

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 26, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:05 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
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Technology and Police
Don Luymes, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Stephanie James, Director Emergency Operations Centre
Kathleen Reinheimer, Manager Parks
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications
Sean O'Melinn, Business Services and Licensing Manager
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

Councillor Marsden, as per the Acting Mayor Schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE BUSINESS SERVICES AND LICENSING MANAGER AS THE RECORDING SECRETARY

OB-1 Appointment of Business Services and Licensing Manager as Recording Secretary

The Committee appointed the Business Services and Licensing Manager as Recording Secretary for the purposes of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2020

The Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2020 were approved.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND FACILITIES

2. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Fall-Winter 2020/21 Seasonal Events Update

The General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments relative to the Fall-Winter 2020/21 Seasonal Events Update. He highlighted the need to modify the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Blue Mountain Park and cancel the seasonal Lights at Lafarge display in 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The popularity of the seasonal Lights at Lafarge event and the large crowds that attend each year
- The belief that there is a need to cancel the Lights at Lafarge event and regret that the Remembrance Day celebration can not proceed as normal
- The belief that health and safety is the highest priority and the City's commitment to comply with orders of the Provincial Health Officer
- The desire to install seasonal festive lighting along Pinetree Way from Lougheed Highway to David Avenue
- The belief that a drive-through event for the lights display would result in unsafe conditions due to driver distraction
- Support for staff's recommendation to install "passive" lighting in Town Centre Park and in trees throughout the City in a way that does not draw large crowds
- Support for finding alternatives to these events
- The mental health benefits of participating in outdoor activities and the desire to provide opportunities for the public to enjoy the City's parks in a safe manner
- The belief that residents will find creative ways to celebrate the festive season safely
- Alternative ways of commemorating Remembrance Day and whether the poppy painting activity would occur
- The understanding that staff were liaising with the Legion to find ways in which the City can provide support while complying with the public health orders
- The desire to send an official message from Mayor and Council to the Legion and Coquitlam veterans to pay the City's respects
- The opportunity to put up banners specifically recognizing the many

celebrations that occur from December to the end of January

- The desire to use the City's social media channels to provide virtual celebrations during the holiday season
- Anticipation that the pandemic will impact events in 2021 and the desire to plan and budget for alternatives to those events
- The desire to enter partnerships with community organizations such as Tri-Cities TV, or to create videos to deliver celebratory messages to the public to help keep their spirits up
- The desire to encourage residents to find their own way to pay their respects and honour veterans including informal public laying of wreaths at the cenotaph

A member of the Committee noted that plans were underway to enable City officials to lay the City of Coquitlam's wreath at the cenotaph in a socially-distanced way during a modified ceremony.

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated October 20, 2020 and entitled "Fall-Winter 2020/21 Seasonal Events Update" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 2, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, October 26, 2020 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.


Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk