



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 5:45 p.m.
Queen's Park Arena, North Meeting Room (upstairs)

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair, City Council Member
Casey Cook	- School District #40 Representative
John Davies	- Community Member
Shawna Barkley	- Community Member
Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
Bruce Clark	- Community Member
Michael Folka	- Community Member
Andrew Hull	- Community Member
Melissa Maltais	- Community Member (exited at 8:41 p.m.)
Michel Roy	- Community Member
Karl Sturmanis	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Ted Garbutt	- Community Member
Eman Ismail-Elmasri	- Community Member

GUESTS:

Sean Tynan	- Metro Vancouver
Jamie Vala	- Metro Vancouver
Chris Squire	- Metro Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:

G. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Jennifer Wilson	- Assistant Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Jason Haight	- Manager, Business Operations
Jay Young	- Manager, Queen's Park Arena
Eugene Wat	- Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Lisa LeBlanc	- Manager, Transportation
Erika Mashig	- Parks and Open Space Planner
Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.2: Brunette Fraser Greenway; and,
- 5.1: Parks Maintenance.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 16, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 16, 2015 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 Metro Vancouver Sapperton Pump Station and Cumberland Point Green Space

Sean Tynan, Policy Coordinator, Liquid Waste Services and Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Regional Parks – Central Area, provided an On-Table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Metro Vancouver Sapperton Pump Station and Cumberland Point Green Space.

In response to questions from the Committee regarding the Sapperton Pump Station, Mr. Tynan provided the following information:

- Metro Vancouver provides an annual report to the Provincial government regarding sewer overflows and spills;
- Odor control measures would be implemented at Sapperton Landing Park;
- The pump station would meet New Westminster noise bylaw requirements, as well as the noise limit suggestions as provided by Parks, Culture and Recreation;
- There could be potential for the City to recover sewer heat as an energy source; and,
- Metro Vancouver has been working with the Sapperton Fish and Game Club on an ecological action plan.

In response to questions from the Committee regarding the Cumberland Point Green Space, Ms. Vala provided the following information:

- A preliminary soil test has been completed and more conclusive studies would be conducted should the 2017 budget be approved;
- Geotechnical and budgetary constraints, as well as public input, would be factors that contribute to which option for the park goes forward;
- A riparian area could be implemented at the site; and,

- Water access, if provided from the site, would be permitted along the Brunette River.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee expressed support in principle for the projects.

3.2 Brunette Fraser Greenway

Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Braid Street component of the Brunette Fraser Greenway.

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

- A trail from Sapperton Landing to Westminster Pier Park has been identified as a Council priority;
- Ideally, the major and secondary greenways would be located off streets, while streets with lower vehicle traffic volumes would likely remain on the street;
- The City could make amenity contribution negotiations with developers that have projects along the trails; and,
- The trails would maintain ecologically appropriate setbacks from the river.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following information:

- Concerns were expressed for the safety along the Braid Street section of the greenway;
- The section of the greenway from Sapperton to Hume Park could benefit from additional greenery;
- It suggested that a pedestrian and bicycle overpass could be implemented at the Brunette Avenue and Braid Street intersection due to the heavy vehicle traffic; and,
- It was suggested that protected bicycle lanes could be implemented along Braid Street and towards elementary schools to promote biking from a young age.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Sapperton Park Playground Design Process Overview

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture & Recreation, summarized the report dated September 29, 2015 regarding the Sapperton Park Playground Design Process overview. Mr. Gibson advised that an open house for the park design has been scheduled for October 1, 2015 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. at Richard McBride Elementary School. Subsequent reports on this project will be presented to the Committee as the work evolves.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested that park could be designed primarily for children five and under.

4.2 Parks, Culture & Recreation Department Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment

Jason Haight, Manager, Business Operations, summarized the report dated September 29, 2015 regarding the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Haight and Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, provided the following information:

- Filming activity has increased in part due to the increasing purchasing power of the US dollar and filming fees have been increased;
- New Westminster filming fees are competitive with other municipalities;
- Filming companies are required to submit filming plans, and the City can review the economic benefits against the impacts on the community;
- Staff is working towards a new rental and production model for the Anvil Centre theatre;
- Admission to the New Media Gallery at Anvil Centre is currently by donation; and,
- Admission by donation can provide cost savings, as staff and point of sales equipment is not required.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Committee endorse the proposed changes to Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment No. 7696, 2014, a bylaw to amend the Parks, Culture & Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 6673, 2001 and refer to the changes to Council for adoption.

CARRIED.

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

4.3 Museum and Archives Report

John Davies, Community Member, provided a written submission regarding the museum and archives.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Parks Maintenance

In response to questions from the Committee, Dean Gibson, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, advised that the summer drought conditions have affected City plants, as irrigation systems were shut off during Stage Three water restrictions.

The Committee requested that staff responsible for Parks Maintenance attend a future Committee meeting to provide an overview the Parks Maintenance approach.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 – Anvil Centre Media Room, #401/403 at 6:00 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 8:48 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk