

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 20, 1985, at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman Michael Wright and Alderman George Laking.

Also in attendance was K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Wednesday}, August 7, 1985, be taken as read and adopted. *W. L.*

Item No. 1 Metro Motors

A request has been received by Mike McKone, the manager of Metro Motors, to remove the tall trees from the median on the Lougheed Highway. They block the view of traffic going east, and therefore people are unable to see his display of cars.

The committee felt that the trees should be left, but before taking the recommendation to council, various items would first be investigated:

- the annual cost of maintenance
- removal of tall trees
- replacing the area with shrubs

The other question that will be looked at is whether the highways department would have to be approached in order to remove the trees, due to the fact that they initially planted them.

Recommendation:

That we do not remove the trees from the median on Lougheed Highway.

CARRIED

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Item No. 2 Weed Control

Attached please find a report from the Parks Superintendent on the areas of weed control in our City Parks. The school fields have heavy counts, as they did when we took them over. The only way to solve this would be to re-do the soccer fields, and plant the correct grass seed. However, Bram does not feel we have a major weed problem.

The committee however, did request that a more systematic method of looking at weed counts be implemented in the future. The Parks Superintendent presently checks the weed count twice a year.

Recommendation:

That a more systematic method of grading the weed growth on grass areas be developed and utilized.

CARRIED

Item No. 3 Port Coquitlam Old Timers Hockey Tournament
October 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1985.

As in past years, the City Council has given the room facilities in the Port Coquitlam Recreation Centre free of charge, and the ice charges at 50%, except for the statutory holiday (Thanksgiving Day), where they pay full rate. The City, during all tournaments, runs the concession.

Recommendation:

1. That the Port Coquitlam Old Timers Hockey Tournament take place October 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1985.
2. That all room rental charges be waived.
3. That ice rental for October 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1985, be at 50% of the regular rate.
4. That the ice rental for October 14th, 1985, be at the full rate.
5. That the City operate the concession.

CARRIED

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Item No. 4 May Day

The committee discussed the possibility of hiring Helen for one more year, and will discuss this further at the next meeting. Helen has indicated that she would consider being May Day co-ordinator one more year only, however, she is on vacation and will not be able to give an answer until next week.

It was also felt that before any recommendation on the location of the parade route and the crowning was taken to council, that it was important to hire the co-ordinator first in order to discuss the matter with that person.

Recommendation:

That at the next committee meeting on August 28, 1985, a decision on the hiring of the co-ordinator will be made, and a recommendation to council.

CARRIED

Item No. 5 Hyde Creek

The committee discussed at great length, the need to hire a consultant to look at the feasibility and costing of expanding the indoor pool, adding additional storage, looking at the roof for possible re-doing due to leaks, enclosing the upper deck etc...

Recommendation:

That the Director develop the terms of reference, to hire a consultant for Hyde Creek Centre.

CARRIED

Item No. 6 Nature Reserve

A general discussion on the nature reserve and the need to take a serious look at the future use of this area. It was suggested that a major master Parks & Recreation plan needs to be developed for the City, and that the nature reserve would be part of such a study.

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Recommendation:

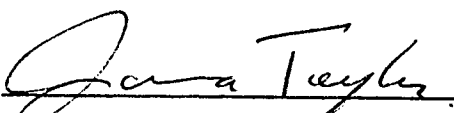
That the cost for a master plan be included in the
10 Year Capital Works Plan.


CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


M.R. Wright, Chairman


K. Janna Taylor, Secretary

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To K.J. Taylor
From Bram Hoogendoorn

Aug 8, 1985

I checked on your request with Mike Mc Kone from Metro Motors in regards to his call with Mayor Trauboulay

He would like to see all the upright trees taken away on the median as far as Westwood if possible. He claims that his place is hardly visible for the east going traffic; which is damaging to his business, which he says is the largest in B.C.. He also talked to some off the other business on the same side a little further up the road and they are in agreement of his statement. I told him that this will be a council decision as it was council that put them down there in the first place.

My comment : You can not take away trees just in front of his place, as other business wanted to be treated the same, as far as Kern's motors on the east side of the Lougheed. In several municipalities for instance North Vancouver, large street trees are planted in front of commercial retail places in order to cover their oughly hard appearances, and give the road again the soft green look. On marine drive in North Van where several cardealers are located, and lots of other business, the same requests were heard for a long time, but so far their council did not give in and the trees have won.

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Weed condition soccer playfields and some comments as of July 16, 1985

Reeve Park, new field in good condition, no weeds in direct field, ready for scheduling as per September 1985

Thompson Park, very low weed count on playingfield, outside playing area some cloverpatches, otherwise field in good condition.

Aggie Park, light to moderate weedcount, heavier on southside; field uneven, bumpy

Cedar Park, light to moderate weedcount, trenches from drainage dry up to a crisp, and in some places material get kicked out, leaving holes, hard to repair when in summer you loose all that you worked on in spring. Irrigation would be the answer.

Evergreen Park, light to moderate weedcount, summersoccer does not help the field to recuperate.

Central Park, moderate weed count, bumpy field.

Mc Lean Park, large field, very light weedcount, moderate in s-west corner.

Smaller field, moderate weedcount, very bumpy

George Pearkes School field Oval: light weedcount, needs grass on bare spots but impossible to work on now, waiting for a weatherchange. small field moderate weedcount. Note: I noticed their small allweather field is all covered with weed and grasses, the same as Central school right besides Shaughnessy; if vegetation wants to grow so desparate in the rockdust, why not give it a hand, i.e sow some more grass seed on it and start mowing it; this would be worth a try and would be a good alternate field in the winter for us to have when we have to close up for weather reasons. Also This school has another small fiels with goal posts which could be utalized with a little work done.

James Park, heavy weed count all over field

Viscount School, moderate weed count on both fields

Central School, heavy weed count all field

Mary Hill School, light weed count for whole field, grass replaced this spring on bare spots is ruined again by summersoccer through lack of moisture and not enough re couperation time.

** If I check my notes, I noticed that their really is not much changed for the last couple years in regards to the weed population on our playing fields. most of our mayor fields have so little weed, that it will not be a problem for the next playing season; the smaller fields always had a weedier appearance, the same as the schoolfields but I feel that the moderate weed count on them is quite acceptable for our application.

July 19, 1985

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