

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held in the Parks and Recreation Office on October 7, 1993 at 8:30 am.

In attendance were Councillor Mike Thompson and Councillor John Keryluk.

Also in attendance was Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director and Pat Greer, Recording Secretary.

Item No. 1 "Shaughnessy Woods" Area Park

The Parks & Recreation Director gave a verbal report on the requests from local residents indicating their wish to have a parksite in the "Shaughnessy Woods" area. The Committee indicated that we respond to the residents advising them that there is land set aside for park development, and as the area becomes more developed and as a result there are additional Park DCC funds set aside the park will be developed.

Recommendation:

That the Parks & Recreation Director respond to the residents by letter.

Item No. 2 Bicycle Path - Letter from Dr. Sask Igaraski

Carried

The Committee reviewed the letter from Dr. Sask Igaraski.

Recommendation:

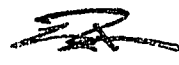
That the Parks & Recreation Director send a letter to Dr. Sask Igaraski complimenting him on his accomplishments and advise him of our proposed trail study indicating that public input will be part of our process.

Carried.

Item No. 3 PoCo Rec Centre - Roof Condenser

The Committee discussed the report from the Recreation Manager/Deputy Director.

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Recommendation:

That a memo be sent to the City Treasurer requesting that funds be held over until 1994 until the roof at the arena can be replaced.

Carried.

Item No. 4 Reeve Park

The Parks & Recreation Director gave a verbal update on the current status of Reeve Park construction and field house.

Recommendation:

To receive this as information.

Carried

Item No. 5 Hyde Creek Expansion

The Recreation Manager/Deputy Director gave a verbal update on the Hyde Creek Expansion.

Recommendation:

To receive this as information.

Carried

Item No. 6 Trail System Consultant Proposal

The Recreation Manager/Deputy Director requested direction from the Committee as to how they wish to handle the interview for the Consultant.

Recommendation:

That members of City Council be invited to participate in the interviews for a Consultant.

Carried

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Item No. 7 Arts Centre

The Recreation Manager/Deputy Director gave a verbal update on the proposed Arts Centre.

Recommendation:

To have Simon Richards present his plan to the members of Council on the proposed Port Coquitlam Arts. Centre.

Carried

Item # 8 PCAAA Meetings

The Committee indicated that at the last PCAAA meeting the various sports were more than complimentary about our staff's endeavours i.e. Darlene Grieve's efforts with soccer fields and Ringette and Minor Hockey indicated that they were pleased with the new boards at the Rec Centre.

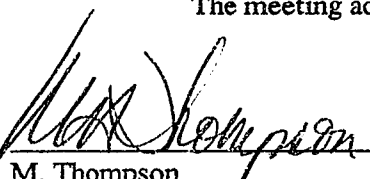
Recommendation:


To receive this as information.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


M. Thompson
Chair


Janna Taylor, Secretary



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Office of the Mayor — THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

2580 Shaughnessy Street,
Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 2A8

Fax: 944-5402
Phone: 944-5411

September 27, 1993

Ms. Nancy S. Banser
1656 McHugh Close
Port Coquitlam, British Columbia
V3C 6E1

Dear Ms. Banser:

Thank you for your letter dated August 10th, 1993, which I received late last week, requesting a park in the Shaughnessy Woods area

I have referred your letter to the City's Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration. A copy of your letter has also been provided to all members of Council. You should be hearing from K. Janna Taylor, the Parks and Recreation Director, in due course.

I appreciate your writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Len Traboulay".

Mayor Len Traboulay

c.c.: Parks and Recreation Committee
Councillors
K. Janna Taylor, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Handwritten initials, possibly "JAT", in the bottom right corner of the letter.

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Aug 10/93

● Dear Mayor - Tramboulay.

As a resident of the Shawnessy Woods subdivision, I believe a park in our area is greatly needed. As a mother of two small children, having a park closer to home, where I could take them to meet other children their age would be a great asset. Right now we have to drive either to Lion's Park or walk up to the smaller parks around the Mary Hill Rd area. With two small children, it is quite a hike when to get out of our subdivision not to mention how busy Mary Hill Rd is with all the traffic. With such a new & large subdivision and all the families, a park would benefit us all. It would not only give our children a safe place where they can play but would also keep them from playing on the streets as there is so many cars in & out all day. I hope you will definitely consider our subdivision as a prime location for a new park.

Sincerely yours

Nancy S. Baner

1656 McHugh Ct. V3L 6E1

944-4524.



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1611 McChesney St
Port Coq., V3C 6E2
Sept 30, 1993

To the Recreation Dept.

Attn: Jana Taylor

I am writing to impress upon you the urgent need for a park in Shaughnessy Woods.

First, there are so many parked cars + so many kids there's bound to be an accident at some point. We've already had 3 bad wipe-outs by children on their bikes. One hit a parked car with her head but had on a helmet. Last year, a toddler was hit by a car.

The greenbelt will be cut down + there are coyotes. There's absolutely no place to play except the streets. Our yards are very small. The frustrating part is that the developers paid the City for a park + the City is holding on to our dollars. It doesn't help to build a park somewhere else, it's too far to walk elsewhere plus there are no sidewalks on our side of Mary Hill Road (so that means crossing a busy busy street twice to go on a walk).

Hyde Creek has a beautiful park. Citadel has one that's ok. Why are we even having to buy the city for a park? We paid for one. Any planner would tell you that this kind of subdivision needs a play area. Has the # become so important, that the needs of residents are totally ignored? Waiting for the City to plan, decide what to do, clear land, etc. is ridiculous. There should already be a park here!

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at our residents meeting, everyone was furious that the city has our \$ and nothing's being done. At election time, I intend to push for new council members who care about the residents of POCO. Our neighborhood has enough votes to make a dent. Would you think it was fair to live here & watch the park you paid for go somewhere else?

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situation

There are seven families at the junction of McPherson + McChesney who all had a baby within the last year. Most had one or two preschoolers already. That's just one corner of this neighborhood. Imagine how many kids there will be out on the street in 2 years. Not everyone watches their kids so saying "watch your kids" is no solution. The kids need a swing, etc.

My children deserve the chance to play on playground equipment just as much as the richer kids in Citadel, Panorama, etc. The city needs to insist that developers provide parks & that the parks are built. There's no excuse. They made plenty of \$ in this subdivision.

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Sincerely,
Patricia Hogarth
944-1254

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PS. That's my son on the front of the POCO Rec Schedule. We like Lions Park but we can't go there in the daytime. We have to wait for Dad & the car so we can go there. Imagine him getting hit by a car because he got away with the kids outside.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM**

MEMORANDUM

September 27, 1993

To: Parks & Recreation Committee
From: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director
Subject: PoCo Rec Centre - Roof Condensor

Recommendation:

That this report be received as information.

1.0 Purpose/Problem

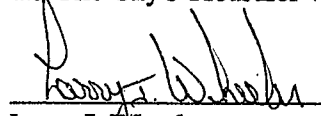
1.1 To provide information to the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding actions to be taken with regard to the planned 1993 replacement of a roof top condensor at the PoCo Rec Centre.

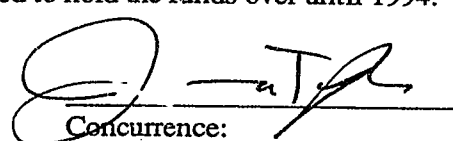
2.0 Background/History

2.1 Our 1993 work plan and approved capital budget (out of maintenance reserve) included replacing the roof top condensor at the Port Coquitlam Recreation Centre.


2.2 Since that time, we have met with our roofing consultant and established that the roof also needs replacing. This process ideally should be completed at the same time as the condensor replacement. In light of the fact that funds were not approved for replacing this roof in 1993, we are holding off on replacing the condensor until 1994.

2.3 The City's Treasurer will be requested to hold the funds over until 1994.


Larry J. Wheeler
Recreation Manager/Deputy Director


Concurrence:
Janna Taylor
Parks & Recreation Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Janna Taylor, Parks Director
Parks & Recreation Committee

FROM: J.E. Yip, P. Eng.,
Deputy City Engineer

SUBJECT: BICYCLE PATH - LETTER FROM DR. SASK IGARASKI
(E.P.C. Meeting of September 15, 1993)

DATE: September 22, 1993


FILE: E.P.C.

Attached is a letter from Dr. Sask Igaraski concerning bicycle paths. Following review by the E.P.C. Committee it was recommended that this letter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee with a request to consider and respond to it. Accordingly, please have your Committee consider this matter.


J. E. Yip, P. Eng.
Deputy City Engineer

JEY:ck

cc: Councillor J.J. Keryluk
Councillor M. Thompson


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3256 Coast Meridian Road
Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 3N4
August 20, 1993

Mayor and Council
City of Port Coquitlam
2580 Shaughnessy
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2A8

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Cycling in the Lower Mainland

Two recent events have led me to write this letter; the August 9, 1993 death of a cyclist on North Road in Coquitlam and a friends visit from San Diego. My friend, after spending a day riding his bicycle around Coquitlam and Vancouver, commented that he did not like riding here because he felt that the roads were unsafe. Initially, I was surprised, but in retrospect I am not. In San Diego, my friend, a true commuter cyclist, rides his bicycle one hour to and from work each day, all year round. San Diego has developed an extensive bicycling network which I hope is depicted by the enclosed map. In my opinion, there is no better place in Canada than the Lower Mainland for developing a similar network.

The necessity for increased cycling and for that matter, commuter rail, became even more obvious on the return trip from Whistler. As my friend and I came around the bend on the #1, Vancouver engulfed in a disgusting brown smog, came into sight. I was embarrassed. The pollution looked terrible, so much like Los Angeles, a city that I find uninhabitable because of the pollution.

Cycling is a clean and healthy alternate form of transportation that must be encouraged. Lower Mainland municipalities in consultation with the Province need to work together to develop a comprehensive bicycling network and when roads are upgraded bicycle lanes should be added. I understand that there are plans to include a nice wide bicycle path with improvements to the Barnet highway. For this, I commend the planners, however; I question the necessity of widening the road for cars. I recognize that most suggest that bigger and better highways are needed, but consider that creating more space for cars will simply result in more cars filling in that space. Funds designated for road widening would be better spent creating a commuter rail system. Let the roads get jammed, and when motorists see the commuter train pass by them, they will think more seriously about using mass transit or their bicycle. Mass transit must be faster and almost as convenient as cars before people will use it. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that fresh air is in the future for the children of the Lower Mainland.


Sincerely yours


Dr. Sack Igarashi, D.D.S.

P.S. My assistant and I are proud of the fact that we cycle to work every day.

cc: Honourable, Art Charbonneau, Minister of Transportation and Highway
Mr. G. Campbell, Chair, GVRD
Mayor and Council, City of

Vancouver
Coquitlam
New Westminster
West Vancouver
Burnaby
North Vancouver
Port Moody
Richmond


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