

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, July 25, 2022 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

ALSO PRESENT: Vivien Symington, Club Aviva and Symington Symbiotic Foundation
Daniel To, District Principal, Specialty Programs, School District 43

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager
Jamie Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Don Luymes, General Manager Planning and Development
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Curtis Scott, Director City Lands and Real Estate
Graham Stuart, Director Corporate Planning
Manisha Dutta, Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning
Kathleen Reinheimer, Manager Parks
Jody Addah, Project Manager
Mike Newall, Planner 3
Katie Karn, City Clerk
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

Councillor Mandewo, 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 Monday, July 11, 2022

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2022.

DELEGATIONS

2. Vivien Symington – Club Aviva and Symington Symbiotic Foundation

Vivien Symington and Daniel To appeared before Council to request funding and support from the City for a new space on City land for the expansion of their gymnastic programs, including high performance space with a high ceiling for elite trampoline athletes.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support and appreciation for the diversity and inclusivity at Club Aviva and the valuable services and programs they provide to the community
- The desire for gender equity in sports
- The ceiling height requirements for high performance trampoline athletes and Club Aviva's request for assistance in identifying a facility that could accommodate these athletes in the short term
- The benefits of gymnastics
- The inability of the City to consider funding a private company
- The understanding that City facilities are for multiple uses
- The success of Club Aviva and its athletes
- Potential funding sources

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and their valuable work in the community.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

3. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Bill 26 – Potential Procedure Refinements to Streamline the Development Approvals Process

The Director Development Services provided introductory comments relative to the report. The Planner 3 referred to slides from the presentation attached to the report.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the work already undertaken by staff on process improvements

- The belief that the culture in Coquitlam is to engage the community and respect the Official Community Plan (OCP)
- Support for streamlining the development approvals process
- The desire to encourage public engagement
- The desire to eliminate Public Hearings for development applications that are compliant with the OCP
- The desire to respect existing processes
- The potential benefits of delegating minor development variances to staff
- Various methods of public notification and public engagement and the desire to explore additional avenues and processes
- The desire for further review and evaluation related to the potential waiving of the Public Hearing requirement
- The importance of public communication and education regarding process changes and Public Hearings in general
- Support for the use of electronic plans
- Time and staff resource savings that could result from process changes
- The ability to review data and benchmarks related to process changes
- The ability to reach non-English speaking communities via various publications
- The evolution of the public input process over time
- Support for a 2-phased approach to the recommended procedure refinements starting with the public notice and Development Variance Permit improvements in the first phase

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated July 19, 2022 and entitled "Bill 26 – Potential Procedure Refinements to Streamline the Development Approvals Process" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

OB-1 Ukraine Fundraising Event

A member of the Committee noted that a fee-waiver request had been received from a group planning to host a fundraising event for Ukraine.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to authorize staff to waive fees and allocate small community grants that they believe would be supported by Council
- The potential to establish a funding pool for such requests
- Support for the Ukraine fundraiser request

The Committee approved to refund the fee which had been paid for the Ukraine fundraising event, and requested staff to report back with proposed criteria were the authority to consider the administration of small grants for certain non-profit fundraisers delegated to staff.

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 6, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 3:39 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, July 25, 2022 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk