

**COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, June 21, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 2:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mayor Richard Stewart  
Councillor Brent Asmundson  
Councillor Craig Hodge (arrived at 3:01 p.m.)  
Councillor Steve Kim  
Councillor Trish Mandewo  
Councillor Dennis Marsden  
Councillor Teri Towner  
Councillor Chris Wilson  
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo

**STAFF:** Peter Steblin, City Manager  
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager  
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works  
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police  
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development  
Lanny Englund, Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities  
Andrew Martin, Acting Officer-in-Charge – RCMP  
Darren Carr, Inspector – RCMP  
Scott Groves, Director Strategic and Capital Projects  
Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facility Planning  
Don Luymes, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities  
Jim Ogloff, Fire Chief  
Jennifer Keefe, Manager Community Recreation and Culture Services  
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services  
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications  
Darryl Lal, Manager Police Services  
Ted Uhrich, Project Manager  
Jonathan Jackson, Project Manager  
Andre Isakov, Manager Economic Development  
Eric Kalnins, Manager Tourism  
Graham Stuart, Manager Corporate Planning  
Stephanie Lam, Legislative Services Manager  
Misty Temple, Legislative Services Clerk  
Adam Shroff, Legislative Services Clerk

Councillor Zarrillo, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

The Committee, with the exception of Councillor Zarrillo and Councillor Wilson, approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

## **REPORTS OF STAFF**

### **2. Report of the Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Blue Mountain Park Master Plan Community Engagement**

The Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided information relative to the following:

- The history and importance of the park in the City
- The efforts on redevelopment of the park
- The efforts to receive feedback from the public regarding the park

The Acting Park Planning and Design Manager provided an on-screen presentation entitled "Blue Mountain Park Master Plan" with slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Introduction
- Walking Shed Analysis
- Demographic Analysis – By Age
- Demographic Analysis – By Family Type
- Park Amenity Distribution Analysis
- Existing Amenities
- Blue Mountain Park Spatial Framework
- Engagement Strategy
- Master Plan Process
- Thank You

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to identify the demographic and unique needs of those living in the area of the park as well as potential park users
- The desire to include amenities that meet the needs of those using the park
- The importance of consideration of multicultural inclusiveness in the design of the park
- The knowledge that public use of parks will continue to grow in popularity even as the pandemic ends
- The importance of ensuring that the park can accommodate memorial observations, festivals, and other celebratory gatherings

The Committee received the report of the Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated June 15, 2021 and entitled “Blue Mountain Park Master Plan Community Engagement” for information.

**3. Report of the Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Spani Outdoor Pool Renewal Study**

The Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments applicable to the history of the project. He noted that the plan intends to provide improvements to the pool’s ability to provide ongoing service to the City while also ensuring that it is cost effective.

The Project Manager provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Spani Outdoor Pool Renewal Study” with slides titled as follows:

- Presentation Outline
- Context Plan – Mundy Park
- Background
- Scope
- Process
- Public Survey
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Coquitlam Recreation Facility Innovation Series – Aquatics
- Inclusivity
- Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Program - Outdoor
- Program - Indoor
- Concept Plan – Key Features
- Capital Implications / Operating Implications
- Questions and Feedback

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (2:51 p.m.) and returned at 2:53 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The appreciation for the design and amenities
- The desire to ensure there are no blind spots in the pool so as to minimize the need for additional lifeguards
- The desire to increase the capacity of the overflow parking lot while also connecting it to the rest of the park
- The understanding that complicated parking may impact neighbouring residents
- The desire to encourage people to utilize the overflow parking lot
- The desire for additional bike racks
- The desire to have the changing facility serve as a temporary winter homeless shelter
- The desire to focus on accessibility options and expand offerings

- Clarification on the meaning of barriers in the report

Councillor Hodge joined the meeting at this time (3:01 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that it is difficult to identify an exact final cost for the project at this time
- The knowledge that there is no update on a possible federal grant to support the project
- The desire to keep final costs close to estimates
- The knowledge that the operating costs will impact taxpayers
- The desire to improve the parking lot's design so as to accommodate drivers' ability to turn around, therefore increasing safety
- The desire to increase the number of wheel-chair accessible parking spaces, and to mark regular parking spaces as wheel-chair accessible during especially large events
- The understanding that salt water chlorination is not sufficiently more beneficial due to health regulations and is not cost effective, therefore off-setting the benefits it holds over traditional methods of chlorination

In response to a question from the Committee, the Project Manager responded that staff have been working to improve the parking lot in ways that would facilitate easier navigation for drivers. He added that there are plans to expand the pool deck when the current deck is re-done.

The Committee received the report of the Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated June 15, 2021 and entitled "Spani Outdoor Pool Renewal Study" for information.

#### **4. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works – 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided introductory comments summarizing the purpose of the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The concern regarding the impacts of water with traces of prescription drugs sitting in the pipes for extended periods of time
- The knowledge that challenges previously faced with coliforms in the water have improved as included in the report

Councillor Marsden left the meeting at this time (3:33 p.m.) and returned at 3:35 p.m.

In response to a concern that the Health Protection Manager's comments encourage the public to waste water by flushing their pipes needlessly in light of the very small percentage of lead pipes in Coquitlam, the General Manager Engineering and Public Works advised that the suggestion is noted as cautionary advice. He added that they will endeavor to refine the wording in order to communicate that the message is broad advice to multiple municipalities, and therefore may not necessarily impact Coquitlam residents.

The Mayor resolved to write a letter to address the source of this information.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to inform the public that their concerns are being addressed
- The concern that inaccurate advice could influence the public to unnecessarily waste water

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated June 14, 2021 and entitled "2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report" for information.

