

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 1996

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

The Chair stated that Commissioner Ashford was away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held on Monday, May 13, 1996, were adopted as circulated.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden - 1996 Fee Increases

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 23, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the request of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to increase the admission fees to the Classical Garden as of June 1, 1996.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the request of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to increase the admission fees to the Classical Garden to:

4.50)	Adult	\$ 5.25 (from \$
3.00)	Senior/student/child	\$ 3.75 (from \$
\$10.00)	Family	\$12.00 (from

as of June 1, 1996.

Mr. Vernon Bennington and Mr. Jack Wong, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society, were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Bruce Dewar, President, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society, appeared before the Board to request approval for an increase in admission fees to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden. He outlined the market research that was done to see what other similar venues are charging. He stated that there is a need to increase revenues as costs are going up and the proposed increase is very good value. He informed the Board that the Garden has a free day every month for seniors and is free to everyone during the month of December. As well, they have a free day during Chinese New Year and the Autumn Festival.

In answer to Commissioner Wilson's enquiry if the Garden currently accepts the Leisure Access Pass, Mr. Dewar stated that he was not aware of this pass but will discuss it with the Society's Executive Director. He added that the Society are trying to make the Garden accessible to as many people as possible with free days and group rates to schools, etc.

Commissioner Wilson added that the Aquarium now use the Leisure Access Pass instead of the free days they previously had and the Board likes to encourage this as it provides better access on a year round basis.

Commissioner Louis questioned if there was a comparison of other similar facilities done the last time the rates were raised and was it adjusted accordingly to make them equivalent at that time. The General Manager answered that this was done. Commissioner Louis enquired why then is Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden now behind the other venues in terms of admission fees and whether the other attractions raise their rates far in excess of the rate of inflation. He was also concerned with the pressure to approve this increase quickly as it is to become effective in a few days.

The Director of Environment & Operations stated that the last increase was in 1994 and it is reasonable to consider making this facility more in line with the general range. The attractions that were compared included those that have rate increases higher than the rate of inflation.

Commissioner DeGenova stated that he would support the motion. He felt that the proposed family rate is reasonable. The Garden Society Board have done a good job and have assessed the rates closely.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out that this report was a late distribution report and has come to the Board only one week before the proposed fee increase. She felt that this could be deferred for further discussion. She noted that other groups in the Board's system, such as the Aquarium, have the Leisure Access Pass program and, as most of the Garden's business comes from tourists who would not be using a Leisure Access Pass, this would not affect the garden's financial position.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board approve the request on the condition that Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden participates in the leisure access pass program.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would not support this amendment. He felt that if a rider was to be put on the increase it should not be when a fee increase comes forward. It needs to go back to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society's Board because they may need a larger increase because of the Leisure Access Pass.

Commissioner Wilson was also concerned that this should have been brought up earlier. He suggested a friendly amendment to the amendment that the Board request the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Society to accept the Leisure Access Pass.

Commissioner Morgan did not accept this as a friendly amendment.

The Chair did not feel that the Board should impose the Leisure Access Pass on to the Gardens at this time. He preferred to have it done with a request that Dr. Sun Yat Sen Society consider implementation of the Leisure Access Pass but also ask them to come back the Board in a year to discuss it.

Commissioner Louis stated that his comments should not be construed as negative towards the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens. He feels that it is an oasis in the City but he is concerned about this being a last minute request. He suggested that a decision be deferred for a couple of weeks which should still provide sufficient time for the delegation to take this back to their Board.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT this item be deferred for a two week period to provide time for the Park Board's request regarding the Leisure Access Pass to be taken to

the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Society's Board for discussion.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh did not feel that this should be deferred while the Leisure Access Pass program is under review as the Board does not know what the conclusions of the review will be.

The Chair stated that he had concerns about the Leisure Access Pass because of the location of the gardens and was thinking that rather than a condition of approval that it be in the way of a request instead. He suggested that approval be conditional on a three month trial of the Leisure Access Pass.

Commissioner Morgan accepted this as a friendly amendment.

The amendment was put as follows:

THAT the Board approve the request for a fee increase on the condition that the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden participates in the Leisure Access Pass program for a three month trial.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The main motion, as amended, was put as follows:

THAT the Board approve the request of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to increase the admission fees to the Classical Garden to:

4.50)	Adult	\$ 5.25 (from \$
3.00)	Senior/student/child	\$ 3.75 (from \$
\$10.00)	Family	\$12.00 (from

as of June 1, 1996.

and,

THAT this approval be on the condition that the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden participates in the Leisure Access Pass program for a three month trial.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECREATION SERVICES

Pooh Corner Daycare Society Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 23, 1996 recommending that the lease between the Park Board and the Pooh Corner Daycare Society be renewed

commencing April 14, 1996 for a five year term with a right to another five year term subject to a significant capital investment having been made by the Society, and the addition of the clause as stated in the report.

Ms. Nancy Chew, Chair, Pooh Corner Daycare Society, stated that they are grateful to the Board for leasing this location to them and look forward to renewing the lease for another five year term. The only change they would like to recommend is that the clause be changed to delete the right to another five year term. She explained that this was because the Supervisor of the Daycare was not in favour of the further five year term because the present parents will not be there at that time and it sounds to her that if they don't raise the funds they won't get the lease.

Commissioner Louis pointed out that the renewal is at the option of the Daycare Society, not the Park Board. The Chair confirmed that there is no disadvantage to the Society having the right to another five year term.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the lease between the Park Board and the Pooh Corner Daycare Society be renewed commencing April 14, 1996, for a five year term with a right to another five year term subject to a significant capital investment having been made by the Society, and that the following clause be added:

The Lessee, at its own expense, shall contract with an accredited Building Inspection Service for a maintenance inspection every two (2) years (four times in the ten year agreement) to determine the condition of the building at 975 Lagoon Drive, including its structure, mechanical and electrical elements and finishes inside and out, and prepare and submit a full report of such inspections to the General Manager of the Board.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORT ITEM

Women's Monument Project

Ms. Elinor Warkentin updated the Board on the Women's Monument Project and stated their appreciation for the Board's support for this project. She outlined the various fundraising successes and added that they still have to raise \$45,000.

Ms. Janet Freeman, Battered Women's Support System, outlined the background of this organization. She stated

that they have not received any funding but have a thriving education program. They fully support the work of the Women's Monument Project and she urged the Board to continue their support for this project.

Mr. Dale Tremble, activist and counsellor for abusive men, stated that the Women's Monument brings to mind the threats to women. It is important to be reminded of the prevalence of violence towards women and supporting this monument is a powerful agent for change.

Ms. Shirley Turcotte stated that she knows of violence from personal experience and explained that healing is done by having a place to honour the dead. The Women's Monument would provide a place to speak to those who have died from violence and bring healing to those who have experienced violence. It is important to our society and she hoped that the Board would remember her words and support the project.

Ms. Janine Carscadden, on behalf of the Women's Monument Project, presented a gift to the Board of a framed schematic of the monument and its location.

Ms. Warkentin asked that the Board consider further financial support for the Women's Monument project in the amount of \$11,500. They are really close to realizing their goal but require further financial assistance.

Commissioner Wilson enquired from staff about the Board not having the authorization to make grants to any organization but could they approach organizations in the community to make donations.

The General Manager explained to the Board members that it cannot give a grant but it can make improvements to the parkland as the monument will become the property of the Park Board. To do all the general landscaping, pathways, etc. would amount to \$65,000 and this will come out of the Capital Budget. If the Board wishes to increase the amount already spent it can provide further financial support from the Board's budget.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Women's Monument Project request be referred to the Planning Committee for further discussion.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Morgan requested that the meeting be held in the early morning to enable her to attend.

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Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board send a letter of support for the Women's Monument Project to the Public Art Committee.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chair requested that the letter refer to the support that has already been provided by the Park Board.

Commissioner Chesman left the room at this point due to possible conflict of interest with regard to Item 2 (Riley Park Arena Compressor Replacement), Item 6 (Annual Fertilizer and Grass Seed Contract Award) and Item 7 (Annual Electrical Supplies Contract Award).

Commissioner Morgan also left the room at this point.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Riley Park Arena Compressor Replacement

Board members received copies of a staff report recommending that the Board award Contract #96-48 for the supply and installation of two compressors, associated piping, and a computerized monitoring system at Riley Park Arena to Fraser Valley Refrigeration for the contract price of \$66,200.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A) THAT the Board award Contract #96-48 for the supply and installation of two compressors, associated piping, and a computerized monitoring system at Riley Park Arena to Fraser Valley Refrigeration for the contract price of \$66,200.
- B) THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

- CARRIED.

(Commissioner Louis opposed)

(Commissioners Chesman and Morgan absent at time of voting).

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

Annual Fertilizer and Grass Seed Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated

May 22, 1996, recommending that the Board award the contract for the annual supply of fertilizer and grass seed to the companies listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board award the contract for the annual supply of Fertilizer and Grass Seed to the following companies:

Company	Item	Estimated Value
Keso Turf	Part A items 1 & 2 Part B Golf Courses General & McCleery Golf Course	\$38,300
Dawson Seeds	Part B Fraserview Golf Course Part C item 1 & 3	\$64,000
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Coast Agri	Part A item 7	\$ 1,430
Green Valley	Part A items 3-6, 9, 10 & 12	\$40,100
Agrico Sales	Part A items 8, 11, 13, 14 Part B Langara Golf Course Part C item 2	\$53,500

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Commissioners Chesman and Morgan absent at time of voting).

Annual Electrical Supplies Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 23, 1996 recommending that the Board award the contract for the annual electrical supplies contract to the companies listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board award the contract for the annual electrical supplies contract to the following companies:

Company	Part	Estimated Portion of Contract
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Gough Electric (Union & Non Union)	Part A & B	\$70,000
Wesco Distribution (Non Union)	Part D	\$30,000
Gescan (Union & Non Union)	Part C	\$25,000

Commissioner Louis questioned which part was union and which was non-union and also requested that the motion be severed in order to vote on each part separately.

The General Manager explained that the parts department could be union while the service department is non-union. The Director of Finance was unable to provide specific information.

Commissioner Morgan returned to the meeting at this time.

Commissioner DeGenova clarified with the General Manager that the wording of the tender was clear when it was sent out. He felt that the tender is in the best interest of the Park Board which is to get the best price.

The motion was severed and put as follows:

- (1) THAT the Board award the contract for the annual electrical supplies contract as follows:

Company	Part	Estimated Portion of Contract
Gough Electric (Union & Non Union)	Part A & B	\$70,000

- CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis & Morgan contrary).
(Commissioner Chesman absent at time of voting).

- (2) THAT the Board award the contract for the annual electrical supplies contract to the following companies:

Company	Part	Estimated Portion of Contract
Wesco Distribution (Non Union)	Part D	\$30,000
Gescan	Part C	\$25,000

(Union & Non Union)

- CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis & Morgan contrary).
(Commissioner Chesman absent at time of voting).

Changes to Administrative Authorities

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 1996 recommending changes to Administrative Authorities as outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT this item be referred to the next meeting of the Board for further discussion.

Commissioner Wilson felt that there were a number of elements contained in this report that needed to be looked at more thoroughly.

Commissioner Morgan did not agree and stated that this report was in the regular Board agenda package which should have allowed sufficient time to go through it. She was also concerned that there was no further information forthcoming regarding this report and therefore no reason to defer it.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED.
(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)
(Commissioner Chesman absent at time of voting).

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised that he had attended the dedication of the Margaret Pigott Park on Saturday, May 25th. He outlined Mrs. Pigott's interests in Stanley Park and her work in saving the land at the entrance to Stanley Park (now Devonian Harbour Park) which had been destined for commercial development. As well, she supported the Vancouver Park Board in its efforts to purchase properties for park purposes along Point Grey Road and included \$10,000 in her will to be used for this purpose.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board express appreciation to Mrs. Pigott's family for this gift.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

World Health Organization

Commissioner Louis enquired if the Board was planning

any action to support the World Health Organization's campaign against sports and arts sponsorship by tobacco companies.

The General Manager stated that he had not heard about this and would make enquiries.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the Park Board endorse the World Health Organization's campaign against sports and arts sponsorship by tobacco companies.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh felt it was not up to the Park Board to tell others how to conduct their business.

The Chair did not mind lending the Board's voice to discourage smoking and arts/sports groups accepting these sponsorships but was not prepared to say that if any arts/sports groups accepted these sponsorships they would not be allowed into the parks.

Commissioner Wilson stated that although he supports the concept of the motion it could result in having arts and sports organizations come to the Board again over tobacco sponsorship.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the Park Board endorse the World Health Organization's campaign against sports and arts sponsorship by tobacco companies.

- CARRIED.

(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary).

ENQUIRIES

Basketball Court at Hastings Community Park

Commissioner Morgan enquired if the basketball courts at Hastings Community Park will have the NIKE logo. The General Manager stated that he will get back to the Board on this.

Commissioner Morgan handed out copies to the Board of an article regarding child labour practices in third world countries carried out by companies including NIKE.

Fraserview Golf Course - Clubhouse

Commissioner Wilson enquired if there were any interior features of the Clubhouse worth keeping. The General Manager stated that the design has been reviewed by a Heritage Committee representative and there are no indications of any interior features worthy of keeping. However, a report on this will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

Tree Removal in Stanley Park

Commissioner Morgan stated that she had received numerous calls about "selective logging" taking place in Stanley Park. She was concerned about the Board's forest management plan in the Park and future liability.

The General Manager explained that there has been some pruning and cutting of hazardous branches and trees along pedestrian/vehicle routes. This is a necessity in terms of liability and safety.

The Manager of Public Affairs added that the Supervisor of Arboriculture has advised that they are still cleaning up after the latest storm in which over 200 trees went down in the park.

Commissioner Wilson felt that there was a lot of misunderstanding regarding this and a need to explain to the public what is going on.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants
Warrant #19 in the amount of \$537,555.33, Warrant #20 in the amount of \$559,858.09, Warrant #21 in the amount of \$399,801.12.

V. Kondrosky
General Manager

Commissioner David Chesman
Chair