

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 1995

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

Commissioner Wilson chaired the meeting as Commissioner Chesman was absent due to business commitments. It was noted that Commissioner Louis was also absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan referred to the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, October 23, 1995, regarding approval of the extension of the otter display by the Vancouver Aquarium. She referred to the discussion which indicated she was "reluctant to approve it" instead of saying that she was reluctantly going to agree with it.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held on Monday, October 23, 1995, were adopted, as amended.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Jericho Hostel Asbestos Removal Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 26, 1995 recommending that the Hostelling International Canada B.C. Region pay the costs associated with roof replacement at the Jericho Hostel including asbestos removal costs.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Hostelling International Canada B.C. Region pay the costs associated with roof replacement at the Jericho Hostel including asbestos removal costs.

Mr. John Hopkins, Executive Director, Hostelling International

Canada, B.C. Region, and Mr. Bob Cryder, Manager of Jericho Hostel, outlined their case as presented in a letter to the Board dated October 12, 1995. Mr. Hopkins requested that the Board consider offsetting the costs associated with asbestos abatement fees through the same rental reduction agreement and precedence which was granted to them in 1989. He did point out, however, that the actual cost to the lowest bidder for the asbestos removal is \$64,000 and not \$47,000 as indicated in the letter.

Mr. Cryder added that the Park Board benefits by having hostels in other areas of the province because the network of the hostels is what attracts young travellers to this area. The General Manager stated that if the Board agrees with this request then it will have to find the money elsewhere in the budget.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the motion be amended to state that the Park Board agrees to offset the rent to cover 1/3 of the cost of the asbestos removal with the offsetting to occur over the remainder of the lease in such a way that rent revenue does not fall below \$60,000.

Commissioner Morgan clarified this to say that the Board won't cost share if the rent revenue is below \$60,000 but if it is above then it will offset it over the next 4 years against the rental income. She noted that the Hostel are forecasting a certain amount of growth in income over the next 4 years. Because of this and the fact that the asbestos was there when the building was leased, she felt that the Board should take part of the responsibility and support hostelling by taking 1/3 of the cost of the asbestos removal and allow this to be reduced from any rent revenues over \$60,000 over the remainder of the term. This would provide a rent reduction up to \$21,600 over the next four years provided the annual rent revenue is over \$60,000.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh felt that this should be 1/3 of a specific dollar amount because the figure might escalate. Commissioner Morgan agreed that this dollar figure could be \$22,000.

The amendment therefore, reads as follows:

THAT the motion be amended to state that the Park Board agrees to commit any rent in excess of \$60,000 per year, to a maximum of \$22,000, for the cost of the asbestos removal.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The main motion was put as follows:

- 1) THAT the Hostelling International Canada B.C. Region pay the costs associated with roof replacement at the Jericho Hostel including asbestos removal costs.

2) THAT the Park Board agrees to commit any rent in excess of \$60,000 per year, to a maximum of \$22,000, for the cost of the asbestos removal.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Engine 374 Enclosure - Appointment of Architects

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 1995 recommending that the Board award the contract for the design, documentation and construction review of the Engine 374 Enclosure to Baker McGarva Hart Architects, for an amount not to exceed \$49,350, including disbursements.

Commissioner DeGenova questioned the higher cost for the architects fees. The General Manager pointed out that the fee is slightly higher because the heritage issues requires a glazing specialist and more meetings to ensure the design integrates with the heritage building.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh, as Liaison to the Roundhouse, acknowledged the Vancouver Central Lions Club for their help in raising funds for this enclosure.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board award the contract for the design, documentation, and construction review of the Engine 374 Enclosure to Baker McGarva Hart Architects, for an amount not to exceed \$49,350, including disbursements.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 2, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the attached renovation plans developed by the Kerrisdale Community Centre Board.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the attached renovation plans developed by the Kerrisdale Community Centre Board.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Stanley Park Dining Pavilion - Lease Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 25, 1995 recommending that the Board extend the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion for one year (January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997) under the current terms and conditions; and that a payment in lieu of property

taxes for 1997 be set at \$1.00/sq. ft.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

- 1) THAT the Board extend the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion for one year (January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997) under the current terms and conditions.
- 2) THAT a payment in lieu of property taxes for 1997 be set at \$1.00/sq. ft.
- 3) THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of this resolution and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Retired City of Vancouver Police and Firefighters

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 25, 1995 recommending that, effective January 1, 1996, the Board discontinue the policy that retired City of Vancouver police and firefighters, at age 60, are eligible for the seniors' rate to Park Board facilities.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT, effective January 1, 1996, the Board discontinue the policy that retired City of Vancouver police and firefighters, at age 60, are eligible for the seniors' rate to Park Board facilities.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. NEW BUSINESS

1996 Operating Budget Projections

Commissioner Ashford referred to a report to Council recommending that tax increases be maintained to inflationary levels this year. This would result in a budget shortfall and the Park Board has already gone through significant cuts. He therefore proposed an option that would result in a shortfall of \$3 million rather than \$11 million.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Park Board go on record as encouraging City Council to entertain a tax increase equivalent to the cost of inflation so that the budget shortfall for 1996 will approximate \$3 million rather than \$11 million.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nelson Park

Commissioner Morgan requested an update on Nelson Park for the November 20th meeting of the Board. The General Manager advised that it is expected that this report will be going to the Board either at the November 20th or December 4th meeting.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Morgan questioned the timelines for the planning process regarding the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion. The General Manager explained that both the lower zoo and the old service yard will have a bearing on the planning process but it is hoped that in early summer or late spring next year there will be concept plans for discussion.

Commissioner Morgan requested information about the capital plan process and a record of previous expenditures at the Community Centres. The General Manager stated that this was previously submitted to the Board but would be recirculated again.

REMINDERS

Commissioner Wilson reminded the Board that the Aquatics Task Force public meeting will be held on November 16. He advised that the Park Board will not be running the meeting but are welcome to participate. The meeting will be chaired by Kathy Agnew.

The General Manager informed the Board that a public meeting on the Stanley Park Transportation Plan will be held on November 23, 1995.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #47 in the amount of \$156,130.34, Warrant #48 in the amount of \$635,563.02, Warrant #49 in the amount of \$176,943.12, Warrant #50 in the amount of \$436,141.13.

V. Kondrosky
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Vice Chair

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