

**RIVERVIEW LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 3:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair  
Councillor Chris Wilson, Vice Chair (arrived at 3:08 p.m.)  
Mayor Richard Stewart  
Neal Nicholson, Coquitlam Heritage Society  
Marilyne Anderson, Riverview Horticultural Centre Society  
Al Amundsen, Tri-Cities Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Committee  
Marco D’Agostini  
Zaki Jiwa  
Kathy Nelson  
Margo Nelson  
Judith Osborne  
Diane Thorne  
Anna Tremere  
Beata Zaleska

REGRETS: Elaine Golds, Burke Mountain Naturalists  
Tiffany Melius, New View Society

ABSENT: Anna Tremere

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Izett, Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum

STAFF: Andrew Merrill, Manager Community Planning  
Tyler Kuny, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer  
Rachel Cormack, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 1. **Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

The Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 were approved.

The Chair identified a new item of business and noted it would be OB-1.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair invited the Mayor to address the Committee for the inaugural meeting. The Mayor thanked the Committee for their service and noted the importance of the Riverview Lands and the need for increased mental health services in the province.

The Chair at this time invited the Committee to introduce themselves to their fellow Committee members.

The Vice Chair arrived at this time (3:08 p.m.).

Mayor Stewart departed at this time (3:10 p.m.).

### **2. Committee Orientation**

The Committee Clerk provided the Committee with an on-screen presentation entitled "Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Orientation" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Coquitlam City Council
- 2018 Advisory and Statutory Committees
- Mandate of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee
- The Role of the Chair and Vice Chair
- The Role of the Staff Lead
- The Role of the Committee
- The Role of the Committee Clerk
- Term of Appointment for Committee Members
- Code of Conduct for Committee Members
- Conflict of Interest
- Additional Information for Committee Members
- Additional Information Cont.
- Questions?

### **3. Review and Adoption of the 2018 Work Plan**

The Manager Community Planning referenced the draft 2018 Work Plan (attached to the agenda package), and spoke to the proposed 2018 Work Plan items and their expected timelines for presentation to the Committee.

The Chair spoke of possible presentations to the Committee.

Discussion ensued relative to the items contained on the 2018 Work Plan.

A copy of the 2018 Work Plan is attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2018 Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Work Plan.

**4. National Trade Corridors Fund Applications for Improvements at Pitt River Road and Lougheed Highway, and at Colony Farm Road and Lougheed Highway**

The Chair introduced Alex Izett from the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum to the Committee. Mr. Izett provided the Committee with an on-screen presentation entitled "Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 Presentation to Riverview Lands Advisory Committee" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Presentation Outline
- Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum
- GTCF – Scope
- Presentation Outline
- Trade Through the Gateway is Growing
- About GVG 2030
- Community Benefits
- Economic Benefits
- Proposed Projects
- Presentation Outline
- Phase 1 Comprehensive Project Proposals
- Pitt River Road and Colony Farm Road Rail Overpass Project
- Pitt River Road At-Grade Crossing
- Westwood Street and Kingsway Avenue Grade-Separations Project
- Westwood Street At-Grade Crossing
- Kingsway Avenue At-Grade Crossing
- Presentation Outline
- Next Steps
- Thank you

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Clarification of the funding criteria for future transportation development
- The possible development of an overpass into Riverview Lands
- The desire for Lougheed Highway to be made safer through re-development

In response to a question from the Committee, the Manager Community Planning noted the work the City of Coquitlam has been undertaking in partnership with BC Housing on Riverview Lands to improve the Lougheed Highway frontage.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The possibility of re-locating the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) tracks along Lougheed Highway
- The possible impacts of having an overpass on Riverview Lands
- The narrowness of the CPR track lands between Riverview Lands and Colony Farm
- The possible avenues of reducing CPR track usage

Mr. Izitt noted the process being undertaken by the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum to apply for grants from Transportation Canada to develop preliminary designs for public consultation. He noted the potential timeline for grant funding for the project.

Discussion continued relative to the possible impacts to the Riverview Lands due to potential pipeline development.

