RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, June 14, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee convened on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 5:17 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:  Councillor Doug Macdonell, Chair
                        Councillor Barrie Lynch, Vice Chair
                        Councillor Linda Reimer
                        Mayor Richard Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:        Councillor Neal Nicholson (arrived at 5:26 p.m.)
                        Councillor Mae Reid
                        Councillor Selina Robinson
                        Councillor Lou Sekora

STAFF:                 Peter Steblin, City Manager
                        John DuMont, Deputy City Manager
                        Lori MacKay, General Manager Leisure and Parks Services
                        Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
                        Maurice Gravelle, General Manager Strategic Initiatives
                        Brent Cormack, Manager Facilities Planning and Construction
                        Claudette Haire, Manager Business Services
                        Dave Palidwor, Manager Parks Planning, Design and Construction
                        Lanny Englund, Urban Forestry Operations Manager
                        Allyson Friesen, Leisure Services Policy Supervisor
                        Marilyn Jollimore, Leisure Services Policy Supervisor
                        Wai-Sue Louie, Parks Planner
                        Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk
                        Karen Wanders, Committee Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2010

   The Committee approved the minutes of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2010.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no Business Arising from the minutes.

DELEGATION

2.  Director Gayle Martin, Chair, Metro Vancouver Parks Committee – Experience the Fraser Project

Gayle Martin, Chair, Metro Vancouver Parks Committee, appeared before the Committee to speak to the "Experience the Fraser" Project. She provided an on-screen presentation and highlighted the following:

- The Project vision
- The interregional Park and Trail Concept Plan
- The Project objectives and themes
- Outcomes for the Project
- The importance of providing access to trails
- The importance of environmental stewardship and local heritage
- The keys to success
- The development of strong partnerships
- The Demonstration Project – connecting the Trans Canada trail from the Golden Ears Bridge to historic Fort Langley
- The roles for the City of Coquitlam
- A map depicting the Coquitlam Waterfront
- Five features within the City of Coquitlam
- The possible connections with New Westminster and Port Coquitlam
- The current status of the Project

Councillor Nicholson arrived at this time (5:26 p.m.)

Discussion ensued relative to the following:
- The costs associated with the Project
- The reconciliation of industrial private land
- Leveraging funding from senior levels of government
- The importance of engaging First Nations
- The benefits of working together to see the vision through

Recess
The Committee recessed at 5:45 p.m.
Reconvene

A Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee reconvened on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:  Councillor Doug Macdonell, Chair
                       Councillor Barrie Lynch, Vice Chair
                       Councillor Linda Reimer
                       Mayor Richard Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:       Councillor Brent Asmundson
                       Councillor Neal Nicholson (arrived at 6:58 p.m.)
                       Councillor Mae Reid (arrived at 6:58 p.m.)
                       Councillor Selina Robinson (arrived at 6:58 p.m.)
                       Councillor Lou Sekora (arrived at 6:27 p.m.)

STAFF:               Peter Steblin, City Manager
                       John DuMont, Deputy City Manager
                       Lori MacKay, General Manager Leisure and Parks Services
                       Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
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                       Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk
                       Karen Wanders, Committee Clerk

REPORTS OF STAFF

3. Report of General Manager Leisure and Parks Services - Metro Vancouver – Experience the Fraser Project

Discussion ensued relative to involving the General Manager Planning and Development and the Manager Economic Development in the "Experience the Fraser" Project.

The Committee received the report dated June 8, 2010 from the General Manager Leisure & Parks Services entitled “Metro Vancouver – Experience the Fraser Project” as background information relating to the delegation appearing at the June 14, 2010 Recreation, Sports & Culture Standing Committee.
4. **Report of General Manager Leisure and Parks Services – Mundy Park and Blue Mountain Park Safety Audits**

The General Manager Leisure and Parks Services provided introductory comments relative to the safety audits recently completed at Mundy and Blue Mountain Parks.

The Urban Forestry Operations Manager stated that safety concerns had been raised by members of the public relating to sightlines and parents’ ability to watch their children around the playground and washroom/concession building at both Mundy and Blue Mountain Parks. He noted that the safety audit process was an effective collaboration between City staff, the RCMP, and members of local Parent Advisory Committees. He highlighted the identified short and long term recommendations for the Committee.

He also referred to before and after photographs taken depicting the areas of concern and the work completed in both Mundy and Blue Mountain Parks. He noted that the work performed significantly improved the sightlines in both locations and that positive feedback has been received by residents.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:
- Implementing safety audits at other city park locations (i.e. Ranch Park)
- Associated costs with installing new pathway lighting at Blue Mountain Park
- The fact that park building structures are beyond their life expectancy (i.e. washroom/concession building at Mundy Park)
- The feasibility of partnering with service groups
- Ensuring that new building structures (i.e. washroom facilities) are positioned correctly within City Parks

Staff was requested to forward a copy of the report entitled “Mundy Park and Blue Mountain Park Safety Audits” along with an outline of the results to the Coquitlam Field Sports Association.

Councillor Sekora arrived at this time (6:27 p.m.).

The Committee received the report dated June 8, 2010 from the General Manager Leisure & Parks Services entitled “Mundy Park and Blue Mountain Park Safety Audits” for information.

The General Manager Leisure and Parks Services stated that the development of a Master Plan for the redevelopment of Glen Park has been identified as a “B” priority in the 2010 Corporate Business Plan and that the purpose of this report is to outline the design process and schedule for the Glen Park Revitalization Design Process.

