

## SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

*Recommendation:*

That the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 be approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Engagement Session (Presentation by Acting Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist)**  
7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 3. Sports Field Strategy Update (Introductory Comments by Senior Manager Policy and Business Services)**  
7:35 – 8:05 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 4. 2024 Year End Review / Identify Potential Items for Draft 2025 Work Plan (Introductory Comments by Senior Manager Parks and Facilities Planning, and Manager Sport Services)**  
8:05 – 8:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**  
8:35 – 9:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

### OTHER BUSINESS

### NEXT MEETING DATE – 2025

### ADJOURNMENT

**SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair  
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair  
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative  
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative  
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative  
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative  
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative  
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative  
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative  
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association  
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association  
Chuck Peries, Coquitlam Tennis Club

GUESTS: Sandon Fraser, President, Coquitlam Little League

REGRETS: Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ted Urich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning  
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager  
Julia Power, Legislative Services Clerk  
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

## CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

The Committee amended June 12, 2024 meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee to separate and include “The Dogwood Seniors Society Pickleball Group has had to restrict registration due to increased interest” and “PoCoMo Pickleball Club has partnered with the city to offer a paddle rack system” for Item 5, Point 4 and Point 5.

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 were approved as amended.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups – Coquitlam Little League**

Sandon Fraser, President, Coquitlam Little League, provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Little League: Developing Youth in the Tri Cities Since 1955” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam Little League, including background, volunteerism, guiding principles, partnership, organization structure, achievements, and future plans

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to see upgrades to existing field space to increase capacity and usage opportunities
- Desire to learn about player demographics and player fees
- Desire to collaborate with other organizations to increase opportunities, including indoor practice spaces
- Desire to know more about the renewal of Riverview Park Elementary School Park for Coquitlam Little League
- Desire for increased lighting at Mackin Park during the next park renewal

### **3. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Update**

Committee Clerk provided the date, time and location of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition event

There was no discussion to this item.

### **4. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Desire to learn about the construction progress and tentative opening date of Mundy Park pool
- Desire to understand the Major Facilities Roadmap and impacts of housing legislation on funding for park and facility development

- Desire for be public consultation opportunities to provide input regarding the agreement between GSL Group and the City, relative to Planet Ice

Councillor Marsden recused himself at this time due to a conflict of interest with the Planet Ice operator, GSL Group — 7:41 p.m.

- Interest in using the needs of arena users to guide the operations of Planet Ice and the allocation of ice times

Councillor Marsden returned to the meeting at this time — 7:43 p.m.

- Desire to receive information about development fees and to provide feedback regarding the allocation of amenity cost charges
- Desire to understand the reason Planet Ice experienced a closure on September 10, 2024
- Expressed congratulations to Coquitlam Adanacs Lacrosse Team for their 2024 Minto Cup victory and welcomed the new President of the Coquitlam Sports Centre User Association (CSCUA), Tali Campbell
- Desire to understand the timeline of the proposed Northeast Community Centre site, including felling of trees on site
- Update on Coquitlam events, including, Coquitlam Tennis Open Tournament, Tennis Memorial Tournament, and the Terry Fox Run in Mundy Park on September 15, 2024
- The Dogwood Seniors Society Pickleball Group have capped memberships, waitlist continues to grow
- PoCoMo Pickleball Club memberships grow, increased usage of courts due to increased players
- Desire to learn about recreation user fees and to provide feedback on the 2025 budget
- Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame will participate in the Coquitlam Metro-Ford Soccer Club 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 28, 2024, all members of the public welcome to attend
- Concerns about field usage, including casual users occupying booked field space and refusing to leave
- Plans to fundraise to upgrade Mundy Park Disc Golf
- Question regarding the operation and ownership of the Shark Shack located at Mundy Park Pool

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Matt Djonlic, Chair

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Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk



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# Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Engagement

Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee | November 5, 2024

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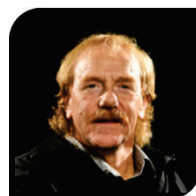
## Urban Matters Team



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Community Planner  
Urban Systems/Urban Matters



**Isha Matous-Gibbs**  
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**Stan Leyenhorst**  
Accessibility Consultant  
Universal Access Design



**Ingrid Baartman**  
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## Agenda

1. City of Coquitlam's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Foundations
2. Overview of the Accessible BC Act
3. Introduction to the City's Accessibility and Inclusion Plan
4. Barriers to Accessibility & Inclusion
5. Round Table Discussion
6. Next steps

## City's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Foundations

- EDI is an overarching theme in Business and Strategic Plan
- Historical prioritization of accessibility and inclusion principles in EDI work:
  - Recreation Inclusion initiatives for community
  - Technology upgrades and process enhancements
- Existing and long-standing accessibility committee: Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Existing *Recruitment and Retention EDI Action Plan*
  - Guidelines to Support Trans and Non-Binary Staff in the Workplace
- Intersectional EDI Work Plan



## Accessible BC Act

- Accessible BC Act came into effect in 2023
- Applies to over 750 public-serving organizations
- Tasks organizations with identifying, removing and preventing barriers to ensure full and equal participation
- Requires three things:
  - Create an accessibility committee;
  - Create an accessibility plan;
  - Create a feedback mechanism on this plan

## Coquitlam's Accessibility and Inclusion Plan

- Focus on Accessibility **and** Inclusion
- Developed with community voices:
  - People with lived and living experience
  - Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee
  - Additional Council Advisory Committees (MAC, SRAC)
  - Organizations supporting people with accessibility and inclusion needs
  - Government organizations (school district, health authority)
  - City Staff



## Barriers to accessibility and inclusion

- **Social / Cultural:** People face stigma and discrimination because others don't understand their experiences or culture.
- **Physical / Geographic:** Some places are hard to reach or enter because of how they are designed or because they are far away.
- **Technology:** Some people can't access or use technology because they don't have the right tools or need specific features.
- **Communication / Language:** People may struggle to understand or be understood because of language differences or how they process information.
- **Structural / Systemic:** Policies may be unfair because they don't consider the challenges faced by equity-deserving groups like time and money.
- **Sensory:** Some environments are difficult for people because of things like bright lights, loud sounds, or strong smells.

## Where do these barriers show up?

- **Physical Spaces (built environment):** city buildings, parks, meeting rooms, etc.
- **Services and Programs:** help desk, recreation programs, events, etc.
- **Information and Communication:** Website, applications, engagement, etc.
- **Transportation:** sidewalks, bike paths, trails, bus stops, road crossings, etc.
- **Employment:** applications, hiring process, training, etc.
- **Procurement:** City purchasing of goods and services

## Round Table Discussion



### Question 1

What do you feel the City of Coquitlam is doing well in relation to accessibility and inclusion?

## Question 2

What are the barriers or gaps you see or experience related to accessibility and inclusion, especially in relation to City programs / services / facilities / events?

## Question 3

What changes do you think the City could make that would make the most significant impact on those barriers?

## Question 4

How would you like to be able to share feedback with the City of Coquitlam about ways to improve accessibility and inclusion?

## Your Feedback

- Your feedback will inspire the main features of the Accessibility and Inclusion Plan, including goals, action items and priorities
- We will finalize our What We Heard report over the next month
- We will review key findings with the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- The What We Heard Report will guide drafting the Plan

## Public Survey

Everyone who lives, works, studies, recreates or visits Coquitlam is encouraged to provide feedback in our public survey!

The survey will be available until **November 17**. Visit [letstalkcoquitlam.ca/accessibilityplan](https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/accessibilityplan) or scan the QR code for a link to the survey.



## Timeline



# Thank you!

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