

Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation Commission
Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7:00pm
Delbrook recCentre, Tamarack Rm, 600 West Queens Road
(Notes by Corrie Kost)

Disclaimer: The following are my best efforts at taking notes and should be confirmed with above commission if required for accuracy.

There were a large, perhaps even a record, number of attendees present. Despite the large room there was no microphone made available until about the 6th speaker. The draft recommendations had been circulating for about 4-5 months.

Stakeholder Input:

Note that due to limited acoustics some presenter names are missing or misspelled.

Mike Smith:

- rep in-line NS Hockey 17 and under
- 720 kids (40 girls) with 100 on wait list
- wants sports floor – ideally twin facility
- multisports floor compatible

Gerald Condon:

- Chair of Parkgate Com. Soc.
- Supports needs assessment – however due to their success, wants multi-service facilities (ie. more than just rec facilities)
- Add 6000 sq-ft facility in Parkgate
- Opposes closure of Seymour Youth Centre
- More options needed on future of Ron Andrews.

Roger Nikel:

- Pres. NV Tennis Soc.
- Wants some land rezoned – 30m set-back from Creek would allow 3 courts
- Growth in Upper Lonsdale – need more courts there
- Only public tennis facility in Canada operating at a profit.

- **Debt from HF almost repaid – only sport to do so.**
- Long wait lists – demand for lessons even higher than for play
- Since no gambling income here people should expect to pay higher taxes.

Mr. Jones? :

- Muster political will to fund plan
- Should consider alternative funding sources
- Hope ALL stakeholders participate

Barry Ward:

- VP of Vancouver Skating Club
- 470+ members
- wants 4th ice sheet at Seymour (Ice Sports)

Ann McClarity:

- **warns that William Griffin pool being closed in future and NOT replaced**
- opposes above since seniors especially benefit from pool
- wants pool retained

Dave Anderson:

- racketball ~ 20, mostly over age 50
- disagrees about reports assessment of excess capacity
- feels stats skewed
- disagrees it being privatized

Rosemary Davies:

- Lynn Valley Seniors Ass.
- Seniors a large and growing segment

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Peter Bell:

- 200_ NS master swimmers

- focus on excellence in aquatics facilities
- new 8 lane 50m pool needed at Harry Jerome RecCentre

Craig Boden:

- BC Pres Floorball
- Fastest growing sport
- Need indoor gym – 40*30m
- Low cost – safe – low impact
- Can also play in a rink

Robin Woods:

- William Griffin Advisory Com.
- Weight room and pool go together
- 33% of people live west of Lonsdale
- active use of pool by seniors
- limited public exposure to rec. com. recommendations.
- Request flyer sent to all residents so all can participate
- **“do not accept the concept of our facility without a pool”**

XXXX?XXX:

- William Griffin facility user
 - Communications lacking – was not aware of Griffin developments
 - **No formal notice posted at Griffin that this important meeting was taking place.**
 - Need better cost studies – new vs. repair
- [personal note by Corrie: The parking situation at Griffin need improvement – see letter of

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/17mar-to/Brian_Platts_7apr2003.pdf]

Jeff Williams:

- Director Capilano Judo Club
- Operating 10 yrs at St. Catherines Church
- For Judo

Ernie Crist:

- report flawed as it is based on current thinking and not the changing needs of the community.

- Report concentrates on closing/consolidating facilities
- Funding adequate facilities will not bankrupt us.
- Report has several contradictions

XXXX?XXXX:

- Swim Club (~100 members) for competitive swimming
- Plan needs 50m pool at Harry Jerome

Peter Moffet:

- wants priority for lawn bowling put back.

Rob Watt:

- lives just north of Edgemont
- not read report – concerned about William Griffin
- fresh look needed to look at upgrading Griffin
- Griffin location is excellent one – transit and pedestrian
- Important consideration is its connection to accessible trails.

Mr. Logan:

- What makes a community liveable?
- Taking our community away by closing Griffin Pool.
- Consolidation may make sense in business world but not for communities.
- Submitted a 260 signature petition.

Public Input Completed ~ 8:30pm

Minutes of Last Meeting etc were approved.

Director's Report:

- aquatic revenue slightly down
- theatre rental up
- lots of facilities aging across Canada
- people with disabilities being addressed more
- **credit or refund was offered for 16 day strike – however he said that users were not notified.**

- Q by Wayne Hunter – revenue down 400K\$, expenses down 550K\$ so is surplus about 100K\$? No – at moment surplus about 300K\$
- DNV Councillor rep Robin Hicks (Mike Little was absent) would like less information presented.

2008-17 Capital Budget Information:

- maintaining status quo till councils give direction.
- The three ice cleaning machines nearing end-of-life
- \$1.5m/yr from DNV for maintenance
- \$0.5m/yr from CNV for maintenance
- Question – is above sustainable?

Committee Reports:

- None

Other Business:

- interest in Infrastructure Grant Program to replace aging structures
- Is a subcommittee needed to review principles of community engagement?

Next Meeting:

- Finance Committee of the Whole – Thursday Oct 25
- Commission meeting – Thursday Nov 8th

Closed Meeting:

Members of public (only myself) requested to leave as there was to be discussion under section 90(k) of Community Charter:

- *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council [here the commission], could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.*

I left, thanking those committee members present. Still I wondered if the above was valid.

**NOTE: AGM of the North Vancouver Sports and Recreation Council:
November 22nd, 2007 in the Delbrook Recreation Centre Oak Room at 7:00PM**