

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Mundy Park Outdoor Pool, 655 Hillcrest Street, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

** Indicates virtual attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Sara Maglio, Coquitlam Field Sport Association
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Emily Moughtin, Citizen Representative
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Karen Schofield, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative*

ABSENT: Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative (Regrets)

GUESTS: Councillor Robert Mazzarolo
Jason Rollins, Coquitlam Sharks Aquatic Club (re: Item 2)

STAFF: Tobi May, Director Major Capital Projects
Doron Fishman, Manager Parks Planning and Design
Leila Todd, Project Manager Major Capital Projects
Michael Teed, Park Planner 2
Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Sports/Recreation User Group - Coquitlam Sharks

Jason Rollins, Vice President Coquitlam Sharks Aquatic Club, gave introductory comments about the user group, noting that the Club is celebrating 65 years as an organization and is currently the largest outdoor aquatic club in province with approximately 400 members serving Coquitlam and the Tri-Cities. The Coquitlam Sharks Aquatic Club Representative further noted that it is one of few clubs in the province that offers all four disciplines of speed swimming, artistic swimming, water polo, and diving and that members, beginning at 5-6 years old, are all competitive athletes and swimming lessons are not provided.

The Coquitlam Sharks Aquatic Club Representative advised that the Club is in its first season at Mundy Park Outdoor Pool since its renovation and held its first meet at the facility with 750-780 athletes daily over a weekend and noted that the facility has met needs well, and demand for facility space and time is key issue for the Club.

Councillor Mazzarolo entered the meeting at this point (7:12 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The facilities that are used during the May to August competitive season, including Mundy Park and Eagle Ridge Outdoor Pools, and during the September to April off-season, including the City Centre Aquatic Complex and Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex.
- The impact of user allocation policies in Coquitlam and neighbouring municipalities on access to facility space and time for clubs and lessons by residents and non-residents.
- The impact of wait times to access public swimming lessons and costs of private lessons that make it difficult to both access life-saving skills and meet the minimum requirements to get into competitive clubs.

- A suggestion to run outdoor pools year-round to accommodate demand, following examples in Burnaby.
- The depth required for artistic swimming, which is met by all facilities used by the Club.
- That the trend to include splash parks in facilities supports the long-term success of the Club by introducing young children to water sports.
- The availability of parking and alternatives used by the Club, including renting the Hillcrest Middle School lot during the summer.
- The employment of former athletes as coaches, which provides reliable employment for young people.

3. Update on Town Centre Park

The Manager Park Planning and Design and Park Planner 2 gave a presentation entitled “Town Centre Park Tennis Enhancements Concept Design” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- A desire for succession planning for the Inspiration Garden to maintain the mature trees, community food, volunteerism, and education.
- The proportions of parking versus facility and green space, including the suggestion to maintain the existing gravel parking lot as long as possible during construction, questions about the functionality of parallel parking on Pipeline Road as an arterial route, the feasibility of a parking structure, and the suggestion of a pick-up/drop-off location.
- Appreciation of the addition of the tennis court support building to meet contemporary needs.
- The need to clean dust from tennis courts during construction to mitigate damage that may result when dust settles into the porous material.
- The timeline of Pipeline Road reconstruction.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- Washrooms serving the tennis courts will include existing facilities in the park as well as a single universally accessible washroom in the support building.
- Tennis court numbers are guided by the Town Centre Park Master Plan and the City’s Tennis and Pickleball Strategy, which include population projections and will meet Tennis Canada recommendations on a citywide basis.
- Metro Vancouver will maintain a statutory right-of-way over the water main infrastructure, which will accommodate only low intensity uses but will integrate with the park.

4. Update on Burke Mountain Community Centre and Burke Village Park

The Director Major Capital Projects gave a presentation entitled “Burke Mountain Community Centre and Burke Village Park Schematic Design” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Safety and traffic flow concerns of a single vehicular entrance and exit to parking, with suggestions to widen the road.
- Maintenance of underwater and overhead lighting in the pool, which is a common issue in aquatic facilities due to difficult access.
- Appreciation of unique design responding to the topography.
- Appreciation of incorporating six swimming lanes in the pool.
- Possibility to reconsider capital project processes to expedite construction of facilities in high demand, for example by pre-clearing sites.
- Provision of charging stations for both electric vehicles and micromobility devices.
- Glazing and related treatments to manage glare in the gymnasium, and cleanliness of floor length glazing where children play.
- Control of access to spaces throughout hours of operation to manage safety.

In response to committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- The library and aquatic facility will have full environmental separation, and the library will not hold artifact-level items that would require further protection from humidity and other elements.
- Vehicular access plans make considerations for the complexity of the site, demand for loading, and further parking to be built in adjacent developments.
- Aquatic facility lighting will use LEDs for longevity with easy access provided to related systems.

The Manager Park Planning and Design and Park Planner 2 left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:40 p.m.).

5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- A reduction of membership in the Tri-Cities Eagles Field Hockey Club.
- A suggestion to install screens at Town Centre Park during events to display the stage activity to those seated further away.

- The Highland Games receiving access to sufficient field space at Town Centre Park following construction.
- Disturbance of residents on Wilmot Avenue by music played at Mundy Park Pool after hours.
- Appreciation from Mundy Park Outdoor Pool users of the new facilities and extended season.
- Suggestions of sun safety requirements for outdoor pool staff.
- Mundy Park lacrosse box and fields maintenance timelines.
- A challenge to access to public ice time at City rinks and a perceived increase in demand.
- Concerns with the extension of the contract for the operation and maintenance of Planet Ice, and long-term operating and capital plans.
- Increased membership in the Dogwood Pickleball Club membership.
- Safety concerns with humidity and wet floors on the pickleball courts at the Dogwood Pavilion at the Poirier Forum.
- Seniors' pickleball mentorship of youth in partnership with the YMCA.
- A successful pickleball fundraising tournament.
- A large pickleball facility opening in Tsawwassen for tournament and professional play.
- Congratulations to the Coquitlam Junior Adanacs for winning the Minto Cup.
- The temporary use permit application presented to Council by the Coquitlam Express for use of industrial space, and related land-use issues.
- The 15th Annual Terry Fox Run in Coquitlam to be held on Sunday, September 21 in Mundy Park.
- Coquitlam Tennis Club updates including its 60th anniversary event, a successful open tournament, and membership at a high point in recent memory.
- A meeting the Coquitlam Field Sports Association has requested with City staff to discuss asset management plans and collaboration, field fees implementation, and use of data and national sports organizations standards in recreation planning.
- The effect of provincial legislation on development charges as well as economic trends on recreation project timelines and financing such as Burke Mountain Community Centre and Blue Mountain Park.

OTHER BUSINESS**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 12, 2025****ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair

Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk