



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Queensborough Community Centre

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Shawna Barkley | - Community Member |
| Jacqueline Buchanan | - Community Member |
| Bruce Clark | - Community Member |
| Casey Cook | - School District #40 Representative |
| Michael Folka | - Community Member |
| Ted Garbutt | - Acting Chair, Community Member |
| Andrew Hull | - Community Member |
| Eman Ismail-Elmasri | - Community Member (exited at 7:31 p.m.) |
| Michel Roy | - Community Member |
| Karl Sturmanis | - Community Member |

MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair, City Council Member |
| John Davies | - Community Member |
| Melissa Maltais | - Community Member |

GUESTS:

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| Chris Lee | - Beyond Marketing |
| Jon Margolis | - Beyond Marketing |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| G. Dean Gibson | - Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation |
| Jennifer Wilson | - Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation |
| Diane Perry | - Manager of Community Development |
| Renee Chadwick | - Manager, Queensborough Community Centre |
| Lauren Blake | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Ted Garbutt be selected as acting Chair for the April 29, 2015 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Westminster Pier Park Ferris Wheel Update be added to the agenda; and,

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 25, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 25, 2015 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting be amended to reflect Shawna Barkley and Bruce Clark as present;

THAT Bruce Clark voted in opposition to the second motion on Page 5; and,

THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Sound of Summer (Concert in Westminster Pier Park)

Diane Perry, Manager of Community Development, introduced Chris Lee and Jon Margolis, Beyond Marketing, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the “Summer Sounds on the Pier” concert proposal. Mr. Lee and Mr. Margolis advised that their short term goal is to establish the concert series at Westminster Pier Park with an initial single event during summer 2015. Mr. Lee and Mr. Margolis reported the following additional information:

- The City would determine if the event would provide a contained beer garden;
- A range of artists would be selected to perform for the event;
- The anticipated capacity would be approximately five to six thousand people;
- The proposal would aim to be environmentally friendly, safe, secure and sustainable; and,
- The estimated economic impact for the city would be \$250,000 per show.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Lee and Mr. Margolis provided the following information:

- Westminster Pier Park has been approved for the proposed weight restrictions;
- Residents’ Associations would be consulted prior to moving forward with the proposal;

- The Downtown Business Improvement Association has expressed support for the project in principle;
- The business model is still to be determined;
- The event is not seeking funding from the City, but would require in-kind services, such as the use of Westminster Pier Park, to establish the concert series;
- Any restrictions on access to the park have not yet been determined but it is expected that approximately half of the park would remain open for public use for the duration of the event;
- Typical hours for a concert series would be from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.; and,
- The police must be provided with a security plan and may request that there be police present during the event.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted that the proposed location at Westminster Pier Park would be ideal as it was purpose built for events such as this, and would allow the rest of the park to remain open, minimizing the impact on individuals that regularly use the park. The Committee also noted that New Westminster's centrality and proximity to transit make it a convenient location to host events such as this. However, the Committee expressed concerns regarding potential noise disruptions to the surrounding community, as well as for the anticipated attendance. In addition, the Committee provided the following suggestions:

- That the event be family friendly during the day and adult-oriented during the evening;
- That the event, specifically the entertainment, be considerate of persons from different cultures and that cultural diversity be reflected in the entertainment roster;
- That a smaller scale event, which would consist of one to three concerts over the summer, and would have a smaller anticipated attendance, be implemented; and,
- That there be community consultation prior to moving forward with the proposal.

The Committee requested additional information regarding the risks and benefits with respect to the City providing in-kind services to assist with the production of the event.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee endorse in principle, the exploration of a single event of Summer Sounds at the Pier for the 2015 year subject to receipt of a report regarding the feasibility and risk involved with the proposal.

CARRIED.

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

3.2 Queensborough Community Centre Overview

Procedural note: Item 3.2 was considered prior to item 3.1.

Renee Chadwick, Manager, Queensborough Community Centre (QCC), provided the following overview of the QCC:

- QCC hosts youth events on Friday evenings;
- The Purpose Society, Immigrant Services Society, Sylvan Learning and non-profit organizations utilize QCC;
- QCC has commissioned an art project entitled “A Walk Down Memory Lane” which will tell the history of Queensborough and QCC;
- The funding for “A Walk Down Memory Lane” was received from the Edna Anderson estate, as well as a heritage grant;
- QCC will provide joint programming with Hamilton Community Centre in Richmond, to support the recreational needs of residents in the east Richmond and Queensborough neighbourhoods, both of which are geographically removed from their City’s respective town centres. ;
- Pickleball, which is a cross between tennis, table tennis and badminton, is a popular sport that is offered at QCC;
- QCC provides library services and childcare facilities, as well as police department offices;
- QCC has committed to providing a park host at the All-Wheel Park for four hours a day, seven days a week for summer 2015; and,
- The All-Wheel Park has not experienced any major issues with drugs, alcohol or graffiti.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Revised Parks and Recreation Committee 2015/16 Meeting Schedule

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, outlined the revised 2015/2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting schedule. Mr. Gibson requested that committee members advise staff of any dietary restrictions to assist with catering.

5.2 Saint Mary’s Park Opening Celebration

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, advised that the Saint Mary’s Park opening celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. All Committee members are welcome to attend.

Procedural note: Eman Ismail-Elmasri exited the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Westminster Pier Park Ferris Wheel

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, advised that reports regarding the implementation of a ferris wheel at Westminster Pier Park were an April Fool's Day joke.

In response to additional questions from the Committee, Mr. Gibson reported that Council proceeded with the larger dog park option for the Moody Park Off-Leash Dog Area as recommended by the Committee at the November 26, 2014 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Mr. Gibson noted that Council has selected the aluminum black picket fence option for the project.

Mr. Gibson advised that the separation of the storm and sewer lines is currently being completed at Moody Park in advance of the reconstruction of the playground and spray park which will begin in September.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. – Queen's Park Greenhouses

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 7:36 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Ted Garbutt
Acting Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk