

**SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:02 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  
Larry Ryan  
Cydney Smythies  
Anna Teglas  
Leila Todd  
Carl Trepanier

**PRESENTERS:** Julie McRitchie, President, PoCoMo Pickleball  
Erin Davidson, Vice President, PoCoMo Pickleball

**STAFF:** Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning  
Lanny Englund, Manager Parks Planning and Forestry  
Andre Isakov, Park Planning and Design Manager  
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager  
Ted Uhrich, Project Manager  
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed to change the order of items on the agenda in order to consider Item 6 immediately following Item 2.

**2. Introduction to Community Recreation Groups – PoCoMo Pickleball**

Ms. J. McRitchie and Ms. E. Davidson provided a presentation relative to the sport of pickleball and the newly established PoCoMo Pickleball Club.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support for the newly established PoCoMo Pickleball Club
- The desire that schools offer the sport of pickleball as part of physical education programming
- The growing popularity of pickleball
- The technical facility and equipment requirements for pickleball
- The desire to find court space for pickleball without reducing court access by tennis players

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the delegation from PoCoMo Pickleball Club for their presentation.

**6. Pickleball Pilot Results**

The Sport Services Manager provided a presentation relative to the results of the recent Pickleball Pilot highlighting that the pilot had been well received although there were some noise complaints. He utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “2020 Blue Mountain Park Pickleball Pilot” and referred to slides titled:

- Agenda
- Purpose
- Background
- Court Use Data
- Court Use Data Comparison
- Feedback Received
- Results
- Key Learnings
- Next Steps
- Summary
- Questions

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Noise concerns raised by the neighbors adjacent to pickleball courts
- The importance of site selection and hours of play in minimizing the impact to nearby residents
- The desire to use sound amelioration measures in the area around pickleball courts
- Learnings from the experiences of other municipalities
- The suitability of various potential locations for pickleball courts
- The benefits of building sport-specific facilities

- Cooperative efforts by the Tri-Cities municipalities to find a way of providing opportunities for pickleball in the region
- The desire to not take court time away from tennis use
- Positive feedback for the courts at Blue Mountain Park received during the Pilot
- The demand for both organized group play and casual public play
- The expectation that the popularity of pickleball will continue to grow
- The shared use of courts for pickleball

### **3. Spani Pool Renewal Plan Update**

The Project Manager provided an update relative to the Spani Pool Renewal Plan. He utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “Spani Outdoor Pool Renewal Study – What’s Possible for Spani Pool?” and referred to slides titled:

- Presentation Outline
- Background
- Process
- Scope
- Public Survey
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Inclusivity
- Accessibility
- Draft Program
- Questions and Feedback

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The ability for casual use of the proposed leisure pool while the main pool is closed for a swim meet
- The suggestion that the Coquitlam Lions Water Polo Club be included in stakeholder consultation
- The rising costs of construction
- The desire for tree retention on the site
- The desire for a multi-purpose room
- The desire to extend the pool season
- The understanding that Spani Pool is a destination facility and there is a greater demand for parking
- The desire for an interpretive centre to connect the Spani Pool facility to Mundy Park
- Traffic flow safety
- The desire that the natural setting be featured in design planning
- Opportunities to create distinct features that are unique to that facility
- The benefits of outdoor covered space and the desire to create an attractive, unique design

#### 4. **Coquitlam Crunch South Extension**

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided an update relative to the Coquitlam Crunch South Extension project and referred to slides illustrating the trail extension. He invited Committee members to view complete details on the project at <https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/crunch>.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The intent to create an amenity that mirrors the existing Crunch in the short term, with the ultimate plan to connect from Eagle Mountain to Mundy Park, Colony Farm and other trails in south Coquitlam
- Concern regarding the potential loss of trees, disruption of watercourses and displacement of wildlife to complete the trail extension
- The desire for minimal environmental impacts
- The growing popularity of the Coquitlam Crunch
- The increasing demand for outdoor amenities, particularly since COVID-19
- The need for safe parking options nearby trail heads
- The desire to minimize the impact on neighbours adjacent to the trail
- The opportunity for the Crunch trail to create connections to the adjacent neighbourhoods
- Pedestrian safety concerns at busy roads such as Mariner Way and Dewdney Trunk Road
- The large response to the public survey on the project
- The understanding that the proposed trail extension is in a wildlife corridor and concerns related to the potential for trail users to conflict with animals
- The opportunity to undertake some forest restoration and enhancement work as part of the project

#### 5. **Off Road Cycling Strategy**

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided an update relative to the Off Road Cycling Strategy. He highlighted that the Strategy would be updated shortly and would include public engagement.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The demand for a pump track and dirt jump facility that can accommodate different ability levels
- The demand for amenities for beginner to intermediate riders
- The desire to complement other cycling amenities in the Tri-Cities
- The belief that shared skateboard / bike facilities are very busy and not optimal
- The concern that the dirt biking facility was removed from Town Centre Park and not replaced
- The understanding that there is no pump track and dirt jump facility in the Tri-Cities

- Collaboration with stakeholders such as the Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association (TORCA)
- The City's intent to identify amenities that are missing and potential sites where they could be located
- The understanding that TORCA has identified the need for amenities for novice and youth cyclists
- The inventory of difficult and expert terrain on Eagle and Burke Mountains
- The growing popularity of off road cycling
- Access to crown land for trail expansion by TORCA
- Various potential sites in the City for a pump track and dirt jump facility
- Timing the completion of the Off Road Cycling Strategy prior to building new facilities
- The need for parking for hikers and cyclists near trail heads
- The neighbourhood planning process and how recreational and other needs are taken into account
- The City's planning of municipal trails that link through the future Burke Mountain Village to the trails in Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- Opportunities to install amenities for off road cyclists adjacent to trail heads
- Local economic opportunities to provide goods and services for the off road cyclists that use City amenities and local trails
- The importance of multiple trail entry points
- The desire that people travel to parks and trails via public transit and alternate forms of transportation
- Uncertainty relative to the Province's land use plans for Pinecone Burke

## **7. Facility Updates**

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a verbal update relative to the status of the following:

- Evergreen Cultural Centre external washrooms
- Mundy Park Chilco washrooms and dog off-leash area
- Centennial Artificial Turf Field Replacement Project
- Northeast Community Centre
- Place Maillardville Community Centre
- City Centre Aquatic Complex renovation
- Innovation Centre renovation
- The demand for recreation programs

## **8. Emerging Items Requiring Review**

The following items were briefly discussed:

- Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Virtual Event, Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 2019 Hall and Wall of Fame and 2020 Hall of Fame

- Jeanette MacLean's last SRAC meeting – her position as Vice President, Coquitlam Tennis Club has been taken over by Carla Byers who is the new representative on SRAC
- Support for an outdoor covered tennis facility

On behalf of Council and the Committee, the Chair recognized and thanked Ms. MacLean for her contributions to the Committee and her work in the community. Members of the committee also thanked Ms. MacLean.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

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CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.

  
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Julie Hunter  
Committee Clerk