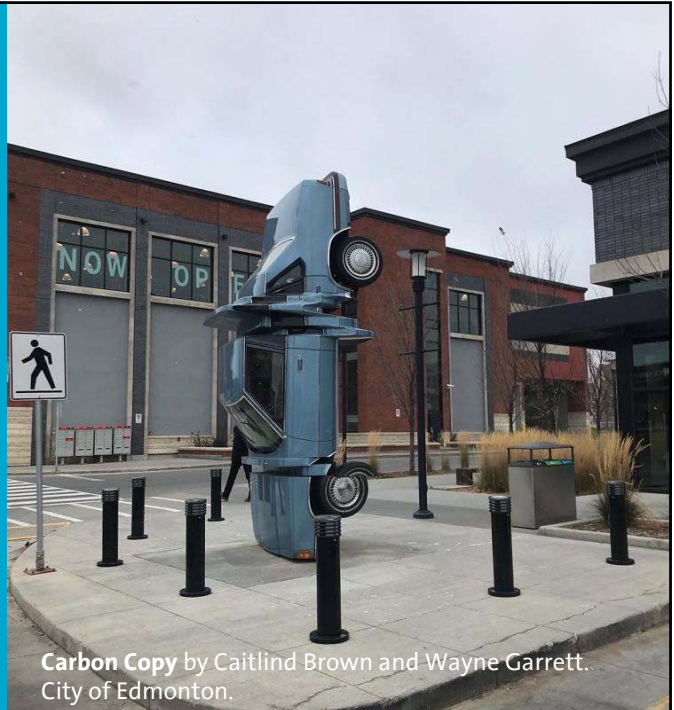
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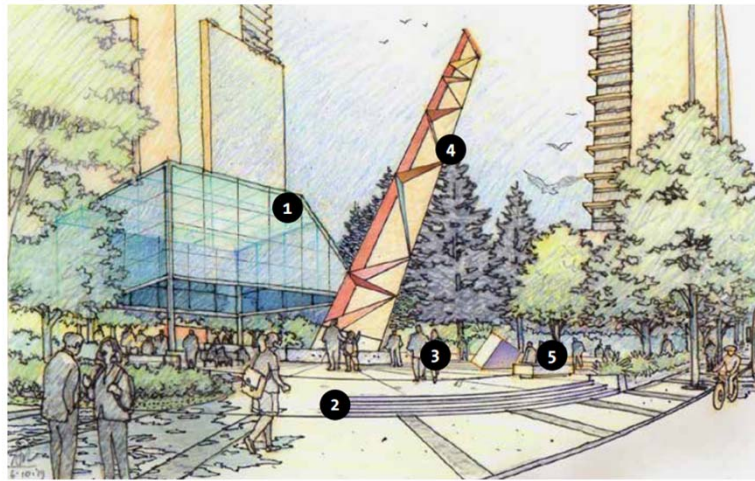
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City of Edmonton.



Rendering of a public space without and with public art. Toronto Metropolitan University, 2022.

Coquitlam

Background



Conceptual sketch of a Gateway as an entry point (Artist's concept - It will not be built exactly as shown)

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| 1 Unique architectural form | 4 Distinct Gateway feature as a defining entry point |
| 2 Clear visibility and openness | 5 Public art feature |
| 3 Large and welcoming open plaza | |

Project Scope

- Establish and implement procedures and criteria
- Policy cohesion and consistency
- Proposals on private property that are publicly accessible or public facing



Tsa tsa ke k'e (Iron Foot Place) by Alex Janvier.
City of Edmonton.

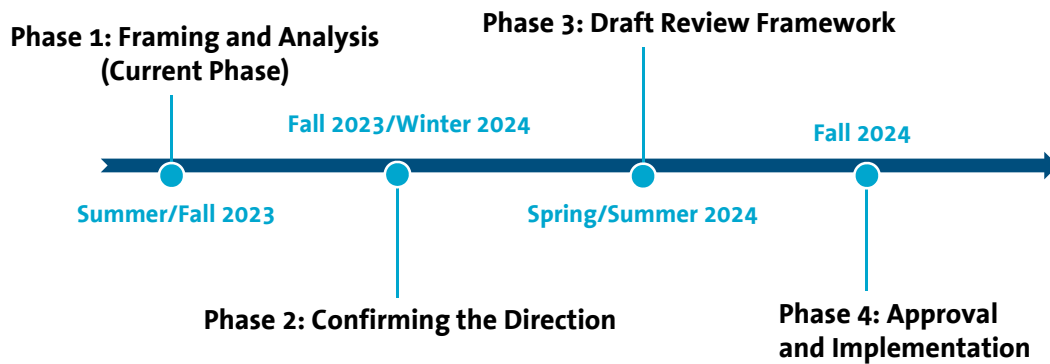
Key Considerations

- Not prescriptive
- Reflect current practice
- Appropriate timing and value expectations



Fountain and Get Drunk, Fall Down by Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg. City of Halifax.

Project Phases



Questions and Feedback

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Cultural Understanding Project

Action Items and Key Considerations

- Utilize Previous Research and Planning Materials
- Obtaining Updated Census Data
- Obtaining Event/Festivals Calendar
- Confirm Communications Requirements
- Developing Key Success Metrics / KPIs
- Finalizing Phase 2 Project Workplan
- Recruitment of Event Team (project staffing)
- Maintaining an Inclusive Approach

Phase 2

• Needs assessment

- ✓ Start with reaching out to existing community programs and asking for their input
- ✓ collate all the results and devise a plot of action

Questions

1. How can Coquitlam be more welcoming?
2. Would you like to learn about other cultures
3. Please rank the following activities you would like to see in the community. 1 should be the one you like the most and three the one you like the least.
 - a) food from other cultures
 - b) music from other cultures
 - c) stories from people of other cultures
 - d) fashioned from other cultures
 - e) festivities from other cultures

Funding

- The committee would like to propose a budget request of 5,000 CAD.
- This could be received through available community grants.

