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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 2023

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Ruby Campbell
Councillor Daniel Fontaine
Councillor Tasha Henderson
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Paul Minhas
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Lisa Zwarn	Auxiliary City Clerk
Ms. Renee Chadwick	Facility Manager
Mr. Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Christina Coolidge	Indigenous Relations Advisor
Mr. Brad Davie	Assistant Deputy Chief, New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Peter DeJong	Corporate Officer
Mr. James Doan	Manager of Community Development
Ms. Sloane Elphinstone	Program Coordinator, Sports and Outdoor Recreation
Ms. Corrine Garrett	Senior Manager of Recreation Services and Facilities
Mr. Dean Gibson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Jacque Killawee	Acting Records and Information Administrator
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Erika Mashig	Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning Design and Construction
Ms. Jennifer Miller	Manager of Public Engagement
Mr. Gary So	Senior Financial Services Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update - Consideration of Key Study Themes

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation, led the review of a presentation titled, “Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update: Council Workshop”, dated May 8, 2023 and highlighted:

- The report will provide an update to the 2008 comprehensive plan;
- An update was required due to the City’s cultural and demographic shifts, climate change initiatives, and truth and reconciliation initiatives;
- Themes of study:
 - Diversity, equity and inclusion
 - Anti-racism
 - Truth towards reconciliation
 - Local economy; and,
- Feedback is requested for the development of the terms of reference for the comprehensive plan.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need for alignment of the Parks and Recreation Policy with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP);
- Suggestions:
 - Examine equity in access to greenspace
 - Include the term “facilities” in the plan;
- The importance of the equity and diversity lens in the creation of the comprehensive plan;
- Concern regarding the capacity of the Indigenous Relations Advisor;

- The importance of input from the community and the need to celebrate the success of the consultation; and,
- The role of the Parks and Recreation Department in the arts and culture of New Westminster.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council provide feedback on the key themes to be explored as part of the update to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, and

THAT Council endorse the next steps as outlined in this report.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. END OF THE MEETING

The meeting ended at 3:38 p.m.

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Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

Peter DeJong

CORPORATE OFFICER