



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Centennial Community Centre – Creek Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Chinu Das | - Co-Chair, City Council Member |
| Shawna Barkley | - Community Member |
| John Davies | - Alternate Chair/Community Member |
| Gary Holisko | - Community Member |
| Tonianne Mynen | - Community Member |
| Sydney Sullivan | - Community Member |
| Deanna Tan | - Community Member |

MEMBER REGRETS:

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Co-Chair, City Council Member |
| Andrew Hull | - Community Member |

GUESTS:

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| Paul Manville | - School District #40 |
| Lindy Kirkwood | - New Westminster Pickleball Group |
| Ralph Baker | - New Westminster Pickleball Group |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Steve Kellock | - Sr. Manager of Recreation Services & Facilities |
| Renee Chadwick | - Manager, Recreation Services |
| Jay Young | - Manager, Recreation Services |
| Sloane Elphinstone | - Program Coordinator |
| Carilyn Cook | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting scheduled September 19, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

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 June 19, 2019

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held June 19, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Department Pickleball Pricing

Lindy Kirkwood, New Westminster Pickleball Group, summarized her September 19, 2019 report and Ms. Elphinstone, Recreation Programmer, outlined the staff report of September 19, 2019.

In response to questions, Ms. Kirkwood advised:

- The New Westminster Pickleball Facebook page has 159 members so there is the potential for a lot of people to play the game in the City;
- Approximately 25-30 people would play the game during peak times in Queensborough. Since the price increase, there are many less players;
- Committing to a six month pass may be difficult for those that spend winter months in warmer climates; and,
- Players are aware of the various payment options, including the Active Pass, but may not be interested in participating in other sports.

In response to questions, staff advised:

- Upon analysis of pickleball in other municipalities, it was found that New Westminster was comparable in pricing and that the sport is one of many other drop in sports (e.g. badminton, basketball, volleyball, etc.);
- Considerations for the pricing framework included, equity access across facilities and keeping consistency amongst the various drop in sports, other ways that patrons can access programs and services and how financial barriers may be addressed (e.g. the subsidy program), and space rental by groups, such as self-organized leagues, which may lower costs per participant;
- During the last fees and charges process, staff presented a 2020 pilot program to determine the impacts of a subsidy on the operations of the arena and pool. Once the pilot program is evaluated, staff will return with additional low-cost opportunities and sports where those opportunities can be incorporated;
- There are limited times available for drop-in sports with fewer drop-in activities than the City would like to offer;
- The City has fewer playing surfaces than many other municipalities;
- Customers have a number of options with respect to paying to play, including purchasing an Active Pass (the more it is used, the less paid for each session), annual pass, 10x pass (approximately \$5.00 per session), or a single use pass (\$6.50 per session);
- An Active Pass may be cancelled after six months, with a prorated refund provided to the customer;
- The Active Pass allows patrons to pick and choose activities, including the option to attend a variety of sports over the course of one day; and,
- Approximately a year ago, all drop in sports were collapsed into one fee structure, including pickleball.

A Committee member suggested the possible implementation of an Active Pass specific to one sport.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Committee receive the September 19, 2019 staff report, "Department Pickleball Pricing," for information.

CARRIED.

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

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Queensborough Before and After School Childcare Update

Renee Chadwick, Manager, Recreation Services, provided a presentation on what Queensborough Community Centre is doing in response to the before and after school childcare situation, sharing that with the influx of development in the area, coupled with the necessity for two-income families, childcare options are in great demand.

In response to questions, staff advised:

- Most parents take their children to childcare located in the child's potential school catchment area;
- With the abundance of family-friendly housing in Queensborough, childcare has become an issue and staff are investigating different childcare options for the area, including looking at other facilities that may be able to offer childcare;
- Beyond the Bell, a recreation before and after school program, was developed in 2018. This theme-based program has grown in registration by 23%. The staff at Queensborough Community Centre continue to work with Development Services and the School District to come up with options;
- There is difficulty in accessing schools for childcare as they not only charge rent for space but often have other programs running; and,
- The City and School District are collaborating to address this issue.

5.2 Child Protection Policy and Program – Steve Kellock, Senior Manager of Recreation Services and Facilities

Mr. Kellock summarized the above-noted report.

In response to questions, staff advised:

- The policies are presented to City Council before they are adopted;
- New staff and volunteers will receive comprehensive training on the policy and program.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to Council that the Child Protection Policy & Procedures, substantially as presented to the Committee in the September 18, 2019 Report, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 6:00 pm. Location: Century House

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

Councillor Chinu Das
Chair

Original Signed

Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk