



**Committee Meeting of Council
Monday, June 24, 2013 at 5:00 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen Presiding

Present: Councillor Mitchell Tweel Councillor Melissa Hilton
 Councillor Rob Lantz Councillor Jason Coady
 Councillor Eddie Rice Councillor Danny Redmond
 Councillor Terry Bernard

Also: Roy Main, CAO Sue Fraser, PRM

Guests: Jill Robertson, Ekistics

Regrets: Mayor Clifford Lee Councillor Cecil Villard
 Councillor David MacDonald Donna Waddell, DCS

OPEN

1. Resolution – Meet as ‘Committee of the Whole’

**Moved by Councillor Terry Bernard
Seconded by Councillor Danny Redmond**

RESOLVED:

That Members of Charlottetown City Council meet as a ‘Committee of the Whole’ pursuant to Section 19 (5) of the Charlottetown Area Municipalities Act (CAMA) Cap. C-4.1

CARRIED 7-0

2. Victoria Park Master Plan

Councillor Melissa Hilton introduced the agenda item and spoke about the importance of the plan and the work that has been done to date. She thanked Jill Robertson, Ekistics and Sue Fraser, PRM for their leadership on the file and is looking forward to the final report.

The PRM introduced the project and explained the process to get it to Council as a final plan. She explained that the plan will be presented at the July Council meeting for adoption in principle once the final editing has been done.

Councillor Tweel inquired about Council being able to receive the report vs. accepting it. Both The CAO and the PRM emphasized the importance of Council adopting the plan, understanding that it is a living, breathing document and would be subject to change over time but that it needs to have enough weight so that it can be used effectively as a management tool. Jill also added that it is important the plan be accepted as the document that captures the visions and ideas that the public has so carefully presented and noted that it will always be evolving.

Jill then presented plan highlights in a power point presentation and spoke about next steps for Council.

There was a question and answer session following the presentation which included the following key comments/questions from Council. Note: some of the following questions came during the presentation.

Councillor Bernard: Question around the location of the pavilion and potential interference with pedestrian traffic. Jill presented the location on a drawing which demonstrated the location at the head of the pedestrian path (interior road) with ample room to negotiate around it.

Councillor Tweel: Ensuring that the plan presented the opportunities for four season programming. Jill reiterated that there is a section in the plan on winter use and the many opportunities that can exist for winter programming and events.

Councillor Tweel: Expressed concerns about smoking in the park. PRM responded that all park properties are tobacco free which is in place now as a policy and there will be discussion at the standing committee level as to the possibility of creating a tobacco free bylaw for all parks and open spaces in the City.

Councillor Tweel: Concern about rules around events and in kind costs to City. (In response to Jill's presentation on a special endowment fund for larger events). The PRM noted that event charges and billing for in kind has been on the table for City Council to consider for many years so this is part of a more global issue for the Economic Development Committee to consider and make recommendations for Council's consideration.

Councillor Rice: Noted the condition of Government Pond and the outfall at the park entrance. Province needs to address that and there could be mention of this property in the final plan. He

also asked about possible inclusion of comments around the lighthouse and the need for signage and lighting.

Councillor Lantz: Thanked Jill for her work on plan. Pleased with overall plan especially the multi modal path. Having seen how that can work, as closely as Confederation Landing with multi users all actively engaged on that boardwalk. Noted FCM in Vancouver and that Councillor Coady noted how functional the multi modal boardwalk was there. Noted that serious cyclists will still use the roadway. Also likes the idea of the pedestrian mall feel in the interior road, leading to the pavilion. Design changes will open a whole new range of programming possibilities. Did not see much change in park, just overall improvement. Agreed that it might be a good idea to mention the lighthouse.

Councillor Bernard: Noted that the increased width is the key. Asked about the Kiwanis Dairy Bar parking area and parking for tennis players. Jill noted that there will need to be a culture shift in vehicular access to venues, in that formalized parking will be a five minute walk away for tennis players and the Dairy Bar would have more effective parking adjacent to the Dairy Bar to improve Dairy Bar patron safety in front of their business and still allow people to park and enjoy the water view.

Councillor Lantz noted that many tennis players cycle to the courts now.

Councillor Bernard: Requested clarification on cyclist traffic and where they are to go. Jill reiterated that it depended on the type of cyclist, in that an avid cyclist would remain on the roadway while those with young children would use the new multi modal path.

Councillor Hilton: Thanked Jill for her work and for Council comments and questions. Noted that Jill was moving on from Ekistics and wished her well.

Jill thanked everyone for their comments and good wishes.

Open portion of the meeting ended at 6:30 PM