**5. Report of the Acting Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP Attachment – RCMP 2021 First Trimester Report (City of Coquitlam)**

The Acting Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment provided information relative to the following:

- The knowledge that there has been an increase in assaults and mental health cases
- The understanding that in the majority of assault cases, the offender and victim are often known to one another
- The knowledge that the increase in traffic violation enforcement and the issuing of tickets is partly the result of increased resources available to the police
- The knowledge that there is an ongoing gang conflict which has involved shootings in the Lower Mainland, including Coquitlam
- The reassurance that Coquitlam maintains its status as one of the safest communities in the Lower Mainland

The Mayor left the meeting at this time (3:44 p.m.) and returned at 3:52 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that the increase in people working from home may have translated to fewer traffic accidents due to the number of eliminated commutes
- The knowledge that officers may now focus their attention on other issues as a result of fewer traffic accidents
- The appreciation of community policing efforts and officer interactions with the public
- The desire to continue virtual public engagement strategies

- The understanding that a distracted driver violation applies to a driver looking at their phone at an intersection
- The desire for additional assistance from the federal provincial government in terms of legislative measures
- The possibility of exploring the use of photo-radar technologies in the aid of traffic enforcement
- The knowledge that provincial restrictions on the use of photo radar technologies inhibit or severely limit their use
- The understanding that visually identifying speeders is not always accurate
- The knowledge that police vehicles, marked and unmarked, are expected to abide by speed limits
- The desire to investigate how data on hate crime is used to effect change

In response to a question from the Committee, the Acting Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment endeavored to look into whether or not it is possible to make data regarding reports of hate crimes available to the public and report back at a future date.

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (3:54 p.m.) and returned at 3:57 p.m.

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (3:58 p.m.) returned at 3:59 p.m.

The Committee received the report of the Acting Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment dated June 16, 2021 and entitled "RCMP 2021 First Trimester Report (City of Coquitlam)" for information.

**6. Report of the Deputy City Manager – Pinecone Burke Provincial Park (Introductory Comments by Deputy City Manager / Presentation by Manager Economic Development)**

The Deputy City Manager provided information relative to the following:

- Importance of the provincial park
- The potential for the project

Councillor Zarrillo left the meeting at this time and Councillor Towner assumed the role of Chair (4:09 p.m.).

The Manager Economic Development and the Manager Tourism provided a presentation entitled "Pinecone Burk Provincial Park" with slides titled as follows:

- Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- Pinecone Burke Provincial Park (PBPP)
- PBPP Management Plan Process
- Pinecone Burke Provincial Park- The Nature Based Tourism Opportunity
- Demand for Nature-Based Tourism is Here!
- Nature-Based & Recreation Tourism
- Tourism Destination Trails

- Nature-Based Tourism Opportunity
- What we seek from PBPP Management Plan
- Economic Development Division
- Next Steps
- Questions?

Councillor Zarrillo returned to the meeting at this time (4:14 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The respect for volunteer Don Gillespie's passion and contributions to engagement with the outdoors
- The desire to identify and bring awareness to the dangerous portions of the mountain
- The desire for the Province to contribute ideas and a management plan for the development of Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- The need to protect the public in the park, as well as protect the natural environment
- The need to consider the opportunities provided by winter tourism
- The desire for guidance from the Province

In response to a question from the Committee with respect to seeking assistance from the Province, the Deputy City Manager responded that a key point is to first obtain support from the Committee. He noted that staff are establishing connections with the Province to collaborate together in developing the park. He added that, with the Committee's support, staff will continue to reach out to the Province.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The appreciation for the natural beauty offered by Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- The need for a strategy that underscores the importance of respecting and preserving the environment
- The desire to provide staff with the tools needed to successfully carry out the project
- The importance of respecting the processes and stakeholders already involved
- The concern that activities such as biking may disturb wildlife

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (4:47 p.m.) and returned at 4:50 p.m.

Councillor Zarrillo resumed the role of Chair at this time (4:50 p.m.).

The Committee received the report of the Deputy City Manager dated June 11, 2021 and entitled "Pinecone Burke Provincial Park" for information.

**7. Report of the Deputy City Manager – City of Coquitlam 2021 COVID-19 Restart Framework**

The Deputy City Manager provided information relative to the following:

- The knowledge that the BC Restart program will enter Phase 3 on July 1
- The knowledge that there will be a relaxation of requirements and regulations based on directions from the Province, the Provincial Health Officer, and other authorities

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The excitement for the end of the pandemic
- The respect for the collaborative efforts made at all levels to navigate the pandemic
- The knowledge that the number of services reinstated continues to grow
- Clarification that entering into this phase now permits the public to attend Council meetings
- The knowledge that many municipalities will likely hold hybrid meetings
- The knowledge that, should the public attend live meetings, they must wear masks
- The desire for added clarity in how changing health orders impact municipal processes and the public
- The understanding that, in Phase 3, masks will likely become recommended and not required
- The knowledge that, if the Province does not mandate masks in public places, the City may not force the public to wear masks in public places
- The clarification that, since the start of the pandemic, the City has made accommodations for individuals unable to wear masks

The Deputy City Manager resolved to send information to members of the Committee that would add further clarification regarding the Public Health Order, the exemptions afforded to municipalities, where the City is currently and where the City will be as restrictions continue to lift.

The Committee received the report of the Deputy City Manager dated June 15, 2021 and entitled “City of Coquitlam 2021 COVID-19 Restart Framework” for information.



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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – June 28, 2021**

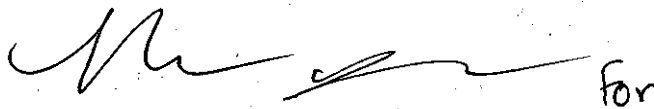
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 5:16 p.m.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the  
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, June 21, 2021  
as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.

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Adam Shroff  
Legislative Services Clerk