

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 27, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, July 27, 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
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services
Don Luymes, General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Donnie Rosa, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture
Scott Groves, Director Strategic and Capital Projects
Genevieve Bucher, Manager Community Planning
Dragana Mitic, Manager Transportation
Dana Soong, Manager Utility Programs
Kathleen Vincent, Manager of Corporate Communications
Shelly Edwards, Financial Services Manager
Andre Isakov, Park Planning and Design Manager
Jude Pillainayagam, Asset Management Engineer
Allison Pickrell, Acting Planner 3
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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020

The Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020 were approved.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

2. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – City Centre Servicing Assessment

The General Manager Planning Development and the Manager Community Planning provided introductory comments regarding the significance of preparing an assessment of the servicing need associated with the City Centre Area Plan and providing it to Coquitlam residents.

The Acting Planner 3 and the Manager Transportation provided a presentation entitled “Draft City Centre Servicing Assessment” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- CCAP Update Process
- City Centre Servicing Assessment
- Development Projections
- Estimated Servicing Costs (30 years)
- DCC - Eligible Improvements
- Non-DCC Eligible Improvements
- Parkland Acquisition and Improvements
- Recreation and Culture Facilities
- Utility Servicing Improvements
- Transportation Improvements
- Funding Non-DCC Eligible Improvements
- Funding DCC Eligible Improvements
- Infrastructure Development and Timing
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to determine amenity costs for Coquitlam residents
- Concerns regarding the potential impact of the City Centre Area Plan on current and future residents
- The desire to explore present opportunities for amenity upgrades
- The desire to determine the projected population’s amenity requirements
- The desire to fund amenities while managing the financial impact to residents

- The desire to display ongoing infrastructure growth directly to the community
- The desire for information in order to compare the average amount of park space in densified municipalities
- The desire to enable access to green space for Coquitlam residents
- The desire to support funding for amenities by enabling community amenity contributions
- The desire to review the voluntary nature of community amenity contributions

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (2:37 p.m.).

- The desire for alternative funding options to community amenity contributions
- The desire for a community that supports alternative modes of transportation including the construction of greenways
- The desire for city blocks that are available for block parties or car-free days
- The desire for policies supporting pedestrian access in the city centre area
- The desire for elevated crossing points to improve pedestrian and cyclist accessibility

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (2:44 p.m.).

- The desire for stable funding sources for services and amenities
- The desire to increase the amount of liveable and walkable transportation in the city
- The desire to optimize traffic signals in order to improve traffic flow
- The desire to synchronize traffic flows between the city centre area and areas outside of the plan

Councillor Mandewo left the meeting at this time (2:54 p.m.).

- The desire to integrate greenways and roadways within the city centre area
- The desire for a connective network that supports cyclist and pedestrian transportation

Councillor Mandewo returned to the meeting at this time (2:55 p.m.).

- The importance of cyclist safety and alternative bike route options
- The desire to increase the accessibility of bike travel during rush hour periods
- The desire for bike racks on public transit to promote active transportation
- The understanding that elements of the plan may change over time
- The desire for streets to be identified for cyclist and pedestrian only access

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated July 22, 2020 and entitled “City Centre Servicing Assessment” for information.

3. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development– Heritage Management Strategy – Phase 1 Update

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments regarding the approach and philosophy of the strategy and noted the underlying community values based approach of the strategy.

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (3:17 p.m.).

The Manager Community Planning provided a presentation entitled “Heritage Management Strategy – Phase 1 Update” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Overview
- Project Background
- Goals of the Strategy
- Process Summary
- Heritage Data Improvements

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this time (3:19 p.m.).

Councillor Asmundson returned to the meeting at this time (3:20 p.m.).

- Dialogue with Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Phase 1 Deliverables
- Draft Thematic Framework
- Evolution of Heritage Planning

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this time (3:21 p.m.).

- Thematic Framework
- Thematic Framework – What are themes?
- Thematic Framework – How are they helpful?
- Coquitlam’s Draft Thematic Framework
- Theme 1: Uplands to lowlands: geography shapes a city
- Theme 2: Regional Nucleus
- Theme 3: Diverse landscape, diverse people
- Theme 4: Sustenance economy to commercial centre
- Theme 5: Natural/cultural convergence
- Theme 6: Canoe route to Skytrain
- Theme 7: Evolving community identity
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The influence of identifying and honouring community values in the development of the strategy
- The importance of preserving Coquitlam's history while celebrating past and present residents
- The desire to implement measures to spark interest in historical locations
- The desire to utilize signage and contemporary art to engage residents
- The desire to recognize historical values and the importance of understanding history from all view points
- The desire to introduce a wider opportunity for input from under-represented groups within the community
- The desire for greater representation of historical women from the community within the strategy
- The desire to engage residents with respect to their personal experiences and connect the community to the specified themes
- The desire for greater representation of under-represented groups in the community to be included in the strategy

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated July 21, 2020 and entitled "Heritage Management Strategy – Phase 1 Update" for information.

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (3:42 p.m.).

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

4. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and the General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities– Sheffield Park Concept Design

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services provided introductory comments regarding the Sheffield Park Concept Design and the complementary nature of the park to existing recreation spaces within the community.

The Park Planning and Design Manager provided a presentation entitled "Sheffield Park Concept Design" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Sheffield Park Concept Design
- Sheffield Park

Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at this time (3:44 p.m.).

- Planning Process
- Sheffield Park – Concept Plan
- Next Steps
- Sheffield Park – Concept Sections

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for a protective and enclosed playground area
- The desire for climbing walls using the existing sloped landscape
- The desire for a bicycle loop surrounding the playground
- The desire for a safe snow play area in the park
- The desire for further demographic information to determine the most effective park use by the identified age categories
- The desire for community engagement to establish the requirements and preferences of passive park users
- The desire for an inner perimeter walking loop in close proximity to the playground space
- The desire for versatile sport courts which are accessible to children and adults
- The desire to integrate sensory development into all of the playground equipment

Councillor Marsden left the meeting at this time (4:08 p.m.).

Councillor Marsden returned to the meeting at this time (4:09 p.m.).

- The desire for partially fenced sport courts to accommodate the sloped environment
- The desire to have restrooms available when water features are present
- The desire for a power source for passive park users
- The desire for more clearly separated sections of the park

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time (4:13 p.m.).

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

- The desire for intuitive design elements and landscaping
- The desire to explain the limiting factors of the landscape to residents
- The desire for multi-purpose sport courts
- The desire to incorporate functional designs for seating and gathering spaces
- The desire to explore childcare facility opportunities within Sheffield Park
- The desire to utilize available park space within the City for childcare facilities

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities dated July 15, 2020 and entitled "Sheffield Park Concept Design" for information.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

5. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works – Draft Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided introductory comments regarding the Strategic Plan and noted that it is a component of the Strategic Environmental Sustainability Plan.

The Manager Utility Programs provided a presentation entitled “Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Strategic Environmental Sustainability Plan

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (4:32 p.m.) and Councillor Zarrillo assumed the Chair.

Councillor Towner returned to the meeting at this time (4:34 p.m.) and resumed the Chair.

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (4:35 p.m.).

- Local Climate Projections

Councillor Asmundson returned to the meeting at this time (4:37 p.m.).

- City's Service Delivery Risks
- Climate Adaptation Strategic Actions

Councillor Mandewo left the meeting at this time (4:40 p.m.).

- Top Ten Actions

Councillor Mandewo returned to the meeting at this time (4:44 p.m.).

- Next Steps
- Questions?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to recognize the impacts of climate change on suburban British Columbia
- The management of Metro Vancouver's water consumption forecasts and how water consumption can be reduced within the City of Coquitlam
- The desire to enhance water conservation within the community
- The desire for a water conservation plan specific to Coquitlam

- The desire to share the positive changes to water consumption habits over the past twenty years
- The desire to focus on natural conservation enhancements as opposed to engineered construction enhancements

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (4:56 p.m.).

- The desire to further support urban forestry and manage natural landscapes in the area
- The desire to have a targeted goal to increase the tree canopy
- The desire to explore opportunities to increase water flow in local creeks
- The desire for rain water flow from Partington Creek to infiltrate into ground water reserves

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (5:05 p.m.).

- The desire to examine the water usage of commonly used building materials
- The desire to incorporate the use of alternative building materials into the strategy
- The desire to publicly advertise the amount of water consumption by the community
- The desire to use stronger language with respect to the use of fire resistant construction materials
- The belief that there are emerging sustainable alternative building materials available
- The desire to retrofit rain water management systems to protect urban streams and water sheds

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this time (5:13 p.m.).

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this time (5:16 p.m.).

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated July 20, 2020 and entitled "Draft Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan" for information.

FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICE SERVICES

6. Report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services – 2019 Statement of Financial Information

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services dated July 21, 2020 and entitled "2019 Statement of Financial Information" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 8, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, July 27, 2020
as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Ashland Selby-Brown
Information Clerk