

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
LIVING ROOM, GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

Committee Members: C. Shaw (Chair), B. Dame, M. Davis, G. Jopson, M. Macdonald, O. Nitsan, S. Patel, G. Russell; and Councillor C. Cassidy attended the meeting in the Living Room, Gleneagles Community Centre. Absent: C. Cambell-Leveck, C. Kwando, M. Mohagerani, J. Wang, and S. Whittall.

Staff: A. Gelz, Senior Manager, Community Services; S. Penway, Recreation Services Supervisor, Gleneagles Community Centre; and D. Godfrey, Aquatic Program Coordinator (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Living Room, Gleneagles Community Centre.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 29, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Adding Item 6.1 regarding 2024 Work Plan & Priorities after Item 6;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

O. Nitsan absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 11, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

O. Nitsan absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Supervisor's Update

S. Penway introduced herself and gave a summary of programs and operations at the Gleneagles Community Centre over the previous month and into the new year. She noted:

- New carpets have been put into the Great Hall at the Clubhouse and that the refinishing of the hardwood floor in the Bayview Room is in progress.
- Staff will be reaching out to local artists in an effort to refresh the Great Hall

and Bayview Room with new art.

- That a fire permit is required to do Raku Firings and so organizing these firings in the hotter months is difficult. Firings that are scheduled happen on Sundays in the fall, winter, and spring.
- Sports programs are doing well and are mostly fully booked.

O. Nitsan joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

- An increase in youth attendance at afterschool programs in the gymnasium.
- Recent weight room renovations which have resulted in increased workout space, and the addition of mirrors, treadmills, and bikes.
- The addition of targeted fitness classes such as the “Ski Knee” program.

She also noted that the parks department is working to repair the potholes in the parking lot. Discussion was held regarding the use of District parking lots in the area (Gleneagles Community Centre, Whytecliff Park) that are used by film crews and the disruption this causes to users and whether some of the revenue from those filming events should be allocated back to the applicable facilities. She also noted that staff are looking at alternative options for paving the Gleneagles Community Centre parking lot though it was noted that it is gravel in part due to geothermal considerations.

Councillor Cassidy joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Supervisor’s Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **Manager’s Update**

A Gelz introduced herself. She spoke regarding the meetings of the Pickleball Roundtable and the Summer Camp Inclusion Program. She noted that the Pickleball Roundtable is looking at options for indoor programs, and the Summer Camp inclusion program is looking at hiring individuals to provide one-on-one support in summer camps. More information about the Summer Camp Inclusion program will be included in the job posting when it is put up on the District website. She also noted that the hiring of summer camp inclusion workers is dependant on a successful grant application.

C. Shaw and A. Gelz spoke regarding a proposal from staff that the Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee be redefined as an Advisory Panel. They spoke regarding the change and what it would entail. It was noted that Council has been looking at the committee structure and has already made this change with several other committees. It was further noted that the overall structure and mandate of the Committee would not change, but that the reporting structure and legislative requirements would be adjusted.

Extensive discussion followed with Councillor Cassidy and staff responding to questions from committee members. Committee members expressed discomfort with making the change on such short notice and came to a consensus that the

issue be tabled to the January meeting when discussion could continue, and decisions could be made after having had time to research and consider the option.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Manager's Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Member's Roundtable

M. Macdonald spoke regarding the Western Resident's Association (WRA) noting the Mix and Mingle event happening on December 5 and that there will be an electronics recycling and paper shredding event happening on March 9.

G. Jopson gave a recap of the 2023 golf season noting it was a very successful year with extensive course usage by the 300+ members. He expressed thanks to the Parks staff who maintain the course and noted it is in beautiful shape. The club held numerous tournaments this year. He noted that he is stepping down from the Golf Club Society so this would be his final meeting. C. Shaw thanked him for his contributions to the Committee and to the community.

C. Shaw summarized the programs and issues that the Horseshoe Bay Business Association (HBBA) has discussed or overseen. She noted:

- Dangerous sidewalks discussions: Safe Sidewalks has been hired to fix sidewalks in Ambleside and Dundarave with a goal of showing that outside organizations can do the work more cost effectively than District crews.
- December 8 carolling and bonfire event.
- Replacement of streetlights.
- Mural update – Leslie has received approval on his building and ideas for the mural will be presented at the Taste of the Bay event in May.
- Sewells Marina Toy Drive event will be running until December 14.
- Hockey Helps the Homeless annual tournament.
- A Blanket Drive is in progress from November 14 to 29.
- Sports court on Douglas Road has new boards and an artist will be commissioned to paint them.

She further noted that BC Ferries Liaison Committee has not met recently due to a death threat, and that there has been an increase in the number of transients in the community with some transients overnighing in local areas. She congratulated and thanked Councillors Watt and Cassidy on their Dogs on a Leash initiative in West Vancouver parks.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Member's Roundtable be received for information.

CARRIED

6.1. 2024 Workplan & Priorities

C. Shaw recapped the discussion that was held at the October committee meeting and asked committee members for suggestions.

Expanding the library service was identified as an option and staff shared possible options for integrating the library services from Ambleside to Gleneagles.

Offering “Ted Talks” type speaker events was put forth as another option. S. Patel spoke regarding the Ambleside Library’s experiences and efforts in this and offered to share the name of the moderator who organizes the events at the Library.

Councillor Cassidy offered the suggestion of psychic fairs and this led to a discussion around whether Gleneagles Community Centre should provide different events or be an extension of services for existing groups and programs. G. Jopson suggested that the Committee should be looking at things that highlight the facility (including the Golf Course) and draw people to the facility. He noted the chief librarian in Ambleside open to the idea of book readings and speakers at Gleneagles.

Councillor Cassidy left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and did not return.

Discussion was held regarding the absence of school representation in the western community and on this Committee, and discussion was also held regarding the mandate of the Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding 2024 Workplan & Priorities be received for information.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

8. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting be held on January 24, 2024 at 7 p.m. and be held in-person in the Living Room at the Gleneagles Community Centre.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 29, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Committee Clerk

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