

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 1, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, May 1, 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 (arrived at 2:11 p.m.)
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Matt Djonlic
Councillor Craig Hodge
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Rob Mazarolo
Councillor Teri Towner

ALSO PRESENT: Terry Hughes, Board Member – Coquitlam River Lions Club
Richard Simonson, Board Member – Coquitlam River Lions Club
Sharon Hughes, Member at Large – Coquitlam River Lions Club

STAFF: Raul Allueva, City Manager
Michelle Hunt, Deputy City Manager
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Lanny Englund, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Curtis Scott, Director City Lands and Real Estate
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Wendy Rogers, Director Intergovernmental Relations
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Communications and Civic Engagement
Lindsey Grist, Business Services Manager
Padraig Harrington, Utility Planning 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 24, 2023

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2023.

DELEGATION

2. Gerry Becker, President – Coquitlam River Lions Club – Introduction to Coquitlam Council

Terry Hughes, Board Member of the Coquitlam River Lions Club, appeared on Gerry Becker's behalf before the Committee to introduce the newly chartered Club and provide an overview of their service mandate.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for the Committee to receive further information regarding the Club's upcoming fundraising events
- Appreciation for the work volunteers undertake within the community and support for the Coquitlam River Lions Club

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

REPORTS OF STAFF

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

3. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works – Creek Water Quality – Citywide Monitoring Results

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided introductory comments relative to the report.

Discussion ensued relative to the water quality rehabilitation of the Coquitlam River.

Mayor Stewart arrived to the meeting at this time (2:11 p.m.).

In response to a question from the Committee, the General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the work staff have undertaken to support creek water protection and management throughout the City.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- Potential enforcement options the City could utilize to address illegal dumping into Coquitlam creeks, including increasing fine amounts

- Whether other bodies, such as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, could be engaged to help with enforcement against illegal dumping The use of the Flowlink water quality monitoring system to increase protection of Coquitlam waterways
- The need for more work around the Stoney Creek watercourse to rehabilitate the creek’s water quality
- The desire for the City to lobby the Provincial Government through the Union of BC Municipalities regarding higher fines for illegal dumping

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated April 24, 2023 and entitled “Creek Water Quality – Citywide Monitoring Results” for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 2:16 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair



Rachel Cormack, Legislative Services Coordinator