

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair
Councillor Matt Djonlic, Vice Chair
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association
Bruce Kennedy, Coquitlam Tennis Club

REGRETS: Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association

GUESTS: Bradley Foster, President, Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association
Sean Droulis, 1st Vice President, Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association

STAFF: Saarah Arkoulis, Manager Facilities Capital Project Management
Kathleen Reinheimer, Manager Parks
Ted Uhrich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Michael Fox, Community Recreation Manager – Aquatics
Doron Fishman, Park Planning and Design Manager
John Musil, Parks Planner 2
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Recreation Groups – Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association

Bradley Foster, President, Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association (AFLA), provided introductory comments that covered the following topics:

- Overview and history of the AFLA
- Player registration trends locally and regionally and ongoing challenge of retaining participants
- Partnerships with other field sport groups and lacrosse organizations
- Challenge of securing field space in Coquitlam
- Potentially partnering with the City to secure field space and market lacrosse to broader community
- Try-it lacrosse event held during the summer of 2023

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Potential explanations for low participation rates (i.e. cost of living, sport preferences and lack of awareness)
- Women's lacrosse leagues and the challenge of retaining participants
- Sport Canada's Long-Term Player Development model
- The AFLA's new player development programs and whether the programs have assisted with player registration
- Coquitlam losing the 2023 World Lacrosse Championship Tournament to the United States due to lack of hotel accommodations
- The desire for the City to host more lacrosse camps for international scouts to see local talent
- Concerns that the 2024 Minto Cup awarded to Coquitlam may be hosted elsewhere due to lack of hotel accommodations
- Recognition of the need for more hotel space in Coquitlam
- Whether lacrosse is part of school physical education programs and examples at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School and Centennial Secondary School
- The possibility of raising awareness about lacrosse and sports in general through collaboration with other sports organizations, involving media, showcasing athletes at the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame and the City potentially developing a corporate communications strategy to support sports growth
- The possibility of the City implementing a hotel tax and where hotel tax revenue is directed to
- The importance of celebrating Coquitlam athletes and inviting them to speak at Council meetings

3. Glen Park – Phase 3

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided introductory comments relative to the Glen Park – Phase 3 project.

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The Parks Planner 2 provided the Committee with 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
- Phase 3’s proposed amenity expansion and upgrades

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for amenities and features in the Park to include pickleball courts, a wading pool, passive recreation space, public restroom facilities, water fountains and a spray park
- 1185 Westwood Street site and the City’s requirement for its development including mandated childcare spaces
- The importance of emphasizing and creating new greenspace
- Council criteria for determining which parks have public washrooms
- The potential for the Park to host events and festivals
- Factors that impact development of new sports facilities and parks
- The desire for more indoor and outdoor pool space in Coquitlam and whether the City plans to build more pools in the future
- Differing opinions regarding a possible wading pool, spray park and public washrooms at the Park
- The possibility of shifting sporting amenities to more ideal areas and parks in Coquitlam
- The rationale for decommissioning the Park’s softball field
- Criteria for determining which trees are removed in the Park
- The Park’s forest fire management considerations and sanctioned versus unsanctioned trails
- Concerns regarding unhoused population living in the Park’s south forest area
- Drought conditions in BC and their impact on outdoor water features such as spray parks
- Whether the City tracks data regarding the number of pools installed in new condo towers

4. Northeast Community Centre and Burke Village Park Update

The Manager Parks and Facility Planning introduced the new Manager Facilities Capital Project Management to the Committee.

The Manager Parks and Facility Planning provided the Committee with a presentation entitled “Northeast Community Centre Design Staging” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Northeast Community Centre (NECC), including design and construction timelines and integration with future Burke Village Park on Burke Mountain

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- The NECC's proposed amenities including swimming pools, multipurpose rooms, weight room, fitness studio, double gymnasium, community kitchen, library, outdoor activity space and social hubs
- The desire for Committee and community feedback in the NECC's design process

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the NECC's library will provide additional library space or it is being relocated from other Coquitlam Library sites
- The percentage of greenspace included in the NECC's design
- A potential expansion of ice sheets at the NECC
- Slope grade on potential arena site versus the NECC's current site
- The challenges of acquiring feedback for the NECC from youth and designating particular areas of the facility for youth
- The NECC's budget, funding sources, operating costs, cost escalations and impact on property tax increases
- The NECC's aquatic centre and play features in leisure pools
- The desire for features and amenities at the NECC to include disk golf, squash courts, meeting rooms, outdoor bike washing stations, connections to other nearby parks, natural light, a café, daycare spaces, multilevel parking spaces, electric vehicle (EV) and multimodal charging infrastructure, a rock climbing wall, retractable roofs and walls for air flow, a rooftop gathering space and a "green roof"
- The potential to incorporate the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame at the NECC
- The importance of designing facilities that consider the growing elderly population and have multigenerational programming
- Sustainable building considerations and alternative energy sources to natural gas for the NECC

5. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited the Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community. The following topics and concerns were shared:

- The increased number of rats in the proximity of Como Lake
- The potential for the Committee to have a youth representative as a standing member
- Road at Eagle Mountain Park requiring servicing
- Mundy Park Disk Golf Association's request for a lock box and expansion of disk golf at Mundy Park
- Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame request for nominations
- Laver Cup being held at Rogers Arena in Vancouver from September 22 to 24, 2023
- Pickleball club increases in membership
- Coquitlam Terry Fox run to be held on September 17, 2023
- Town Centre Park track set to reopen at end of October 2023

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NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Dennis Marsden, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk