

CITY OF BURNABY
THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

MINUTES

2013 FEBRUARY 20

An 'Open' meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission was held in the Lobby, Bill Copeland Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2013 February 20 at 19:10 hr.

PRESENT: Commissioner Dhaliwal in the Chair
Commissioners Calendino
Foley
Loftus
Matricardi
Nasu
Peppard
Purdy
School Trustee Hayes

ABSENT: Commissioner Di Spirito

STAFF PRESENT: D. Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
D. Hunter, Assistant Director-Parks
D. Nokony, Assistant Director-Cultural Services
D. O'Connor, Assistant Director-Golf Operations
H. Edwards, Manager-Parks Planning, Design and Development
D. Pelletier, Manager-Business Operations
E. Bientjes, Manager-Recreation Services
L. Gibbard, Acting Manager-Recreation Services
N. Hoyles, Complex Supervisor
J. Schumann, Community Planner - Planning and Building
M. Cirotto, Commission Secretary
T. Cheng, Recording Secretary

The Chair welcomed the audience to the meeting and introduced the Commissioners, the Director and the School Trustee in attendance. The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services introduced staff members in attendance.

The Chair provided an explanation of the sequence of the agenda, including an invitation for members of the audience to speak with Commission on matters of interest during the question and answer period.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CALENDINO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD:
"THAT the 'Open' Commission meeting do now convene."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Commission meeting convened in the Lobby, Bill Copeland Sports Centre at 19:10 hr.

MINUTES

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD:
"THAT the Minutes of the 'Open' Meeting of 2013 January 16 be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

The following request to appear as a delegation was received:

- (a) Spokesperson: Steve Manzies
Dynamo Swim Club
Subject: Allocation of Pool Space

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD:
"THAT the delegation be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) Steve Manzies, Unit #27, 10340 – 156th Street, Surrey, B.C., advised that Dynamo Swim Club is a non-profit swim club with 120 members primarily from Burnaby and 13 swim coaches on staff. They are the only swim club in Burnaby sanctioned by the national organization for the Olympics. They also train endurance swimming. Due to pool time constraint, they have a waiting list for membership and they would like to expand their swim program. They are grateful for the pool time at C.G. Brown Pool and Bonsor Pool. They need more swim lanes, better time slot and more pool time for their members. Their current pool allotments create constraints. It was requested to move their 3:15 p.m. allotment to 4 p.m. Some of their members and parents were in the audience to show their support.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
"THAT staff work with Steve Manzies regarding pool time allocation for Dynamo Swim Club."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS:
"THAT the following items of correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) The Acting City Clerk advised that Council received a report re: BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way – 6557, 6575, and 6591 Nelson Avenue and 6609 Jubilee Avenue and forwarded a copy of the report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

- (b) Judith Law, Chair, Ecole Marlborough Elementary, requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 1 of the Director's Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (c) Rajeeta Samala, Council Chair, Maywood Community School, requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 1 of the Director's Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (d) Karen Agabob, Parent, Stoney Creek Community Council, and David Starr, Principal, Stoney Creek Community School, requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 1 of the Director's Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (e) Tammy Gnoato, Member at Large, Aubrey PAC Executive, L'Ecole Aubrey Elementary School, requested a grant of \$4,000 for playground upgrades.

Item 1 of the Director's Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (f) R. Lamoureux, President, Burnaby Firefighters' Local 323, requested donation of golf passes for the silent auction at the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society's annual ball on 2013 March 09.

Item 3 of the Director's Report No. 2 refers to this matter.

- (g) Larry Hayes, 2012 Tournament Committee Chair, Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, thanked the Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and Bill Copeland Sports Centre staff for the support in making their 50th Annual Bantam Christmas Tournament a huge success.

