

**RIVERVIEW LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 3:33 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair  
Councillor Chris Wilson, Vice Chair  
Al Amundsen, BC Schizophrenia Society  
Elaine Golds, Burke Mountain Naturalists  
Tiffany Melius, New View Society  
John Mellow, Riverview Horticulture Centre Society  
Neal Nicholson, Coquitlam Heritage Society  
Marco D'Agostini  
Ludy Moysiuk  
Margo Nelson  
Diane Thorne  
Anna Tremere

ABSENT: Kathy Nelson  
Beata Zaleska

STAFF: Carl Johannsen, Manager Community Planning  
Steve Gauley, Planner 3  
Sherri Birt, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS****2. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed the members of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee to their first meeting of 2017 and facilitated member introductions in order to acquaint the Committee members with one another.

**3. Committee Orientation**

The Committee Clerk provided an overview of the mandate of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee and the role of advisory committees as a whole. She utilized an on-screen presentation and referred to slides titled as follows:

- City of Coquitlam Council
- 2017 Coquitlam 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(s)
- The Role of the Committee Clerk
- The Role of the Committee
- Term of Appointment for Committee Members
- Code of Conduct for Committee Members
- Additional Information for Committee Members
- Thank You!

**4. Review/Approval of 2017 Work Plan**

The Chair requested feedback from the Committee to the draft 2017 Riverview Lands Advisory Work Plan.

Discussion ensued relative to the timeline and possibility for BC Housing attending a future Riverview Lands Advisory Committee meeting.

The Committee approved the 2017 Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Work Plan and a copy is attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommends:

**COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2017 Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved.

**5. 2017 Meeting Schedule**

The Chair gave a brief overview of the 2017 meeting schedule and advised the Committee that the meeting dates are tentative in nature and that future meeting dates will be called by the Chair as new information on Riverview lands arises.

**6. Riverview Proposals and Initiatives**

The Planner 3 provided the Committee with an overview of certain proposals and activity on the Riverview lands including utility upgrades which include water, sewage and drainage mains, as well as improvements to communication infrastructure. He provided further updates on the Valleyview site and a proposal of a new building to house province run mental health programs, which would be moved from the current Willingdon site. He also provided an update on the future of the Unit 8 Building.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the proposed new Unit 8 Building will stay within the current area of disturbed footprint
- Whether the City has received any further updates from B.C. Housing
- The transportation and access available to and from the Riverview lands
- The Province's Break-even mandate and how it applies to the grounds at Riverview
- Whether B.C. Housing has formally replied to Council's requests from October, 2016

**7. Committee Member Updates**

The Chair asked members of the Committee if they had new information to share regarding Riverview Lands.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The date for the upcoming Tree Fest
- Concerns regarding the new requirements imposed by B.C. Housing for tree tours and events on the Riverview lands
- The concerns regarding the perceived increase in difficulty to access the Riverview lands
- The concerns regarding rent increases on the Lands

The Committee recommends:

**COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council write a letter to BC Housing seeking clarification and information regarding the increasing difficulty of public access to the Riverview Lands.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The pruning of blackberry bushes for public safety
- Concerns with janitorial service charges and upkeep of the washrooms
- The suggestion that the Horticulture Society apply for a Spirit Grant
- Whether the letter sent to B.C. Housing by Council is available to the public
- The future plan for Unit 8

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE - June 13, 2017 (TBC)**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

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CHAIR

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Sherri Birt  
Committee Clerk