

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Chris Wilson, Vice Chair
King Chan
Tam Chernenkoff Miller
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Paul Lambert
Jeanette MacLean, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sport Centre Users Association
Cydney Smythies
Anna Teglas
Leila Todd
Carl Trepanier

REGRETS: Larry Ryan

STAFF: Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Lanny Englund, Manager Parks Planning and Forestry
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

PRESENTERS: Karaleen Gioia, Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association
Gabor Huszar, Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association
Stacey Poole, Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions were held and the Chair welcomed members back to the Committee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, November 4, 2020

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Review Updated Terms of Reference

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a high level overview of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference. She highlighted key changes that had been made, particularly the addition of recreation to the Committee's focus.

3. Review of Committee Scope

The Chair and the Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided information pertaining to the expanded scope of the Committee.

4. Review City Business Plan

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a review of Parks and Recreation projects included in the City's 2021 Business Plan and noted that staff would seek the Committee's input on specific projects.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The importance of the Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Roadmap in setting-out the timing and funding of future facility projects
- The understanding that there are a large number of projects currently underway
- Public consultation opportunities related to items listed on the Roadmap
- Work to be undertaken to ensure accessibility and inclusion at the future Northeast Community Centre
- The desire for cycling/walking connectivity between recreation facilities, parks and trails
- The desire to include LGBTQ and BIPOC considerations in facility planning
- The desire to take advantage of the mountain biking culture and natural environment in the Burke Mountain area

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a brief overview of the 2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan.

Staff undertook to forward the Council report entitled "Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Road Map" to the Committee.

5. Review and Approve Draft 2021 Work Plan

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a review of the Committee's draft 2021 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Communities in Bloom program
- Appreciation for the Committee's enhanced Terms of Reference with the added focus on community recreation
- The demand for outdoor covered shelters and opportunities for outdoor gatherings
- The popularity of natural recreation areas and picnic grounds
- The desire for day-use outdoor gathering space with fire pits

Staff were requested to update the Committee on the potential to install cameras at Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex in order that parents are able to watch their children play sports during the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 2021 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan.

6. Introduction to Community Groups – Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association

Karaleen Gioia, Gabor Huszar, and Stacey Poole of the Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association provided an on-screen presentation entitled "TORCA – Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association" and referred to slides entitled:

- Introduction
- History of TORCA
- What we do for the trails
- What we do for the community
- TORCA riding areas and usage
- TORCA in numbers
- What is next for TORCA?
- Proposed Coquitlam development – trails
- What is a pump track?
- Why does Coquitlam need a pump track?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for input from TORCA in the planning of the Burke Mountain community to maximize recreational opportunities, connectivity to Pinecone Burke Provincial Park and others, and to realize the social and economic benefits of a strong mountain biking culture
- TORCA's interest in consulting with the City early in the process to mitigate public concerns such as parking near trail heads and accessibility for all park users
- Interconnection between TORCA and BMX
- Concern related to the recent loss of the City's BMX track

- The growing popularity of pump tracks and the ability of riders from all ages and skill levels to enjoy them
- The success and popularity of the “Ride Like a Girl” program and the desire to enhance opportunities in Coquitlam
- The understanding that TORCA builds and maintains trails to meet International Mountain Biking Association and associated safety and liability standards
- The desire for a pump track, the ability to build one on any land and in any configuration to fit into available space, and the importance that it be situated in an accessible location so that people don’t have to drive there
- Disappointment related to the closure of the portion of the Crystal Falls trail that is located on private property
- The use of professional trail builders to construct trails and pump tracks and cost savings available through donation of materials and equipment

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the TORCA delegation for their presentation and their contributions to the community.

7. Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Annual Report

Cydney Smythies provided a review of the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame (CSHOF) Annual Report. She noted the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the sports year and that as a result, the 2019 Induction Ceremony would be held virtually and possibly be combined with the 2020 event. Committee members were invited to spread the word about the CSHOF and to encourage nominations from the community.

8. Facility Updates – Centennial Synthetic Turf Field

The Manager Parks Planning and Forestry provided an update relative to the Centennial Synthetic Turf Field. He highlighted the site characteristics, the City’s partnership with School District 43 on this and other shared use facilities, the design, consultation with field user groups, the flexibility of field line markings and hours of availability.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Space constraints due to the limited size of the site
- The need to ensure the fence does not let field hockey balls through
- The need for community access to change room / washroom facilities
- The request that change rooms / washrooms be gender-neutral
- The importance of ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion at the facility
- Potential plans for the track across the street
- The joint City / School District 43 shared use agreement and public access to shared facilities
- The understanding that the City plans to undertake a review of the Poirier precinct in the future
- The desire for larger bleachers with home and away seating separated, larger players’ benches and taller spotting towers
- The understanding that the relevant provincial sport governing bodies were consulted on the technical specifications of the field

- The understanding that the facility is not intended for tournament play and that there are other existing assets in the City that are suitable for games and tournaments

9. Emerging Items Requiring Review

The following items were briefly discussed:

- The City's facility and street naming policy
- The need for covered outdoor spaces, including covered tennis courts

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – April 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

_____ CHAIR

Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk