



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m.  
Century House**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Jonathan Coté	- Chair, City Council Member
Melissa Balfour	- Community Member (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Shawna Barkley	- Community Member
Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
John Davies	- Community Member
Ted Garbutt	- Community Member
Catherine Ouellet-Martin	- Community Member

#### **REGRETS:**

Casey Cook	- School District #40 Representative
Andrew Hull	- Community Member

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Jennifer Wilson	- Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Erika Mashig	- Parks and Open Space Planner
Shelly Schnee	- Recreation Programmer
Hilary Knowles	- Manager of Canada Games Pool
Nancy Barberie	- Assistant Manager of Canada Games Pool
Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

### **1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions.

### **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 27, 2014**

##### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Saint Mary's Park Development Concept –Erika Mashig, Parks & Open Space Planner**

Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided a presentation regarding the Saint Mary's Park Development Concept, and reported the following additional information:

- The park site is half an acre;
- All play structures on the site will be handicapped accessible;
- The community gardens are located in the south and east corner of the park, and will be provided with adequate sunlight for vegetation to grow;
- Washroom facilities will not be on-site, due to the small size of the park.
- Parking is available on Agnes Street and Merival Street for parents to pick-up and drop-off children at the school; and,
- The community gardens could be operated by a community group.

Ms. Mashig reviewed the options that have been developed for the park, noting that features from each of the options could be blended together for the final design of the park.

The Committee was advised that features from each of the options could be blended together for the final design of the park.

Discussion ensued and the Committee provided the following suggestions:

- That a circular and/or diagonal path be provided through the park;
- That the entrance to the park be embellished;
- That the communal tables be placed close to the activities or community gardens;
- That a cob oven be implemented; and,
- That composting for organics be provided.

Staff advised that an open house regarding Saint Mary's Park will be held in the foyer of City Hall on Thursday, May 15 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### **3.2 Yarn Bombing in Moody Park – Shelly Schnee, Recreation Programmer**

Shelly Schnee, Recreation Programmer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Arts Alive in Moody Park, which consists of a yarn bombing installation, Arts in Action at Century House and the Plywood Project.

## 4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

## 5.0 REPORTS

### 5.1 Canada Games Pool Private Swim Coaching– Hilary Knowles, Manager, Canada Games Pool

Hilary Knowles, Manager of Canada Games Pool, provided a report regarding the use of swimming lanes by private coaches at Canada Games Pool, noting that there are eight lanes that can be used for a variety of functions. Ms. Knowles reported that private swimming coaches have been monopolizing the lanes during public swims to coach their clients, which has intimidated some public swimmers. Ms. Knowles provided four possible solutions to address the issue:

- Option 1: the lanes could be managed through working with coaches and requiring competitive swimmers to practice in specified lanes.
- Option 2: requiring coaches to provide instruction from the pool, to make the coaches less obvious and intimidating to the regular swimmers.
- Option 3: do not allow private or for-profit coaches to utilize the pool for training purposes during public swims.
- Option 4: provide a session for coaches to train during off-peak hours, or direct coaches to an alternative pool for training purposes.

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, noted that the City has a policy regarding private trainers utilizing public parks for work-out sessions, and issues permits for a modest fee. Trainers are advised that they do not have exclusive rights to the park, and cannot interfere with the activities of other park users.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Knowles, and Nancy Barberie, Assistant Manager of Canada Games Pool, provided the following information:

- The options could be implemented in phases, based on their success in addressing the issues;
- Approximately 40% of swimmers are receiving coaching during public swims;
- A suggested mix of four to five lanes for public use, and three to four lanes for coaches use was noted as being an ideal use for the lanes, if coaches are permitted to continue coaching during public swims;
- Coaches have been advised of the rules of use for the swimming lanes;
- According to staff research, approximately 50% of local facilities rent lanes during public swims, 25% do not allow private coaches to utilize lanes and 25% allow coaches to utilize lanes with restrictions;

Discussion ensued and the Committee provided the following suggestions:

- That the public swim and coaching sessions be separated;
- That a policy similar to private trainers utilizing public parks be implemented;
- That a lane fee be implemented;
- That the number of lanes for trainers be restricted to a predetermined number; and,
- That coaching sessions be limited to specified, off-peak hours (such as Sunday morning).

Councillor Jonathan Coté, Chair, requested that staff report back to the Committee with the outcome of the situation.

**5.1 Female Only Swimming Update** – Jennifer Wilson, Assistant Director of Parks, Culture & Recreation (verbal report)

Jennifer Wilson, Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, provided an update regarding the Female Only Swim Program, and reported the following information:

- The event is now called the Woman and Child swim, as male children three years and younger are permitted;
- 67 women and children attend the swim weekly at the City of Burnaby's C.G. Brown Pool;
- Various cultural groups utilize the swimming period; and,
- The City of Burnaby has expressed interest in continuing the program in the summer, as well as expanding the program to include swimming lessons.

Ms. Wilson advised that C.G. Brown Pool will be closing for three months, beginning July 15, 2014, and that the program will be suspended during that time.

**5.2 Anvil Centre Cultural Programming Update** – Jennifer Wilson, Assistant Director of Parks, Culture & Recreation

Jennifer Wilson, Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, summarized the report dated April 7, 2014, noting that an Arts Coordinator has been hired, and that the Parks, Culture and Recreation department is in the process of hiring an Arts Programmer and a Heritage Programmer.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff provided the following information:

- The fee structure will be similar to the existing City policy;
- Staff are in the process of determining a specific fee policy to reflect the uniqueness of the Anvil Centre space;
- An events calendar will be utilized to advertise rental use;
- The Anvil Centre website is currently being developed; and,
- The Anvil Centre website has the ability to allow customers to register for programs online.

The Committee suggested that the Anvil Centre website advertise and profile programs offered by both the City as well as private providers offering programs within the facility.

### **5.3 Westminster Pier Park Timber Wharf Update – Director of Parks, Culture & Recreation (verbal report)**

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, provided an update regarding the Westminster Pier Park Timber Wharf, and reported the following information:

- The recommendation passed at the November 27, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as the inclusion of a water spray area, was endorsed by Council;
- A landscape architect will assist with the planning of the urban beach, which is expected to be operational by in July, 2014;
- Wally's Burger will lease the concession stand located at Westminster Pier Park;
- The Parks, Culture and Recreation department will conduct customer service surveys to monitor the service provided by Wally's Burgers; and,
- Council approved the Biennale package at the May 5, 2014 Regular meeting, which includes a public art project to be installed at Westminster Pier Park Timber Wharf.

### **5.4 2014 BCRPA Provincial Awards – Director of Parks, Culture & Recreation**

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, reported that the City has received the 2014 BCRPA Provincial Awards for Parks and Open Spaces (Westminster Pier Park) and Program Excellence (Heart 2 Art Program).

## **6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Century House

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was concluded at 7:37 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Councillor Jonathan Coté**  
Chair

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**Lauren Blake**  
Committee Clerk