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February 13, 2018

A MEETING of the **ALL ABILITIES/ALL AGES PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE** will be held in the **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**, 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018**, at **8:30 a.m.** for the transaction of business listed below.

Tracey Arthur,
Director of Corporate Administration

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the All Abilities/All Ages Playground Committee adopts the agenda for the February 15, 2018 meeting as circulated.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the All Abilities/All Ages Playground Committee adopts the minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting as circulated.

4. **PROPONENT SELECTION – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

Clerk Note: A Recommendation to Council is required from the Committee regarding their preferred proponent and design proposal presented at the Public Information Meeting on February 13, 2018.

5. **NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting date will be determined as needed.
6. **CONCLUSION OF THE ALL ABILITIES/ALL AGES PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 MEETING**

PRESENT: Councillor Grant Meyer (Chairperson)
Geoff Funke (Vice-Chairperson)
Jaye-Lynne Gooch
Councillor Megan Knight
Kathy McIntyre
Councillor Lynne Sinclair

ABSENT: Graham Cameron

STAFF: Stephanie Beck, Executive Director, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation (PAHF)
Andrea McCorkell, Community Engagement Coordinator, PAHF
Jim Gordon, Director, Engineering and Municipal Operations
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Scott Watson, Manager of Parks
Gurdeep Diogan, Committee Clerk

GUESTS: Mark Suttle, Principal, Suttle Recreation
Todd Pope, Sales Account Executive, Suttle Recreation

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2018-AAAAP-004 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the All Abilities/All Ages Playground Committee adopts the February 1, 2018 agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2018-AAAAP-005 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the All Abilities/All Ages Playground Committee adopts the minutes from the January 26, 2018 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION - MARK SUTTLE AGENCY

The Manager of Parks introduced Mark Suttle and Todd Pope from Suttle Recreation to present their proposal for the all abilities/all ages playground to the Committee.

Mr. Suttle spoke about his agency and its experience with all ages/all abilities playgrounds, and its relationship with GameTime as its sole supplier for thirty (30) years. He also spoke of Playcore who has recently opened a centre for

professional development and independent audit of playgrounds to gauge effectiveness based upon the guidelines established by the universities that Playcore has partnered with for evidence-based research and design and programming of outdoor play environments.

Mr. Pope spoke of accessibility in their design proposal being a primary consideration rather than an add-on option. If Council proceeded to adopt and implement the design proposal, the playground could potentially become a demonstration site. The playground could consequently receive national recognition and signage for the City, PAHF and/or donors, for serving as a model demonstration site. (Further information at www.playcore.com).

Mr. Pope emphasized that the design incorporates accessibility to the whole playground as opposed to accessibility to one or specific areas. There are no limitations on access by wheelchair or walker, abilities, ages, socio-economic status. The equipment has been selected to provide developmental experiences that include physical, social-emotional, sensory, cognitive and communication aspects during its use. Each area within the playground also provides experiences for and not limited to connection, attunement, interaction, creativity, free play, and fitness.

Both Mr. Suttle and Mr. Pope presented their proposal and design of the playground, surfaces, equipment, dimensions, areas for donor recognition, nature, social/individual areas, pathways, inclusion of technology and music, maintenance, impact and wow factor in detail to the Committee and answered questions that were posed to them by members. The Committee inquired about various play equipment and requested additional seating/bench areas.

Staff were requested to forward links to the various equipment catalogues for members to view. Mr. Pope cautioned about looking through the catalogues and deciding to add or replace equipment, as there are many considerations around dimensions, purpose and safety, when selecting a piece of equipment and the equipment shown has been selected to work in the design of the whole site.

Staff reminded the proponent that July 31, 2018 is the intended date for completion of major works, and Mr. Suttle was confident that this could be managed if the contract was awarded by mid-February 2018.

Staff would be looking at the current playground equipment in Centennial Park and making an assessment of whether it may be reused/relocated to another park as the new design uses the whole playground site.

Member Beck inquired whether there are any archaeological concerns about the area in Centennial Park. Staff advised the Committee that the area is not known to be an archaeological site, and the City would send a notice of impact assessment to the First Nations.

The Committee thanked the proponent and staff for the presentation, and encouraged a presentation take place at the public information meeting also as they found it to be helpful in clarifying the proposed design.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – MANAGER OF PARKS

A public information meeting is scheduled for 6:00-8:00 p.m. on February 13, 2018 at the White Rock Community Centre. It is planned that the proponent would set up a display for the public to view, prior to a short presentation; PAHF would speak about healthy communities; the proponent, City and PAHF staff would be available to answer questions one-on-one with the public. Member Gooch recommended that an outline of the evening and purpose of the presentation be stated at the outset in order to keep the presentation and questions focused. A short discussion on potential invitees took place.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday February 15, 2018.

7. CONCLUSION OF THE ALL ABILITIES/ALL AGES PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Councillor Grant Meyer, Chairperson



G. Diogan, Committee Clerk