REPORT

- (a) The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted his Report No. 2, dated 2013 February 20, covering the following items listed as 1 - 7.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS:
"THAT the Director's Report be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 1 – Playground Development Grant Request For Ècole Marlborough Elementary, Maywood Community School, Stoney Creek Community School And L'ècole Aubrey Elementary

Ècole Marlborough Elementary Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Maywood Community School Council, Stoney Creek Community School Council, and L'Ècole Aubrey Elementary PAC requested a grant from the 2013 Annual Operating Playground Development Budget to assist with the redevelopment of their playgrounds.

There is \$12,000 budgeted annually in the Operating Budget. The first three schools to request a grant this year were Marlborough at 7:45 a.m. on 2013 January 21, Maywood at 2:25 p.m. on 2013 January 21, and Stoney Creek at 10:26 a.m. on 2013 January 25. The request from Aubrey was received fourth, at 3:53 p.m. on 2013 January 25. All the schools meet the Playground Grant guidelines and have received approval from the Burnaby School District to install the playground components within 12 months of receiving the Playground Grant.

It was recommended:

1. THAT the requests from Ècole Marlborough Elementary School, Maywood Community School and Stoney Creek Community School be approved.
2. THAT the request from L'Ècole Aubrey Elementary be denied.
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to; Ms. Judith Law Chair of Ècole Marlborough Elementary Parent Advisory Committee, Ms. Rajeeta Samala Chair of Maywood Community School Council, Ms. Karen Agabob Parent Representative of Chair of Stoney Creek Community School Council, and Ms. Tammy Gnoato Member at Large of Aubrey Parent Advisory Committee.
4. THAT Council be requested to authorize the City enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the contribution to the cost of the playground upgrades as detailed in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS:
"THAT the four recommendations be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2 – 2013 Recognition Night

The purpose of Recognition Night is to recognize the important contribution that the volunteer community groups add to the provision of parks, recreational and cultural programs and services in the city. The opening of the Clubhouse at Riverway Golf Course provided an opportunity to explore a new City venue for this annual event in 2012 and the experience was very positive. The total budget for the 2013 Recognition Night is \$11,500.

It was recommended:

1. THAT approval be given to host Recognition Night on Friday, 2013 April 26 at the Clubhouse at Riverway Golf Course.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
“THAT the recommendation be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3 – Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society request for a donation
for their annual ball on 2013 March 09

Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society requested a donation of 4 passes for the Riverway Golf Course and 4 passes for the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course for their 21st Annual Charitable Ball on 2013 March 09. The Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Ball is a signature event and their major fundraiser for the year. This year they raise funds for the Burnaby Firefighters' Community CPR Program and their Nutritional Snack Program. The Nutritional Snack Program benefits disadvantaged children who may be not receiving adequate nourishment at home or proper lunches at school.

It was recommended:

1. THAT approval be given to donate 4 passes for Riverway Golf Course and 4 passes for Burnaby Mountain Golf Course as requested by the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society for their annual ball on 2013 March 09.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Rob Lamoureux, President of the Burnaby Firefighters Local 323.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
“THAT the two recommendations be approved.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4 – Sponsorship of the 34th Annual Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay

The 34th Annual Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay will be held at Swangard Stadium on 2013 June 15 and 16. The event has raised more than \$51 million over the past 33 years for British Columbia's children with disabilities. Corporate sponsors underwrite the 24 Hour Relay's operating costs and all funds raised through donations and pledges go directly to the Easter Seals Camping program in BC. Swangard Stadium has been host to the 24 Hour Relay since its inception in 1978. The Swangard event is the largest relay nationwide, and is the largest annual fundraising event held at Swangard Stadium.

The City of Burnaby has provided the 24 Hour Relay with event facilities and services at minimal or no cost for the past 33 years. City of Burnaby's services and in-kind contribution of \$51,000 will be categorized as a major sponsor. The Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services logo will appear on all relay stationary, posters, souvenirs, banners and the 24 Hour Relay's web page. In addition, the City will receive recognition on all radio and television promotions.

It was recommended:

1. THAT approval be granted to sponsor the Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay to be held at Swangard Stadium on 2013 June 15 and 16, under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Grace Choi, Senior Event Manager, Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay, and to the President and CEO of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, Stephen J. Miller.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
"THAT the two recommendations be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 5 – Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club fee waiver request – Jack Crosby All Star Novice Tournament

The Tournament Coordinator for the 2013 Jack Crosby Novice All Star Tournament requested a facility rental fee waiver for the tournament from July 04 to 07. The 4-day tournament has the support of the other sports organizations that utilize the arenas. Kensington Arena is available for other user groups.

The allotment cost is estimated to be \$3,238.44 which represents the community group rates for both prime and non-prime times. Additional staff time is required to assist with the facilitation of the event and the cost estimate is \$872.64. The Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club provides a valuable service to the sport of lacrosse and has given positive experiences to the youth of Burnaby since 1963. It is recommended that the facility rental fee be waived to support this historical event but that the direct costs for additional staff are paid by the club.

It was recommended:

1. THAT Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club (BMLC) be granted a fee waiver for the use of Bill Copeland Sports Complex and Burnaby Lake Arena for the 2013 Jack Crosby Novice All Star Tournament.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ms. Debbie Heard, Tournament Coordinator for the BMLC.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI:
"THAT the two recommendations be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 6 – Giro Di Burnaby

Giro di Burnaby is a professional cycle race that is part of BC Superweek, the richest event in Canadian cycling with professional racers from around the world competing in the Lower Mainland. Giro di Burnaby 2013 comprises a single cycling event, the Criterium, open to male and female cyclists competing for a total prize purse of over \$15,000, which is paid to the racers from monies collected from sponsorship.

The race consists of 30 laps of the 1.2 km course for the female riders and 45 laps for the male riders. The women's race will start at 6 p.m. and the men's race begins at approximately 7:15 p.m. Hastings Street and the surrounding streets are required to be closed to local traffic from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. with restricted parking in the immediate area starting at 3 p.m. The Burnaby Heights Merchants Association is very supportive of the race and they look forward to welcoming Burnaby and Lower Mainland residents to their neighbourhood to enjoy a high calibre sporting event on 2013 July 11.

It was recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information and Commission be requested to forward it to Council, for approval of the road closure for the Giro di Burnaby as identified in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
"THAT the recommendation be approved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7 – Bylaw To Fund Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2013 Capital Projects

The 2013 Provisional Capital Budget for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services contained 16 projects to be funded from Capital Reserves. To enable work to go ahead on these projects, approval was requested to bring down a bylaw for funding.

It was recommended:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$1,535,000 from the Provisional Capital Budget for the projects outlined in this report be approved.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$1,719,200 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PEPPARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
"THAT the two recommendations be approved."

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CALENDINO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
"THAT the number of projects in the report be revised to 15, THAT project #7 – Environmental Upgrades be deleted, THAT the figure for the bylaw be revised to \$1,551,200, and THAT the two recommendations be amended to reflect the changes as follows:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$1,385,000 from the Provisional Capital Budget for the projects outlined in this report be approved.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$1,551,200 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CALENDINO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS:
"THAT all Parks, Recreation and Culture Commissioners be permitted to attend the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association's 2013 Symposium from May 01 to 03."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER NASU, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
"THAT four golf passes for Burnaby Mountain or Riverway Golf Course be donated to the Rotary Wine and Food Festival on 2013 April 20 at the Lougheed Town Centre Mall."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Nasu mentioned about the rink board advertisements at Bill Copeland Sports Centre and the revenue benefit some sports groups such as minor lacrosse and minor hockey.

INQUIRIES

Trustee Hayes advised that the Burnaby School District staff have been consulting the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff and partner groups regarding extending the Spring Break from one week to two weeks. There is a public survey on the School District's website. A public meeting would be held on February 21 at 7 p.m. at the Schou Education Centre.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTION PERIOD

Simon Patterson, 6667 Fulton Avenue, Burnaby, a parent of Dynamo Swim Club member, reiterated Steve Menzies' comments earlier in the meeting regarding pool allocation for practice at Bonsor Pool and C.G. Brown Pool. Five swim clubs look for more pool time but Dynamo is the only Olympic sanctioned winter swim club. It was his observation that a large summer swim club has more pool time than Dynamo Swim Club on Sundays but regulation restricts summer swim clubs to 2 hours' training time with a coach in winter.

Reece Chaudhry, 5756 Cedarwood Street, Burnaby, advised that her child has joined the Dynamo Swim Club for 4 years. The public swim lanes are wider than those for the club swimmers. They have a concern of inadequate width and number of swim lanes allocated for practice and requested that the allotment be changed to 4 p.m. till 4:45 p.m. She commented that Burnaby is about the only municipality without a 50 meter pool for its growing population.

The Chair advised that the city is obligated to make facilities available to the public as well as club members. Staff noted the comments. They would do their best to ensure full use of our facilities.

Aivery McKinley, 561 Springer Avenue, Burnaby, advised that this is the 4th year for her as a swimmer. She wants to become an Olympic swimmer and get a medal. She really needs more pool time. Out of 5 swim clubs in Burnaby, Dynamo Swim Club is the only Olympic sanctioned club. She supports to move their pool time to 4 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Erin Patterson, 6667 Fulton Avenue, Burnaby, a member of Dynamo Swim Club, advised that she is going to high school. She hopes for more pool time. With only a couple of hours of practice time a week, her goal of going to the Olympics may not be fulfilled.

Mitra Suseendran, 7855 Allman Street, Burnaby, advised that she is in Grade 5. In a couple of years she will go to high school. She wants their pool time to start at 4 p.m. after school. She wants more pool time to practise in the morning or evening.

Helena Zhou, 1045 Haro Street, Vancouver, advised that she is in Grade 5. She requested more pool time in the morning or in the evening. It is hard for her to get to the pool by 3:15 p.m. as her school is far away from the pool. She hopes one day she can go to the Olympics.

Evelyn Mah, 4367 Frances Street, Burnaby, advised that her son who is autistic has joined the Dynamo Swim Club for the second year. It has since improved his social life. He is training for the Special Olympics. They want more pool lanes which currently have become crowded.

Tom Kellett, 7309 Imperial Street, Burnaby, President of Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club, thanked the Commission for the support for the Jack Crosby Tournament. They will lose about 3 weeks of their game time this year again due to the Esso Cup tournament. Staff have secured some floor time for them at the Burnaby Winter Club and they have obtained some time at the Vancouver facilities. They have received a request to review their practice time for next year. Their players have slightly dropped. Ninety-eight percent of their players are from Burnaby. They have had success with their female program which they want to expand. It is his knowledge that Metro Ball Hockey Club which is based in Burnaby, Vancouver and New Westminster, is taking players from Coquitlam. They use 2 facilities in Burnaby and 3 facilities in Vancouver but they have no facilities in New Westminster and Coquitlam. Burnaby Minor Lacrosse is restricted by their provincial body as to where they can play. He wants enough practice time for his teams and a reasonable opportunity to carry on in Burnaby.

The Chair advised that the Commission and staff make sure that facilities are used primarily by Burnaby residents. Our residents also play in other cities. Staff try to work with Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club as well as other clubs that exist primarily for Burnaby residents. We just want people to do physical activities. Dry floor allocation is a well thought out process. We are looking into building a covered sports box for more space. The Bill Copeland Sports Centre is built to also accommodate championship tournaments such as the Esso Cup which will give exposure to Burnaby as a community.

Commissioner Loftus inquired regarding Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club's current membership and the committee of dry floor users.

Tom Kellett replied that they have 315 members currently and have 7 weeks remaining for registration.

The Director advised that the dry floor allocation committee still exists and Tom Kellett is involved in the allocation process.

At the conclusion of meeting, the Chair encouraged the audience to stay and discuss matters of interest with Commissioners.


ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PURDY:
"THAT the 'Open' meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Meeting adjourned at 20:50 hr.

Confirmed:



CHAIR

Certified Correct:



SECRETARY

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