

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 6, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 2:03 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
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
Jim Ogloff, Fire Chief
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Don Luymes, General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Donnie Rosa, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture
Pinky De La Cruz, Manager City Assets
Daryl Lal, Manager Police Services
Kathleen Vincent, Manager of Corporate Communications
Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Heather Escaravage, Project Team Lead - Corporate Communications
Hugh Wallace, ICT Project Manager
Sean O'Melinn, Legislative Services Manager
Ashland Selby-Brown, Information Clerk

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

CALL TO ORDER

DELEGATIONS

1. Catherine Fehr – Steps Towards Defunding the RCMP

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Catherine Fehr appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding her views with respect to RCMP funding in the City of Coquitlam. She noted her desire to reallocate RCMP funding into alternate community channels.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The importance of wellness checks in the community
- Mental health and substance abuse in the province
- The desire for wellness checks to be performed by health care workers
- Defunding the RCMP versus reallocating funds from the RCMP
- Mental health resource cost to the RCMP
- The possibility of mental health and substance abuse calls resulting in encounters with avoidable outcomes
- The desire for nurses in police departments and RCMP detachments
- Response times to mental health calls
- The belief that there is a mental health crisis in Canada
- Personal experiences with mental health and police encounters

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this time (2:11 p.m.).

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this time (2:13 p.m.).

- The desire to reallocate RCMP funding into alternative resources
- De-escalation without force and increased mental health training for responders
- The prioritization mental health emergencies relative to other health emergencies
- The availability of mental health resources in the community

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Ms. Fehr for her presentation.

2. Mike Chisholm, United Scottish Cultural Society – Status Updates for the BC Highland Games, the Impact of COVID-19, and the Town Centre Park Master Plan

Mike Chisholm appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the BC Highland Games and the current status of the United Scottish Cultural Society.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The success of the BC Highland Games festival in 2019
- The funding available during COVID-19 for community groups
- The desire to change the funding model for large festivals
- The future of the BC Highland Games
- The desire to create a multicultural gathering event - post COVID-19
- The City's community support response plan and the desire for the society to explore whether it may be a funding option
- Online entertainment options for the community

- The possibility of extending the noise variance curfew from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. during large events
- Controlled festival settings for residents under COVID-19 health regulations

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr. Chrisholm for his presentation.

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (2:39 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 22, 2020

The Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 22, 2020 were approved.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

4. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services – Riverview Hospital Artifacts Collection Management Update

Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at this time (2:41 p.m.).

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture services provided introductory comments regarding the importance of the collection and the next steps of the project.

The Cultural Services Manager provided a presentation entitled “2017 Riverview Artifacts Collection Management Project” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Move to 560 Sydney
- Hazardous Assessment & Cleaning
- Identifying the Objects
- Excel Spreadsheet
- Physical Care and Storage
- Poirier Community Centre – Before & After
- Sentinel Storage – Before & After

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The preservation of the collection
- The belief that the artifacts are an important part of Coquitlam’s history

Councillor Zarrillo left the meeting at this time (2:43 p.m.).

- Basic management practices with respect to historical content
- The evolution of health care in the 20th century
- The desire for community centres within the city to showcase artifacts
- The desire for community partnerships to facilitate the display of artifacts

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services dated June 22, 2020 and entitled “Riverview Hospital Artifacts Collection Management Update” for information.

CIVIC LANDS AND FACILITIES

5. Report of the General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities – Menstrual Products in Civic Facilities: Pilot Result

Councillor Zarrillo returned to the meeting at this time (2:52 p.m.).

The General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities and the Manager City Assets provided information regarding the content of the report and the success of the pilot project.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The positive results of the pilot project
- The desire for the program to be apart of regular operations
- The menstrual products currently used by, and the alternatives available to, the City
- The desire for product dispensers with a time delay to prevent abuse of product
- The desire for pilot results to be shared with Dr. Charles Best Secondary School students

Staff undertook to send a letter to students at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School regarding the pilot project.

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities dated June 24, 2020 and entitled “Menstrual Products in Civic Facilities: Pilot Result” for information.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

6. Report of the Manager Corporate Communications – City Website Project Update and Draft Website Reveal

The General Manger Corporate Communications provided introductory comments regarding the website and noted search functionality and the prioritization of user experience in its development.

The Project Team Lead provided a presentation entitled “City Website Update Project” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Background
- Timeline
- New Draft Website
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Content navigation abilities relative to the current website
- “How do I search?” functionality
- The content of the business tools and economic development web pages
- The megamenu, calendars and the emergency alert bar used on the website
- The prioritization of user experience versus content organization
- The preparation required prior to go live
- The website accessibility features available
- The content revision process and the number of web pages removed through the process
- The desire for content continuity to extend to third party websites
- The desire for heightened recognition of gender neutrality on the website
- The desire for greater prominence of accessibility and language translation features

The Committee received the report of the Manager Corporate Communications dated June 25, 2020 and entitled “City Website Project Update and Draft Website Reveal” for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

OB- 1 Enforcement of the Noise Bylaw - Construction

Councillor Mandewo left the meeting at this time (3:40 p.m.).

A member of the Committee provided information regarding the enforcement of the City’s Noise Bylaw. She noted the desire for a quieter community and the enforcement of the Noise Bylaw as it was prior to the pandemic.

Councillor Mandewo returned to the meeting at this time (3:43 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The community’s response to the relaxation of the Noise Bylaw during COVID-19
- Equality and equity for residents through bylaw enforcement
- Philosophical considerations related to the City’s bylaw enforcement practices

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time (3:48 p.m.).

Councillor Hodge returned to the meeting at this time (3:49 p.m.).

- The desire to direct staff to enforce the Noise Bylaw as it was prior to the pandemic
- The desire for more information regarding the impacts of noise on the community during COVID-19
- The desire to promote fairness within the community

The Legislative Services Manager provided information regarding the possible processes to address the motion made.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZARRILLO
AND SECONDED

That Council direct staff to return to a more strict enforcement of the City of Coquitlam Noise Bylaw.

DEFEATED

Mayor Stewart, and Councillors Asmundson, Hodge, Kim, Mandewo, Marsden, Towner and Wilson registered opposition.

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 13, 2020

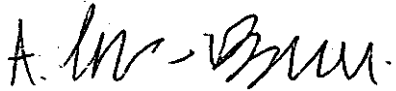
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, July 6, 2020 as
instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Ashland Selby-Brown
Information Clerk