

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Matt Djonlic
Councillor Craig Hodge
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Rob Mazzarolo
Councillor Teri Towner

ALSO PRESENT: Erin Seeley, CEO – YWCA Metro Vancouver
Shauna Shortt, City Shift Project Lead – YWCA Metro Vancouver
Navid Morawej, Principal and Director – Hillcrest and Parkland Players Ltd.
Michael Thomas, Board Chair – School District 43 (Coquitlam)
Patricia Gartland, Superintendent – School District 43 (Coquitlam)
Randy Manhas, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer – School District 43 (Coquitlam)
Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director, Facilities and Planning Services – School District 43 (Coquitlam)

STAFF: Raul Allueva, City Manager
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police
Lanny Englund, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Curtis Scott, Director City Lands and Real Estate
Genevieve Bucher, Director Community Planning
Jennifer Keefe, Director Community Recreation and Culture Services
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Communications and Civic Engagement
Manisha Dutta, Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Wendy Rogers, Director Intergovernmental Relations
Kathleen Reinheimer, Manager Parks
Ted Uhrich, Acting Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Michelle Frilund, Civic Engagement Manager
Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Doron Fishman, Park Planning and Design Manager

Sara Yastremski, Parks Services Manager
Katie Karn, City Clerk
Nikolina Vracar, Legislative Services Manager
Rachel Cormack, Legislative Services Coordinator

Councillor Djonlic, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial land acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 3, 2023

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 3, 2023.

DELEGATIONS

2. Erin Seeley, CEO – YWCA Metro Vancouver – City Shift – Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)

Erin Seely, CEO, YWCA Metro Vancouver and Shauna Shortt, City Shift Project Lead of the YWCA Metro Vancouver, referred to slides from the presentation included with the agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The potential for the City to utilize the framework of GBA+ for future projects
- How other municipalities are utilizing GBA+
- The potential for broader discussion and advocacy of the framework tool
- Coquitlam’s leadership in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the representatives for their delegation.

3. Navid Morawej, Principal – Hillcrest and Parkland Players Ltd. – Child Care Solutions

Navid Morawej, Director of Hillcrest and Parkland Players Ltd., referred to slides from the presentation included with the agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to relocation of temporary child care spaces from sites slated for development once the development commences.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the representative for their delegation.

4. Michael Thomas, Board Chair – School District 43 (Coquitlam) – Burke Mountain Joint Secondary School / Park Site

Michael Thomas, Board Chair of School District 43 (SD43), provided an overview of the Burke Mountain Joint Secondary School and Park Site, and presented a video of the proposed development.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the work that SD43 has undertaken to advance the establishment of a school in the Burke Mountain neighbourhood.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the representative for their delegation.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND FACILITIES

5. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Burke Mountain Joint Secondary School / Park Concept and Public Engagement

The City Manager and General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments relative to the report.

The Acting Manager Parks and Facility Planning referred to slides from the presentation included with the report as Attachment 1.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The division of the site between SD43 and the City
- The desire for the Joint Use Agreement for the site to allow the City to plan programming on the grass and artificial fields outside of school hours
- The possibility that proposed tennis courts be designated for shared use with pickleball and the desire for a practice wall near the courts
- The need to mitigate construction impacts on the surrounding area
- The ongoing review of the site access options
- The future middle school on the site and the need for early and ongoing advocacy to the Provincial Government for support
- The possibility of having child care spaces at SD43 sites
- The need to ensure that sport fields on joint use sites are designed for multiuse
- Concern regarding residents' reaction to the retaining walls on the site
- The desire for more trees on site and for a scoreboard at the track and field

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated April 11, 2023 and entitled "Burke Mountain Joint Secondary School/Park Concept and Public Engagement" for information.

6. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Burke Village Park Concept Plan

The General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments relative to the report.

The Acting Manager Parks and Facility Planning referred to slides from the presentation included with the report as Attachment 1.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The management of the watercourse on the site to avoid erosion and flooding
- The balance between the planning of the park site and the need to manage and protect the watercourse on the site
- The need to ensure that the park is as accessible as possible and blends into the surrounding developments

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated April 11, 2023 and entitled “Burke Village Park Concept Plan” for information.

7. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – Community Garden Update

The General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments relative to the report.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support for the lands to the north of the City Centre Aquatic Complex to be utilized for a temporary community garden space
- The potential to engage with community partners to develop community garden spaces
- The desire for a strategy regarding relocation of temporary community gardens
- Other opportunities within Coquitlam for temporary or permanent community garden spaces
- The potential future engagement between the City and the Tri-Cities Food Security Table regarding community gardens and food security

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated April 11, 2023 and entitled “Community Garden Update” for information.

8. Report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities – 2023 LGBTQ2S+ Pride Celebration

The General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities provided introductory comments relative to the report.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the work the City’s cultural partners have undertaken to organize a Pride celebration event for this year
- Current versus future models for organizing the event
- The need to ensure the event is safe for those who attend

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (4:05 p.m.).

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities dated April 11, 2023 and entitled “LGBTQ2S+ Pride Celebration” for information.

CORPORATE SERVICES

9. Report of the General Manager Corporate Services – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Update – 2022-2023 Activities and Achievements

The General Manager Corporate Services provided introductory comments relative to the report.

The Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) referred to slides from the presentation included with the report as Attachment 3.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The potential to explore hiring programs that would complement the City’s EDI initiatives
- Appreciation for the work that the City’s EDI framework is facilitating

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (4:22 p.m.).

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Corporate Services dated April 11, 2023 and entitled “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Update – 2022-2023 Activities and Achievements” for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – April 24, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:26 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, April 17, 2023 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Rachel Cormack
Legislative Services Coordinator