The Parks Planner provided an on-screen presentation relating to the Glen Park Master Plan and highlighted the following:

- The location of Glen Park
- The four Park design phases including time frame and deliverables associated with each phase
- Existing Park facilities
- Key planning and design considerations
- Key preliminary programming considerations for Glen Park
- The allocated funding for the planning and design of Glen Park
- The next step – form and meet with the Community Advisory Group

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The timelines for the Glen Park Master Plan process and whether or not the process can be expedited
- The chain link fence located between Glen Park and Glen Elementary School and the importance of exploring integrative uses between the Park and the School with School District 43
- The importance of managing community expectations
- Exploring the option of incorporating a Dog Off-Leash area at Glen Park

The Committee received the report dated June 8, 2010 from the General Manager Leisure & Parks Services entitled “Glen Park Revitalization Design Process” for information.

6. **Report of General Manager Strategic Initiatives – Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex – Poirier Street Repaving**

The General Manager Strategic Initiatives stated that Poirier Street, fronting the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, is in poor shape and in need of repair. He noted that the construction of the parking area of the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex is scheduled in late June through July and that there is an opportunity to expand the scope of work.

The Committee received the report dated June 8, 2010 from the General Manager Strategic Initiatives entitled “Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex – Poirier Street Repaving” for information.
The Committee did not make a motion with respect to this item but referred the following staff recommendation to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting for consideration:

**COUNCIL ACTION**

That Council approve the addition to scope of the Sports Centre Renewal Project to include the rehabilitation of Poirier Street, between Foster Avenue and Winslow Avenue at a cost of $189,800.


The General Manager Leisure and Parks Services informed the Committee that the impending Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) will be taking effect on July 1, 2010 and that the purpose of this update is to provide the Committee with information on how the HST will affect customers accessing Leisure & Parks Services.

The Manager Business Services provided information relating to the HST and highlighted the following:

- The HST will replace both the Goods & Services Tax (GST) and the Provincial Sales Tax (PST)
- The HST rate (12%) is essentially the sum of the PST rate (7%) and the GST rate (5%)
- Customers will be paying an additional 7% on facility admissions, pavilion memberships, food services, and equipment and facility rentals

She further stated that items subject to GST will be subject to HST (with some exceptions), however, not all items currently subject to GST are also subject to PST. She stated that these items will see their total tax rate increasing by 7% when the HST is implemented.

She concluded by stating that if the Low Cost/No Cost initiatives (i.e. the Loonie/Toonie opportunities), are maintained at the same pricing after June, 30, 2010, it will result in a decrease in revenue to the City. However, she further noted that the decrease in revenue could be offset by the increase in revenues realized as a result of the fee increases approved in the 2010 Fees and Charges. Therefore the net financial impact of maintaining the Lonnie or Toonie opportunities will be insignificant and the City will continue to actively promote these opportunities.

Discussion ensued relative to notifying the facility groups of the impacts the HST will have on facility rentals.

The Committee received the report dated June 9, 2010 from the General Manager Leisure & Parks Services entitled “Impact of the Harmonized Sales Tax (the “HST”) on Leisure & Parks Services Users” for information.
8. **Report of General Manager Leisure and Parks Services and General Manager Planning and Development – Public Art Policy and Program Plan**

The Leisure Services Policy Supervisor provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the Public Art Policy and Program Plan. She highlighted the following:
- The two components of Public Art (Commissioned and Community Public Art)
- The benefits of incorporating Public Art within the City
- The Public Art policy statement
- The program plan
- The importance of employing a collaborative approach consisting of an Internal Technical Team, External Stakeholders and the Cultural Advisory Committee
- The program timelines

Councillors Nicholson, Reid and Robinson arrived at this time (6:58 p.m.).

The Committee Recommends:

**COUNCIL ACTION**

That Council:
1. Approve the Public Art Policy statement in the report of the General Managers of Leisure and Parks Services and Planning and Development dated June 11, 2010 to help guide the preparation of a Public Art Program Plan; and
2. Direct staff to develop a Public Art Program Plan for consideration by Council in March 2011.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

9. **Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

The Committee received the minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

10. **Minutes of the Disability Issues Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

The Committee received the minutes of the Disability Issues Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, May 19, 2010.
10.BA  Update on Review of Accessible Intersections, Current Standards and Best Practices

The Committee Recommends:

COUNCIL ACTION

That staff be directed to proceed with the “Next Steps” identified in the “Coquitlam Accessibility Review,” as follows:

Next Steps
- Workshop with City departments likely affected by new standards
- Develop general guidelines for designing new infrastructure to ensure adequate accessibility for all road users as well as realistic retrofit measures for existing infrastructure
  - Utility placement
  - Curb ramp design
  - Maximum gradients and cross slopes

OTHER BUSINESS

OB-1  French Language Performers on Canada Day

Discussion ensued relative to a Committee Recommendation from the May 6, 2010 Maillardville Commercial and Cultural Revitalization Task Force Meeting. The Chair noted that the recommendation “to ensure that every year French language performers be included (on stage) as part of the City’s Canada Day celebration to reflect the French language and history of Coquitlam and Maillardville” was discussed at the Land Use and Economic Development Standing Committee Meeting and the Committee requested that Leisure and Parks staff follow-up on this matter.

The Chair requested an update relating to this matter and the General Manager Leisure and Parks Services provided an update highlighting the French performances and exhibitors taking place on Canada Day.

OB-2  Family Fishing Weekend at LaFarge Lake

The Committee requested that this item be placed on the next agenda of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee.
INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 Minutes of the Coquitlam Public Library Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010

NEXT MEETING DATE – June 28, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

Karen Wanders
Committee Clerk