

**RIVERVIEW LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 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 3:26 p.m.)
Tiffany Melius, New View Society
Marilyne Anderson, Riverview Horticulture Centre Society
Neal Nicholson, Coquitlam Heritage Society
Al Amundsen, BC Schizophrenia Society
Kathy Nelson
Margo Nelson (arrived at 3:04 p.m.)
Anna Tremere
Beata Zaleska
Ludy Moysiuk

REGRETS: Marco D'Agostini
Diane Thorne

ABSENT: Elaine Golds, Burke Mountain Naturalists

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Peters, BC Housing
Andrea Aleck, Kwikwetlem First Nation

STAFF: Andrew Merrill, Manager Community Planning
Rachel Cormack, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

The Minutes of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 were approved.

Margo Nelson arrived at this time (3:04 p.m.).

NEW BUSINESS**2. Updates from BC Housing**

The Chair welcomed Ms. Sheryl Peters, BC Housing, who also introduced Ms. Andrea Aleck of the Kwikwetlem First Nation. Ms. Aleck provided an introduction to the presentation, noting the history of the site.

Ms. Peters utilized an on-screen presentation entitled "Riverview Lands" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Updates
- Site Map

Councillor Wilson arrived at this time (3:26 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The delay of the master plan for the Riverview Lands
- The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society Treefest
- The possibility of timed free parking on the Riverview Site

In response to questions from Committee members, Ms. Peters noted that BC Housing is in the process of hiring a Parking Manager, who would design a parking management plan for the site.

In response to questions from Committee members, Ms. Aleck provided a brief archaeological history of the Riverview site.

Councillor Wilson left at this time (3:40 p.m.).

Ms. Aleck outlined the Heritage Certification Program that the Kwikwetlem First Nation is developing. All workers on the site will be asked to participate in the program. She noted that it has two components: education regarding the heritage of the site and instruction on the Chance Find Protocol.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- What qualifies as a ground disturbance on the Riverview site
- The components of the Heritage Certification Program
- The recent archaeological finds on the site
- The desire for non-profit organizations and residents to have access to the Heritage Certification Program
- The possibility of BC Housing providing a reduced rate for non-profit organizations to go through the Heritage Certification Program
- The ability to access the Heritage Certification Program online

In response to questions from Committee members, Ms. Peters noted that Dr. Julian Dunster has now been brought under contract with BC Housing.

Councillor Wilson returned at this time (3:53 p.m.).

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- That the Heritage Certification Program was developed in response to unauthorized excavation on site
- The balance between protecting existing trees versus the need to facilitate the construction of new buildings
- The specifications of the tree replacement program
- The development of the Provincial Assessment Centre (PAC) as provided by Community Living British Columbia, and the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre (Maples) as provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development
- The process of developers gaining approval to remove trees from the PAC/Maples development site
- The requirements for acquiring a tree removal permit
- The concern that the tree removal on the PAC/Maples development site was approved by Council through a development variance application by the developer
- The lack of irrigation systems at Riverview and the difficulties of maintaining landscaping
- The natural life cycle of trees
- The desire for a comprehensive tree inventory
- The existence of an online inventory of the 2016 survey of 1800 tagged trees on-site
- The desire to create a metric on the online tree inventory relating to the monitoring of tree health
- BC Housing's mandate to provide an amount of open space after development equal to the amount before development
- The desire for BC Housing to be held to the prior commitment to build only on the existing building footprint to avoid the removal of trees
- The desire for the potential removal of trees to be conveyed to Council and the public
- The belief that the new PAC/Maples development was brought to Council because the lot needed to be re-zoned to accommodate greater building height
- The concern that trees could be removed through a tree removal permit and not go to Council for consideration

In response to a question from the Committee, the Manager Community Planning stated that if a development proposal complied with the existing zoning bylaws, the development would only require a building permit and would not be brought forward for Council consideration.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- Paid parking on-site and possible parking policies
- The utilization of BC Film Industry revenue
- The previous mandate of BC Housing to break even on operational costs
- BC Housing's desire to study downtown film sites to assist in the creation of parking regulations
- The desire for reliable transit service through Riverview

- The statistics regarding the current number of employees on the Riverview site
- The possibility of First Nation groups playing a bigger role in Riverview development

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Aleck stated that the Kwikwetlem First Nation is undergoing a community engagement process with their own members as to how they view the uses of Riverview.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The continued partnership between BC Housing, the Kwikwetlem First Nation, and the Provincial government
- The integration of First Nation cultural artifacts and art in new development projects
- The involvement of the Kwikwetlem First Nation in streetscape design
- The participation of the Kwikwetlem First Nation in ceremonial openings of sites on the Riverview lands
- The potential timeline for the completion of the Riverview Vision
- The rates and group sizes for non-profit organizations to take the Heritage Certification Program

The Chair thanked BC Housing for their presentation.

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time (4:46 p.m.) and Councillor Wilson assumed the role of Chair at this time.

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council ask BC Housing to get explicit agreement from Council should any development exceed the existing disturbed footprint.

Discussion ensued relative to the desire for development on Riverview to follow the original mandate of keeping to the existing disturbed footprints.

Councillor Hodge returned at this time and assumed the role of Chair (4:48 p.m.)

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The ability of the film industry to work around the existing landscape
- The desire to limit the amount of trees that are able to be removed by new development

In response to a question from the Committee, the Manager Community Planning stated that two of Dr. Dunster's reports on tree health were attached to the Development Variance application brought forward to Council when considering those permits.

Al Amundsen left at this time (5:00 p.m.).

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The desire for there to be discussion on a tree's health and importance before it is removed
- The possibility of the City or non-profit groups hiring an arborist to provide a second opinion on BC Housing's staff arborist

Tiffany Melius left at this time (5:05 p.m.).

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The desire for a meaningful tree rehabilitation process and tree protection measures
- The issue of trees being cut along the highway not being reported to Council
- The issue of on-going tree maintenance due to weather

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to notify Council in a public forum if trees are proposed to be removed from the Riverview Lands, prior to permits being issued, and ask the proponent to place signs on the property notifying the public of the proposed tree cutting.

Discussion continued relative to the understanding that BC Housing is embarking on a parking management plan and the desire for that manager to be unbiased in how they allocate parking.

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council request that:

1. BC Housing work with non-profit groups to ensure that any parking related costs are not a burden to those groups and/or limit public access to the site.
2. BC Housing report on the results and recommendations of the parking management study to Council prior to implementation.

Discussion continued relative to the need for continued conservation of the pre-existing buildings.

3. Metro Vancouver – Water Main No. 4 Work Updates

The Chair noted that Mr. Bob Cheng was unable to present to the Committee at this time. The Manager Community Planning provided a brief update stating that Metro Vancouver is in the process of upgrading the main water pipeline that currently runs alongside the Riverview site. He noted that this pipeline would then feed into the new pipe under the Fraser River. He also noted that Metro Vancouver is exploring options as to where the pipeline would be installed and that they could bring an update forward at a later meeting.

4. 2017 Committee Review and Feedback

The Chair noted the recent Committee appointments and thanked Ludy Moysiuk for her services on the Committee. He also noted that the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society would have a new representative in the new year.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility of BC Housing providing additional updates in 2018
- The desire to invite the Kwikwetlem First Nation to present in 2018
- The desire to share the 2018 meeting schedule with the Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Hon. Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

5. 2018 Work Plan Development

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for more informational presentations to the Committee for the purpose of providing advice to Council
- The desire to extend invitations to both the Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Hon. Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to attend a meeting

The Chair thanked the Committee for their work over the past year.

The Vice Chair introduced the Committee to Zaki Jiwa, one of the committee's new members.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE - TBC (2018)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR



Rachel Cormack
Committee Clerk