## **5. Review and Discussion of Correspondence**

The Chair referenced a collection of correspondence between BC Housing, the provincial government, and the City of Coquitlam in regards to the Riverview Lands (attached to the agenda package).

The Manager Community Planning provided further context as to the correspondence and which Committee Recommendations generated the various correspondence.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for more information from BC Housing as to the development of a parking management strategy
- The desire for BC Housing to return to the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee for another presentation
- Clarification of the revenue generated by the film industry on Riverview Lands

The Manager Community Planning referenced an additional letter provided to the Committee on-table from the Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions in regards to the development of mental health buildings on Riverview Lands.

## **6. Construction Updates and Emerging Issues**

The Manager Community Planning provided the Committee with an on-screen image entitled “Riverview Building & Infrastructure Initiatives” and provided information regarding the development on the Riverview Lands as outlined on the image.

Discussion ensued relative to the possibility that construction of the Centre for Mental Health and Addictions (CMHA) building is on-hold for breaking the Kwikwetlem First Nation’s Heritage Program protocols for development on Riverview Lands.

A member of the Committee provided a picture taken on the Riverview Lands earlier in the day. She noted that it appeared to be truck tracks in the grass and expressed concern over the disturbance of soil.

The Chair noted that he would enquire further regarding the CMHA construction.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **OB-1 Council Response to Committee Recommendations – Update**

Upon request from the Committee, the Chair provided an update on how Council received the Committee Recommendations that were generated during the December 6, 2017 meeting. He noted that the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were received at the Regular Council Meeting held on January 15, 2018. He reviewed the Committee Recommendations and the discussion at the Regular Council Meeting regarding the Recommendations.

The Manager Community Planning provided further clarification as to Council's discussion regarding the Committee Recommendations.

The Chair noted that the provincial government is the owner and operator of the Riverview Lands and that the City of Coquitlam functions as an advisor and stakeholder. He stated that the City cannot demand action or information from BC Housing.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The belief that it is important for the City to receive notice from BC Housing should development exceed the land space of a previous building
- The belief that Council has the opportunity to re-word Committee Recommendations at Regular Council meetings to honour the spirit of Committee Recommendations
- Disappointment that two of the Committee's Recommendation were received but not approved
- The desire for the Committee to receive the Riverview Lands Master Plan when it was developed

The Chair identified an additional item of business and noted it would be OB-2.

### **OB-2 Riverview Lands Signage**

The Chair noted the desire for there to be signs on Riverview Lands that inform residents of building development projects. He noted a Committee Recommendation that was received by Council at the Regular Council Meeting on January 15, 2018 as part of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on December 6, 2018. He reminded the Committee that the recommendation requested a sign on the Riverview Lands notifying the public of proposed tree cutting. He stated that signage providing notification of development should be required.

Discussion ensued relative to the potential form of the signage on Riverview Lands.

The Committee Recommended:

**COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council write a letter to BC Housing requesting that signage be installed on the Riverview Lands to inform the public of the Provincial Assessment Centre and Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, and Centre for Mental Health and Addictions developments.

The Chair enquired whether there were any other topics for discussion. The Committee noted two other business items.

**OB-3 Riverview Lands Partnership**

A member of the Committee requested information as to the process of an organization becoming a partner of the Riverview Lands. She stated interest in her organization becoming a partner to the Riverview Lands alongside the Kwikwetlem First Nations.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The definition of a stakeholder vs. a partner
- The role of the City of Coquitlam as a land regulator and stakeholder for the Riverview Lands
- The belief that the Committee has a vested interest in the Riverview Lands
- The Committee's lack of financial or contractual claims on the Riverview Lands
- The belief that the Kwikwetlem First Nation is a partner on the Riverview Lands in part due to their land claim and historical use of the area
- The treaty negotiation process between the Kwikwetlem First Nation, the provincial government, and the federal government

**OB-4 2018 Meeting Schedule**

The Chair referenced the on-table 2018 Meeting Schedule and discussed the upcoming meetings.

**NEXT MEETING DATE – May 2, 2018**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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CHAIR



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Rachel Cormack  
Committee Clerk