

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 1995

PRESENT:	Chair	- David Chesman
	Vice-Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Commissioners	- Malcolm Ashford
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
		- Tim Louis
		- Donna Morgan
		- Vic Kondrosky
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Barbara Stampfl

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chesman referred to page 4 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on July 17, 1995 and the motion regarding Concord Pacific's request to remove the unit cap in False Creek North. He stated that the minutes should be amended to indicate that he was the mover of the motion and that Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Morgan referred to her motion on page 8 and stated that there was no discussion included in the minutes which explained the reason for this motion. She felt it would be difficult for someone who had not attended the meeting to understand the reason for this motion.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 17, 1995, were approved, as amended.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair referred to the Concord Pacific issue which the Board dealt with at the previous meeting. He explained the Park Board's decision which was passed unanimously in favour of new developed parkland consistent with current development requirements. He noted that he and Commissioners Morgan, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson attended Council's planning committee to express bipartisan support for the Board's position that, if the current ratio for parkland cannot be developed on the Concord Pacific site, this be made available in adjacent Downtown South or provide cash in lieu. The current ratio of 2.75 acres of parkland per 1,000 people has served the city well and he would not want to see this compromised and would therefore put forward a

motion to hold a public information meeting regarding this issue in September or October this year.

The Chair also stated that when the Board returns from its summer hiatus he would like an update on the park zoning issue and will make a statement about the Board's role and jurisdiction.

#### PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

##### Old Langara Clubhouse

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova, THAT community groups be given until September 16, 1995 to submit final proposals for the potential re-use of the old Langara Clubhouse.

The Chair stated that Mr. John Atkin of Heritage Vancouver informed the Board that he was in support of this recommendation and therefore would not be attending the meeting.

Mr. Alan Twigg, George Woodcock Literary Arts Centre, stated that he is one of the people responsible for organizing activities to honour George Woodcock. This group would be willing to work together with the Park Board and other groups to save this building for a community cooperative literary centre. The location of the building in proximity to Langara College could amalgamate the use of the building with an educational literary mandate. He stated that he has not been kept informed of the situation and did not receive adequate information and therefore requested that more information and feedback be provided such as specifications of the building, details as to fire regulations, etc.

Commissioner Wilson requested that staff provide information to the delegation and clear instructions on the process for this organization to follow on how to submit a proposal, what the Board is looking for, etc.

The General Manager stated that information was advertised publicly a year ago and the criteria gave preference to non profit societies, with a limitation as to use of the building, parking and public assembly. Mr. Twigg requested a more detailed description such as the physical description of the building, etc. The General Manager stated that this will be provided to Mr. Twigg.

Mr. Andrew Whitaker, Langara Heritage Pavilion Society, stated his appreciation for the extension in time to submit proposals. He circulated a copy of a letter from the President of Langara College stating that the College would be agreeable to a possible parking exchange. Mr. Whitaker added that he has letters of support from the Sunset Community Centre to preserve the building for programming use, as well as support from Langara Student Union, Langara College and the YMCA. With regard to sources of funding they have a letter of support from the Bank and trust foundations who would provide funds. As well, the Society would be prepared to hold more discussions regarding the catering proposals.

The Chair questioned Mr. Whitaker about any plans to relocate the building. Mr. Whitaker explained the difficulties involving in relocating the building.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT community groups be given until September 16, 1995 to submit final proposals for the potential re-use of the old Langara Clubhouse.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Babies Cottage Proposed Lease with the St. James Social Service Society

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the concept of the use of the cottage as a Hospice operated by St. James Social Service Society, subject to their obtaining the required redevelopment funding by September 1, 1996; and that the Board enter into a ten year lease with an option to renew for another ten years with the St. James Social Service Society.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

A) THAT the Board approve the concept of the use of the Babies Cottage as a Hospice to be operated by St. James Social Service Society, subject to their obtaining the required redevelopment funding by September 1, 1996.

B) THAT the Board enter into a ten year lease with an option to renew for another ten years with the St. James Social Service Society for the Babies Cottage, subject to general terms and conditions (as outlined in Appendix 1) and with details satisfactory to the General Manager of the Park Board, and Director of Legal Services.

Ms. Tyleen Katz, Director of the Hospice program, St. James Social Service Society, stated that their Board was gratified to hear that the community committee members unanimously accepted their proposal for a hospice on this site and to hear that the Hastings Community Association added their endorsement to the project as well. She explained the development of hospices and how they serve the communities where they are situated. She pointed out that the Society has listened to the community's desire for community space and therefore are considering adding a solarium which would allow for development of a room beneath it to be used by the community. The hospice will have a low impact on the surrounding neighbourhood from the traffic perspective and some of the current allocation of parking space could be given back to parkland. As well, the hospice will be a 24 hour operation which should reduce the impact of unsavoury activities in the area. Ms. Katz stated that they have one small concern with the ten year term and asked for consideration that this be for a longer period.

Commissioners DeGenova and Fetherstonhaugh congratulated the Society and their commitment in this regard.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated staff for the community process which has resulted in a positive outcome.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

A) THAT the Board approve the concept of the use of the Babies Cottage as a Hospice to be operated by St. James Social Service Society, subject to their obtaining the required redevelopment funding by September 1, 1996.

B) THAT the Board enter into a ten year lease with an option to renew for another ten years with the St. James Social Service Society for the Babies Cottage, subject to general terms and conditions (as outlined in Appendix 1) and with details satisfactory to the General Manager of the Park Board, and Director of Legal Services.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
RECREATION SERVICES

Special Event - Late Request

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 14, 1995 recommending that the Board receive the report for information. Mr. Robert Verge, Mr. Wayne Marsden and Mr. Randy Caine, of the Randy Caine Defence Fund, appeared before the Board to request approval to stage a concert on New Brighton Park on September 9, 1995. They described this event as a "constitutional challenge on narcotic control" as they feel that the government has over-reacted in the way that it deals with narcotics. They noted that the staff report stressed illegal activities would take place during this event and they felt this was presumptive. Mr. Verge outlined the proposed event and stated that there were no plans to breach the law and this event would not demonstrate any danger to Society.

Board members and staff explained to the delegation that the deadline for the calendar of events is in the fall and there was insufficient time to provide consultation with the community for this proposal.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board receive the staff report for information purposes.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Lost Lagoon Interpretive Signage

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 1995 recommending that the report on Lost Lagoon Interpretive Graphics be received as information.

Board members questioned the size of the lettering with regard to sponsor's logos. The Director of Environment and Operations explained that the message is the most important wording and the logos will be in small print in the right hand corner.

Commissioner Morgan requested that the signage be in gender neutral language.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the report on Lost Lagoon Interpretive Graphics be received as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

McCleery Golf Course Clubhouse - Food Service Equipment Award of Tender

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 24, 1995 recommending that the Board award a contract for the food service equipment for the McCleery Golf Course Clubhouse to Russell Food Equipment Ltd. at a price of \$147,656.46 plus GST.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board award a contract for the food service equipment for the McCleery Golf Course Clubhouse to Russell Food Equipment Ltd. at a price of \$147,656.46 plus GST.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Stanley Park Asphalt Paving Repair - 1995 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 1995 recommending that the General Manager be authorized to award the tender for Stanley Park asphalt paving repair identified and approved in the 1995 Capital Plan for \$250,000.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to award the tender for Stanley Park asphalt paving repair identified and approved in the 1995 Capital Plan for \$250,000.

Commissioner Louis stated that if the Board approves this motion then it will not know who the tenderer will be and whether or not they will be Union or non-Union. He questioned why the City does not have a fair wage policy.

The General Manager explained that the Council of the day did not

want to prohibit any organization from bidding on municipal business because of a union/non-union situation.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the award of the tender for Stanley Park asphalt paving repair be restricted to trade Union contractors.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Ashford, Chesman, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson opposed).

The main motion was put, as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to award the tender for Stanley Park asphalt paving repair identified and approved in the 1995 Capital Plan for \$250,000.

- CARRIED.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan opposed).

## NEW BUSINESS

### Concord Pacific Request

Further to the Chair's report regarding Concord Pacific's request to remove the unit cap in False Creek North, Commissioner Chesman put forward the following motion:

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board hold a public information meeting on Concord Pacific's request for removal of the unit cap in False Creek North, in September or October, at the discretion of the Chair.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Vancouver Pride Society Request

Commissioner Wilson explained that he had received a letter from the Vancouver Pride Society requesting the use of the flag poles located in Morton Triangle, during the B.C. Day long weekend in 1996, to fly the rainbow flag during the annual pride parade. He suggested that the Board endorse this request and then forward it to the City Engineering Department.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board endorse the request from the Vancouver Pride Society to display the rainbow flag on the flagpoles located

at the intersection of Davie and Denman Streets during the B.C. Day long weekend in August 1996;  
and,  
THAT the Board invite the City Engineering department to comply with this request.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Neighbourhood Parkspace Ratio

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board set up a joint workshop with City Council and appropriate City planning staff to discuss the neighbourhood parkspace ratio.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Morgan requested an update on the Aquarium Task Force. The Chair stated that the first suggested Chair for the Task Force has declined and the second suggested Chair is reviewing materials and will be giving an answer soon. There is also the question of who will be members of the Task Force and he has suggested that Dr. Nightingale discuss this with Commissioners DeGenova and Louis.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants  
Warrant #33 in the amount of \$237,157.52, Warrant #34 in the amount of \$546,484.64.

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V. Kondrosky  
General Manager

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Commissioner David Chesman  
Chair

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