



REGULAR MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC REALM

October 19, 2020 at 1:00p.m
City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering
Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer
Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services
Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Dean Gibson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Rod Carle, General Manager
Erika Mashig, Manager, Horticulture Services & Parks & Open Space Planning
Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Manager
Tobi May, Acting Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties
Harji Varn, Director of Finance
Steve Kellock, Senior Manager, Recreation Services & Facilities

STAFF:

Gwenda Sulem, Asset Management & Project Engineer
Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator

GUESTS:

Michael Coulthard, Diamond Head Consulting
Jeffrey Staates, PFS Studio

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)[k] of the Community Charter:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm be reconvened.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA Urgent/time sensitive matters only

4. **No items**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. No Items

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm of Monday, July 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

7. **DCC – 2020 Major Update**

Gwenda Sulem, Asset Manager & Project Engineer, gave a presentation that highlighted the following:

- DCC overview
- Purpose behind the DCC update
- Project team and governance
- Proposed schedule

Discussion ensued on:

- Difficulties in direct comparison with other municipalities on industrial use due to wide variability of calculation of costs
- Opportunities for innovation in applying DCC and to what types of infrastructure projects with the assistance of a consultant
- Challenges in considering a minor update given the Ministry requirements for a major DCC update under new OCP
- City's requirement and responsibility to complete timely major updates

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 1

8. **Sixth Street Play Area Update**

Erika Mashig, Manager, Horticulture Services & Parks & Open Spaces, gave a presentation that noted the following:

- Overview of perspective proposed play area concept

- Anticipated dates of project completion
- Notable project delays

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 2

9. Riverfront Park Space ‘B’ – Design and Development

Erika Mashig, Manager, Horticulture Services & Parks & Open Spaces, and Jeffrey of PFS Studio, gave a presentation that highlighted:

- Overview and introduction of project keyplan
- Landscape plan
- Landscape sections
- Circulation
- Grading study and dimensions
- Soil volume study
- Softscape, material and palette
- Hardscape, material and palette
- Seating opportunities and site furniture
- Seating structure, progress thinking, and structure details
- Lighting and power

In response to a question from a task force member, Jeffrey noted due to the distance from the river, there is no marine access or tie-up to the face of the park. A member inquired about fire safe materials being used for the park and was advised that the materials being proposed are all either fire proof or fire safe treated wood products. Discussion ensued on crime prevention and mitigation elements and the presenter noted the design included open sight-lines, multiple pathways, lighting elements that eliminate dark corners and spaces. Jeffrey advised that there is an opportunity to engage with Indigenous artists for the water feature design element.

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 3

10. Biodiversity Strategy

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator and Michael Coulthard of Diamond Head Consulting, gave a presentation that noted:

- Biodiversity challenges

- Strategies
- Timeline and phases of the process
- Habitat types and biodiversity ranking
- Recommendations
- Guidelines
- Next steps

Discussion ensued on:

- Becoming more strategic and clear with City's projects on where biodiversity strategies are implemented
- Some City initiatives fall higher than biodiversity on the list of priorities
- Identifying current biodiversity gaps within the City versus areas with more significant biodiversity
- Development of future plans to protect areas, particularly foreshore, with naturally rich biodiversity
- Ensuring City strategies do not overlap with current regulations mandated on foreshore areas

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 4

11. Annacis Water Supply Tunnel – North Site Update to Public Space in Response to Task Force Comments

Erika Mashig, Manager, Horticulture Services & Parks & Open Spaces, gave a presentation that noted:

- Overview of greenspace location
- Previous proposal - NW water supply history
- Overview of new interpretive features and proposed revisions
- Precedent images and perspectives

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns regarding lack of facilitation and engagement with First Nations groups
- Seating design and tree shade
- Potential for installing water play feature and making the space more attractive to families
- Opportunities for staging area for food trucks and other events

- Maintenance responsibilities between Metro Vancouver and New Westminster
- More interest in creating an interesting and inviting gathering space
- Returning comments to Metro Vancouver with emphasis that further First Nations consultation is required

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 5

NEW BUSINESS

12. No items

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm will occur on:

Date:	January 11, 2021
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Via Conference Call

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Original Signed	Original Signed
MAYOR COTE CHAIR	MEGAN JONES RECORDING SECRETARY