

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 10, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Chris Wilson, Vice Chair
Carla Byers, Coquitlam Tennis Club
King Chan
Tam Chernenkoff Miller
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Paul Lambert
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sport Centre Users Association
Larry Ryan
Cydney Smythies
Leila Todd
Carl Trepanier

REGRETS: Anna Teglas

STAFF: Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Ted Uhrich, Project Manager
Julie Hunter, Committee Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Laitsch, Disc Golf

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Recreation Groups – Disc Golf

Mr. Dan Laitsch provided a presentation relative to the sport of disc golf and the activities of the Mundy Park Disc Golf Club. He utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “Mundy Park and Disc Golf” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Overview

- What is disc golf?
- Who are we?
- Where, when and how do we play
- How do we work with the City
- Where are we going?
- Where are we going: Disc golf growth
- Questions?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The growing popularity of disc golf
- The growing popularity of outdoor recreation, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic
- Examples of disc golf courses in other municipalities that could serve as models (Dale Ball Passive Park, Langley, Golf Island Disc Park, Pender Island)
- Data collection and the understanding that not all disc golf players use the UDisc app
- The need for a more professional level disc course in Coquitlam
- Enthusiasm for the sport of disc golf, particularly because of its accessibility as an unstructured sport that can be played by people of all ages
- Efforts by Disc Golf to develop youth players
- Strategies used in other jurisdictions for developing disc golf courses on under utilized green space
- The belief that disc golf supports CPTED crime reduction efforts in parks
- Potential disc golf course sites in Coquitlam, including under the power lines on Eagle Mountain
- Tourism opportunities that may arise from disc golf

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr. Leitsch for his presentation and for his contributions to the community.

3. Spani Pool Renewal - Presentation

The Project Manager utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “Spani Outdoor Pool Renewal” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Presentation Outline
- Context Plan – Mundy Park
- Process
- Program – Outdoor
- Program – Indoor
- Concept Plan – Key Features
- Concept Plan – Challenges
- Rick Hansen Foundation Gold Certification
- Next Steps
- Questions and Comments?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The belief that prime space in parks should not be used for parking and that parking should be planned for the perimeter areas of parks
- The importance of tree retention and the value placed by residents on maintaining a substantial tree canopy in the City
- The intent to encourage modes of transportation other than private vehicles
- The desire for a well-planned pick up / drop off zone and improved vehicle circulation
- The desire for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements including enhanced lighting and improved visibility for drivers
- Seating capacity in the pool bleachers and the capacity needs for hosting competitions of different levels
- The belief that the closure of the Canada Games Pool and other regional pools will increase pressure on Coquitlam pools and the need to take this into consideration while planning for Spani Pool
- Infrastructure upgrades including power, wifi and electric vehicle charging stations
- Potential locations for the vehicle turnaround
- The understanding that the Spani Pool project includes environmental best practices such as solar pre-heating of water and heat recovery through the sanitary system

Committee members were invited to visit the City website for further information and updates at <https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/spani>.

4. Northeast Community Centre Program and Site Fit Concept

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Northeast Community Centre – Recommended Program and Site Fit Concept” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Chronology
- Location
- Population Growth
- Context
- Engagement Results
- Engagement Survey Results
- Expanded Engagement Results
- Vision
- Guiding Principles
- Site Fit
- Aquatics
- Gymnasiums
- Fitness Centre and Active Studio

- Multi Purpose Rooms
- Community Kitchen
- Indoor Walking Track
- Library
- Support Spaces
- Covered outdoor Space
- Proposed Program + Costs
- Potential Civic Facilities – Not Included in Program
- Financials – Operating Budget Impacts
- Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Roadmap
- Next Steps
- Questions?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Northeast Community Centre (NECC) operating costs and various potential funding sources
- The growing demand for outdoor recreation amenities, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic
- The desire to tie the design and programming of the facility to the natural setting and to connect trail networks to the village and the NECC
- The potential for a partnership with the Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association in planning the trail networks
- The suggestion that rotating displays from community organizations such as the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame, Burke Mountain Naturalists, arts and culture groups, etc. could be featured in recreation facilities across the City
- Support for the library component at the NECC
- The desire for outdoor oriented amenities at the NECC, including a kids play area
- The desire for a 6 lane, 25 metre pool and the belief that the proposed 4 lane pool will fall short of public demand based on the projected population for the area and does not meet the minimum standards for water polo and synchronized swimming
- The desire to include amenities on the NECC rooftop
- Concern regarding the loss of the City's tree canopy and the importance of retaining mature trees
- The demand for childcare in the area
- The desire to provide childminding for NECC facility users
- The future potential expansion of the NECC to include an ice rink
- The demand for off leash dog parks on Burke Mountain and in the City Centre
- The major roadways connecting to the NECC

5. COVID-19 Pandemic Sport and Recreation Learnings

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning and the Sport Services Manager utilized an on-screen presentation entitled “The COVID-19 Pandemic Lessons Learned” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Agenda
- Part 1 - PRCG Learnings
- Adapted Service Delivery
- Use of Technology
- Engagement Opportunities
- Green Space
- Legacy
- Part 2 – Committee Discussion
- Discussion
- Thank You!

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The significant increase in the popularity of outdoor gatherings and structured and unstructured outdoor recreation activity
- The understanding that registrations for outdoor sports are at a record high
- Opportunities to leverage the popularity of outdoor spaces and activities
- The desire for more outdoor gathering spaces with passive amenities such as firepits
- The importance of public communications in managing expectations
- The desire for webcams in sports facilities so parents can remotely watch their children’s activities
- Positive experiences with switching to the online environment such as the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame virtual induction ceremony
- The belief that people are more attentive to written communication than before the pandemic
- The expectation that COVID-19 will become endemic and the desire to plan for the future within that context
- The importance of passive open spaces, playgrounds and outdoor spaces
- The belief that the pandemic showed that the City and its residents can react very quickly
- The belief that the pandemic showed that there is a lot that residents are able to do in their own homes and neighbourhoods
- The belief that the pandemic has resulted in the creation of many tools and processes that can be used in different future circumstances
- The impact on the supply chain and project timelines

6. Parks, Recreation and Culture Facility Updates

The Manager Recreation and Culture Facilities Planning provided a verbal update relative to the status of the following:

- City Centre Aquatic Complex expansion project
- Centennial Turf Field
- Sheffield Park
- Coquitlam Crunch expansion project
- The public washroom at Chilco and Mariner Way in Mundy Park

7. 2021 Year-End Review / Identify Potential Items for the Draft 2022 Work Plan

The Committee provided feedback regarding the 2021 year and suggested potential items for consideration as part of the draft 2022 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for an overview of current and potential hiking / mountain biking trails in northeast Coquitlam
- The desire for a focus on all forms of recreational cycling
- The desire for a review of the sport of pickleball and its facilities
- Plans for meeting the demand for recreation and sport opportunities for the rapidly growing population in the Town Centre area
- The demand for off-leash dog parks particularly in densifying neighbourhoods
- Integration of the walking/biking/mountain biking trail network City-wide and linking to City facilities
- The desire to create more outdoor recreation spaces and covered outdoor spaces
- Webcams in facilities
- Review of Planet Ice and arena options
- The desire for wading pools for families with small children
- The desire to focus on outdoor swimming / aquatic opportunities

On behalf of Council, the Chair and Vice Chair thanked Committee members for their work and contributions to the community in 2021.

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBC, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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CHAIR

Julie Hunter
Committee Clerk