



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Anvil Centre, Room 401/403**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair, City Council Member |
| John Davies              | - Community Member           |
| Ted Garbutt              | - Community Member           |
| Vince Kreiser            | - Community Member           |
| Michel Roy               | - Community Member           |
| Shawna Barkley           | - Community Member           |
| Andrew Hull              | - Community Member           |

#### **MEMBERS REGRETS:**

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| Brynn Bourke | - Community Member            |
| Casey Cook   | - School Board Representative |
| Mike Folka   | - Community Member            |

#### **GUEST PRESENT:**

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| Pat Duncan | -Superintendent New Westminster School District #40 |
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#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

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| James Doan   | - Manager of Community Development |
| Dean Gibson  | - Director of Parks and Recreation |
| Nick Hardy   | - Planning Assistant               |
| Erika Mashig | - Parks and Open Space Planner     |
| JoAnn Tosh   | - Committee Clerk                  |

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 September 21, 2016**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the September 21, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Quayside Park Playground Redevelopment**

Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided an On-Table PowerPoint presentation on the Quayside Park Playground Redevelopment.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Mashig provided the following information:

- The Quayside Park Open House #2 has been scheduled for December 1, 2016 at the River Market from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- There is a major city sewer main that runs beneath the park that is to be replaced prior to work commencing on the park site;
- During the sewer main reconstruction, a detour path will be implemented for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Both park design Options A and B would include removing the submarine playground;
- There are washrooms currently located on the west end of the boardwalk near the Quayside Park location;
- The curve in the esplanade pathway as it approaches the rail line trestle is an effective pedestrian and cyclist traffic calming measure and will likely be incorporated in the new design;
- The budget for the park redevelopment is \$500,000;
- Currently, only option B incorporates sand into its design;
- It is anticipated that some trees, hedges, and underbrush may be lost during the excavation process;
- It is anticipated that the City's Horticulture Manager will meet with the consulting engineer to identify trees to be protected and retained; and,
- The City uses the Canadian Standard Association (CSA) as a guideline with respect to the design process and for elements throughout the park.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee made the following suggestions:

- The curve in the pathway is a great traffic calming feature;
- A small concession at the west end of the boardwalk could be beneficial to the users of the Quayside Park;
- It was suggested that the tender documents could indicate that as many trees as possible be retained, as the trees that were noted during the consultation process are a positive feature of the current playground;
- The Committee requested additional information as to whether there are options for shoring the sewer line excavation such that fewer mature trees are impacted; and,
- A themed park design is preferred to help ensure each park throughout the City is unique with distinctive features.

#### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

#### **5.0 REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Queen's Park Indoor Tennis Facility Proposal**

**Procedural note:** This item was discussed following Item 5.2

James Doan, Manager of Community Development, summarized the November 30, 2016 report regarding the Queen's Park Indoor Tennis Facility Proposal Report.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Doan provided the following information:

- The Queen's Park Master Plan makes reference to a future sport facility or plaza that enhances the existing site;
- The Queen's Park Master Plan does not mention a facility being operated by a private or third party;
- An indoor multipurpose facility is mentioned in the Master Plan, however it does not specify a desired sport or how the facility could be used. Past concepts for such a venue have typically focused on sport training venue for community sport organizations; and
- Currently, there has not been any public consultation regarding an indoor tennis facility.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following:

- Concerns were expressed with respect to a Public Private Partnership (PPP) operating in a public park;
- A more detailed plan of the facility use could help ease some of the concerns expressed by the Committee, for example, how would the City and community benefit from the facility; and,
- A more aesthetically pleasing building design would be preferred should the proposal go forward.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*That* the Committee does not recommend support of the Royal City Tennis Society's proposal, at this time and should Council decide to move forward with the proposal the Committee recommend that a public consultation process be implemented and funded by the project proponent.

**CARRIED**

All members present voted in favor of the motion

## **5.2 Secondary School Project Status**

**Procedural note:** This item was discussed following item 3.1

**Procedural note:** Andrew Hull declared a conflict of interest and exited the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Pat Duncan, Superintendent of School District #40, provided the Discussion Guide and Feedback Form booklet and provided the following oral report regarding the Secondary School project status:

- The New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project Community Consultation Round 1 has been scheduled from November 7 to December 5, 2016;
- There have been two open houses and two small group meetings throughout the first consultation round;
- A survey can be completed online at [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com);
- A Request for Quotations (RFQ) for Design-Build services was released on November 25, 2016 and will run until early 2017;
- It is anticipated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Design-Build services will be released in February or March of 2017;
- Non-invasive field testing and site investigation will be completed on the property to ensure what parcel of land can be built on;
- Four out of five stages of pit testing have been completed with no indication of human remains found on the site;

- It is anticipated that 2.2 hectares of the 10 hectare site will be identified as passive park land;
- It has not yet been decided if any additional space will be used as passive park land at this time;
- The contract agreement will allow for future expansion as it is anticipated that the school will be at, or over, capacity once built;
- It is undetermined at this time how much land will be used for recreation purposes; and,
- The school is projected to open in the winter of 2019.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Duncan provided the following information:

- The overall budget for the school is \$106.5 million;
- The budget includes a contingency to address any unforeseen circumstances or should any human remains be found on the proposed location of the new school;
- The current skate park will be compromised with the construction of the new school;
- The School District is contributing some funding to the relocation and construction of a new skate park;
- Discussions are taking place with respect to parking options at the new school including the possibility of an underground parking lot;
- It is anticipated that the Massey Theatre will not be affected by the construction until 2020;
- The current school is 30,000 square meters in size;
- The new school is anticipated to be 20,000 square meters in size;
- Funding from the Ministry of Education for gymnasium space is based on a school constructed for 1200 students;
- It is anticipated that the new school will have three full size gymnasiums; and,
- It is a priority for the School Board to build state of the art technical education shops, however, they will not be comparable in size to the current shops.

**Procedural note:** Andrew Hull returned to the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

## 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 6:00 pm. Century House, Spruce Room.**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Councillor Jaimie McEvoy**  
**Chair**

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**JoAnn Tosh**  
**Committee Clerk**