



Virtual Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, September 16, 2021, 5:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Franci Stratton (Chair)
Commissioner Herman Mah (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Mary Carmichael
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner John Moore
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Kate Smyth
Commissioner Dave Wilson

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Howard Kiang, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services
Karen Bickford, Manager, Finance
Anne Rodgers, Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives
Christine Walker, Coordinator, Centralized Services
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Betty Forbes
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach

I. Call to Order – Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Stratton advised that the agenda required amendment as Item VII a) 2022 Fees and Charges should follow item VII b) Amendments to Policy 207 – Fees and Charges.

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting be adopted.

Carried

IV. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted items in the report, and spoke to the Interim Service Plan for the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre to be shared with the CAOs and Commissioners.

Director Turner provided information on the Commission's marking of the September 30 Truth and Reconciliation statutory holiday.

V. Special Presentation on Indigenous Relations by Brad Baker (Tsonomot) from School District #44

Chair Stratton introduced Brad Baker (Tsonomot), and spoke to his current work and background. Anne Rodgers, Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives (and Commission lead for the Anti-racism and Anti-discrimination Initiative) thanked Tsonomot for his generosity in sharing his learnings.

Tsonomot spoke to his presentation, and the meeting was then opened to dialogue.

Chair Stratton thanked B. Baker for his presentation. A number of ideas were raised, including:

- building relationships
- creating spaces for sharing stories and knowledge, and encouraging dialogue (e.g. Elder spaces, community kitchens, etc.)
- looking at decolonization through Commission programming
- trust-building with Indigenous communities by changing structures to allow for diverse voices
- future government-to-government ("table-to-table") dialogue to create deeper understanding of lived experiences

Director Turner thanked the Commissioners for their participation and engagement.

VI. Items for Information

a) COVID-19 Impact and NVRC Response

Director Turner spoke to the report and answered Commissioner questions. A. Rodgers provided information on current restrictions and requirements.

Moved by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Mah

THAT the report be received for information.

Carried

VII. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) Amendments to Policy 207 – Fees and Charges

Director Turner introduced Christine Walker, Coordinator, Centralized Services, who provided report highlights and spoke to the Fees and Charges review process. Commissioner Wilson (Policy & Planning Committee Chair) provided additional details.

Moved by Commissioner Mah; **seconded** by Commissioner Wilson

THAT the Commission approve amendments to Policy 207 – Fees and Charges, as recommended by the Policy & Planning Committee.

Carried

b) 2022 Fees and Charges

C. Walker spoke to the report, and Director Turner thanked Karen Bickford, Manager, Finance, for her contribution to the process as well.

Moved by Commissioner Smyth; **seconded** by Commissioner Carmichael

THAT the Commission approve the 2022 Fees and Charges (Attachment 1) effective January 1, 2022.

Carried

c) 2022 Priorities/Service Plan

Director Turner reviewed the plan and recommended the word “staff” in the second action item be removed to read: “Develop a framework for Indigenous relations and further awareness regarding First Nations culture and protocols”; the Commissioners agreed.

Moved by Commissioner Mah; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the Commission approve the 2022 Priorities/Service Plan, as amended.

Carried

VIII. Other Business

a) Update on the Strategic Planning Process

Director Turner advised that she and Chair Stratton have discussed timing and process (as reviewed by the Policy & Planning Committee).

b) Report from School District #44

No report

IX. Next Meeting

- Finance Committee of the Whole (all Commissioners): Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm
- Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm

X. Adjournment

Chair Stratton thanked the Commission for their engagement and questions.

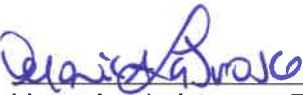
Moved by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Muri

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Carried

Approved:


Franci Stratton, Chair

Recorded by:


Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Sept 16, 2021
Date