RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 10, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee convened on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 12:00 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 Selina Robinson, Vice Chair
Councillor Neal Nicholson
Councillor Lou Sekora
Mayor Richard Stewart (arrived at 12:21 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT:  Councillor Brent Asmundson (arrived at 12:09 p.m.)
Councillor Barrie Lynch
Councillor Linda Reimer

STAFF:  Peter Steblin, City Manager
John DuMont, Deputy City Manager
Lori MacKay, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services
Maurice Gravelle, General Manager Strategic Initiatives
Ron Price, Manager Human Resources
Kathleen Relnheimer, Manager Parks and Facilities
Neil Pukesh, Operations Manager Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex
Gerri Briggs-Simpson, Community Services Supervisor
Allyson Friesen, Leisure Services Policy Supervisor
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, December 13, 2010

The Committee approved the minutes of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, December 13, 2010.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.
2. Mr. Garrett Ungaro and Mr. Ed Ponsart – Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association

Mr. Ponsart, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association, provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the installment of Artificial Turf in the Main Arena at the Poirier Sports and Leisure Complex. He referred to slides titled as follows:
- Executive Summary
- Benefits to the City of Coquitlam
- Benefits to the Lacrosse Groups
- Installation of Rec Turf in the Langley Events Centre
- Lower Mainland Arenas with Alternative Playing Surfaces
- Photos depicting the Rec Turf and storage racks installed at the Langley Events Centre

Mr. Ponsart also highlighted the costs associated with installing Rec Turf and custom storage racks at the Poirier Sports and Leisure Complex.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:
- The differences between wood and cement flooring
- The timeline to install, and the required maintenance of, Rec Turf
- The life span of Rec Turf
- The fact that the Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association has received unanimous support from all member clubs to request the installment of Artificial Turf

Staff was directed to meet with the delegates, review the feasibility of installing Artificial Turf in the Main Arena at the Poirier Sports and Leisure Complex arena and report back to a future Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee Meeting.

3. Ms. Jeanette MacLean – North East Tennis Society

Ms. MacLean, North East Tennis Society (NETS), appeared before the Committee to provide information on two funding opportunities that would help establish a community based indoor tennis facility within the City of Coquitlam. She stated that Tennis Canada has put in place matching funds up to $20,000 to help municipalities procure a professional feasibility study/business plan for an indoor tennis facility.

She highlighted the topics that would be examined (i.e. supply and demand, location, cost, programming etc.) within the feasibility study and noted that the cities of Vancouver, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Kelowna have taken advantage of this matched funding opportunity.
She emphasized the fact that Tennis B.C. would support a City of Coquitlam application to Tennis Canada for matched funding and that the anticipated amount of funding required would be up to $10,000 each from the matched funding partners - the City of Coquitlam and Tennis Canada.

She noted that Tennis Canada has also put in place capital funding that can be accessed by municipalities for the building of an indoor tennis facility and that Tennis Canada will be providing funding to three communities per year.

She requested that the Committee recommend to Council to approve, in principle, a motion to apply to Tennis Canada for matched funding of up to $10,000 for the procurement of a professional feasibility study/business plan with respect to a community-based indoor tennis facility in the City of Coquitlam.

Mayor Stewart arrived at this time (12:21 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:
- The time frame to submit the grant request
- Securing alternate funding
- The NETS membership
- Identifying the demand for an indoor tennis facility
- Ensuring that the City has facilities for individual sports

Staff was directed to report back to the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee related to applying to Tennis Canada for matching funds to conduct a feasibility study for an indoor tennis facility and capital funding to help build a facility.

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Discussion ensued relative to the following:
- The sporting clubs approached to be a part of the 2011 International Children’s Winter Games
- The limited number of delegates that are able to attend the event
- The feasibility of an official City delegate to attend (i.e. a Council or City staff member)
- The importance of reviewing and hosting these types of events within the City of Coquitlam
- Securing a support system for young athletes who wish to participate in out of town tournament/events
The Committee agreed to bring forward, for Council's consideration at the January 17, 2011 Council meeting, a delegate's name to attend the International Children's Winter Games.


5. Verbal Report of General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services – Cyclical Review Update

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the six month Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Cyclical Review and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Management Structure
- Background
- Transition Team
- Team 1 – Customer Service
- Team 2 – Physical Workspace
- Team 3 – Roles and Responsibilities
- Team 4 – Teambuilding
- Team 5 – Internal Communications
- Team 6 – Staff Development
- Team 7 – Critical Path
- Key Accomplishments
- Key Challenges
- Next Steps
- Transition Team

The Committee commended the work completed by the Transition Team.

Staff was directed to provide a written report providing the information presented in the verbal report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services. Staff was also directed to include a time line beginning from the start of the Cyclical Review.

The Committee received the verbal report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture Services entitled “Cyclical Review Update”.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 24, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

Karen Wanders
Committee Clerk