

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association

GUESTS: Hayley Inglis, Urban Systems/ Urban Matters (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

REGRETS: Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club

STAFF: Darryl Lal, Senior Manager Policy and Business Services
Michelle Frilund, Acting Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Ted Uhrich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Brian Forrester, Manager Sport Services
Kate Brown, Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024

The Committee amended the minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee to include a “question regarding the operation and ownership of the Shark Shack located at Mundy Park Pool” in Item 4.

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 were approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Engagement Session

Hayley Inglis joined the meeting at this time – 7:05 p.m.

The Acting Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist provided a presentation entitled “Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Engagement” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Accessible BC Act
- Overview of the City’s Accessibility and Inclusion Plan
- Barriers and discussion to achieving Accessibility and Inclusion
- A roundtable discussion to gather feedback from committee members

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for the City to work directly with user groups to provide education and resources that will increase accessibility and inclusion among user groups
- Desire to understand how the focus on equity, diversity and inclusion is being embraced by community groups who utilize City facilities
- Clarification regarding City volunteers operating under the same code of conduct as City staff
- Desire to confirm that new facilities are being built with both gendered and gender-neutral change rooms and bathrooms
- Desire to understand the methods the City uses to reach residents in regards to the Accessibility Plan Public Survey
- Desire for the City to involve user groups in outreach efforts to recruit survey participants

3. Sports Field Strategy Update

The Senior Manager Policy and Business Services provided introductory comments relative to the following topics:

- Overview of the draft Sports Field Strategy and Renewal Update for 2024 – 2034
- Overview of key findings from the Sports Field Strategy Engagement

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to understand the methods used to validate the Sports Field Strategy Engagement statistics gathered in 2020
- Concerns regarding the Sports Field Strategy infographic not capturing all of the data and information gathered during engagement
- Desire to understand why there has not been a consultation with user groups since 2020
- Desire for a new arena strategy and consultation
- Desire to better understand the tracking of usage rates of sports fields in the city
- Desire to use updated consultation data to inform the development of the Sports Field Strategy Update
- Desire for more dialogue and input from user groups prior to the Sports Field Strategy report going to Council
- Concerns a delay of the Sports Field Strategy report to Council will further delay implementation of the strategy

4. 2024 Year End Review / Identify Potential Items for Draft 2025 Work Plan

The Senior Manager Parks and Facilities Planning, and Manager Sport Services provided introductory comments relative to the following topics:

- Overview of the 2024 Work Plan Items
- Overview of potential work plan items for 2025
- Desire for the Committee's input on work plan items for 2025

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to receive an update on the Planet Ice facility
- Desire for update on pickleball courts within the City
- Desire to better understand how the provincial housing legislation and projected population growth will affect user group funding
- Desire to receive update on Eagle Mountain recreation developments and consultation project
- Desire for an update on the Northeast Community Centre
- Desire for an update on work to be done at Glen Park
- Desire to increase hiking trails and lower cost activities in the city

5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Event reminder that Lights at Lafarge will be starting late November
- Desire for developers to incorporate public-use indoor facilities in new developments
- Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association renamed to Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association and updated mission statement
- Desire for Poirier Forum to be equipped for year-round usage
- Desire for an update of the City's decision for Planet Ice
- Desire for a Curling Centre of Excellence to be built in Coquitlam
- Concern of no new sporting facilities planned in the city
- Desire for the City to repurpose pre-existing structures for indoor recreation

The Chair and Vice-Chair thanked the Committee for their volunteerism in the community.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk