

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 1996

PRESENT: Chair - David Chesman
Vice-Chair - Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Commissioners - Malcolm Ashford
- Allan DeGenova
- Tim Louis
- Donna Morgan
- Duncan Wilson
General Manager - Vic Kondrosky
Director of Administrative
& Revenue Services - Philip Josephs
Director of Finance - Doug Holden
Director of Planning - Jim Lowden
Manager - Public Affairs - Terri Clark
Recording Secretary - Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan referred to page 16 of the minutes of the Board held on Monday, July 08, 1996 under Enquiries. Commissioner Morgan stated that she would like it noted that she was not wearing any partisan identification at the 1995 Gay Pride Parade.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 08, 1996 were adopted as amended.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on July 11, were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vancouver Aquarium

The Chair advised the Board that he now has the legal opinion and other information requested at the special meeting of the Board held in April regarding the Vancouver Aquarium. The special Aquarium public meeting will recommence on Wednesday, July 31, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Park Board Boardroom.

Re-Development of Lower Zoo Area

The Chair advised the Board that in conjunction with the staff report on the re-landscaping of the lower zoo area next week, it was his intention to issue a statement regarding the

future of Stanley Park.

Lions Gate Crossing

Commissioner Chesman put forward the following motion to be placed on the Board's July 29th agenda regarding the Lions Gate Crossing as a follow-up to the presentation by Tom Nichols, President, Save Our Parkland Association.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is in the process of preparing a short list of options for a refurbished Lions Gate Bridge, the Vancouver Park Board would like to reiterate and expand on portions of its resolution of April 11, 1994, as follows:

THAT the Board is absolutely opposed to any Lions Gate crossing that would require or result in either the expansion of the right-of-way through Stanley Park or any compromise of Lost Lagoon, including a 4-lane surface roadway.

THAT the Board would favour any crossing option that would result in the elimination of vehicular traffic through Stanley Park and a return of the current right-of-way to traditional use. A bored tunnel is the only acceptable way of achieving a widened roadway through the park.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nat Bailey Stadium - Summer Concert Series

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 08, 1996 recommending that the promoter of the concert series, MCA Concerts Canada, work with staff and the Environmental Health Department to reduce the noise levels for the three remaining concerts.

Nick Losito, Director, Environmental Health, appeared before the Board and stated that he was present to answer any questions. Mr. Losito advised the Board that at the first concert did exceed the 60 decibels allowed in the noise by-law. These excesses tend to be off to the sides of the stage and they were prepared to work with the concert promoters to ensure that the speakers are set up such that the majority of the noise will be contained within the stadium. This does not guarantee quiet in the neighbourhood but it is an attempt to control the noise close to the 60 decibels.

Brian Low, MCA Concerts, advised the Board that the steps

they would take to reduce the noise level was indicated in the staff report. Mr. Low stated that weather conditions has a great deal of impact on this. Working with the Health Department and within the standard of 90 decibels inside the facility should help them bring the noise level within 60 decibels of the noise by-law.

Donna Brown, a resident, appeared before the Board and stated that they already put up with a lot of noise in the neighbourhood with the ball games and other special events. The Board should be looking to preserve the neighbourhood by reducing the noise. There was a petition with over a hundred names against the concert, but this has not been mentioned in the staff report. The Board's motion indicate that if the organizers did not comply with the conditions, the concert will be cancelled. Ms. Brown urged the Board to cancel the remaining concerts scheduled to be held at Nat Bailey Stadium.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the steering committee of organizers and residents should have met regularly so that any problems or concerns could be addressed. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that although there was a breach of the noise by-law, the organizers have agreed to make an attempt to correct this infraction.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the concerts be permitted to proceed on August 16 and September 14 and 15, 1996 at Nat Bailey Stadium, and,

THAT the promoter of the concert series, MCA Concerts Canada, work with staff and the Environmental Health Department to reduce the noise levels for the three remaining concerts, with close attention to the following:

1. Reduce the sound volume to the minimum level possible for an outdoor concert without affecting the overall quality for those in attendance.
2. Position the speakers in such a way to avoid the sound from directly accessing residential areas. Speakers to be pointed towards the stadium bleachers in order to try and avoid sound leakage.
3. Maintain radio communication with the Environmental Health Inspector so that noise level readings can be instantly relayed back to the concert sound technicians.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the organizers must be

aware that the breach is unacceptable and if we should give them another opportunity, it will be monitored closely by environmental health. It should be made clear to the organizers that if there is another sustained breach then the concerts will be cancelled. Commissioner Morgan stated that according to procedure, the motion which allowed the concert to go ahead had a list of conditions attached to it and one of them was that there should be no sustained breach. Commissioner Chesman agreed with Commissioner Morgan and suggested that the Board rescind the motion approving the concert and a new motion put forward which will include the measures to control the noise as stated in the report and to empower the General Manager to cancel the remainder of the concert series should there be another sustained breach. There was no consensus to proceed with Commissioner Chesman's suggestion. Commissioner Louis stated that he agreed with authorising the General Manager to cancel the remaining concerts should there be another sustained breach.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the General Manager be requested to cancel the remaining events if there is a sustained breach of the noise by-law during the next concert.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Ashford, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the concerts be permitted to proceed on August 16 and September 14 and 15, 1996 at Nat Bailey Stadium, and,

THAT the promoter of the concert series, MCA Concerts Canada, work with staff and the Environmental Health Department to reduce the noise levels for the three remaining concerts, with close attention to the following:

1. Reduce the sound volume to the minimum level possible for an outdoor concert without affecting the overall quality for those in attendance.
2. Position the speakers in such a way to avoid the sound from directly accessing residential areas. Speakers to be pointed towards the stadium bleachers in order to try and avoid sound leakage.

3. Maintain radio communication with the Environmental Health Inspector so that noise level readings can be instantly relayed back to the concert sound technicians.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Commissioner Chesman left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 1, 1996 recommending that the Board award the tender T96-10 to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$385,696.00

Bob Law, South Hill Sports, appeared before the Board regarding the redevelopment of the playing field at Memorial South Park. Mr. Law urged the Board to award the contract for the redevelopment of the fields as soon as possible as the timing is critical. They have already lost the use of the field in July and August of this year and they do not want to lose any more time next summer.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board award the tender T-96-10 for Memorial South Playing Fields to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$385,696.00, and further;
2. THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

Charles McLean Parksite - Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Chesman was not present at this time due to a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 18, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction

Ltd. to develop the parksite at Charles and McLean Street.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd. to develop the parksite at Charles and McLean Street.
2. THAT no legal 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.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

1996 Tennis Court Resurfacing

Commissioner Chesman was not present at this time due to a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 17, 1996 recommending that the Board award the contract for resurfacing Rupert Park and Granville Park tennis courts to Jack Cewe Ltd. for \$119,089.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board award Contract T96-16 for resurfacing Rupert Park and Granville Park tennis courts to Jack Cewe Ltd. for \$119,089.
2. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, 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 Unanimously.

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

1998 NHL All Star Game Proposal

Commissioner Chesman was not present at this time due to a potential conflict of interest.

Commissioner Ashford left the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

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Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board endorse the 1998 NHL All Star Game Proposal for the Hastings Parksite subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The extension is for a maximum of four months to February 7, 1998.
2. That the additional cost of maintaining and securing these buildings be borne by Orca Bay.
3. That Orca Bay contribute a minimum of \$225,000 net of all expenses toward the restoration of Hastings Park.
4. That Orca Bay offer to assist the Hastings Park working committee and Park Board with fundraising activities for the restoration of the Park.
5. That all buildings slated for demolition be torn down immediately upon completion of the event.
6. All arrangements be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Commissioner DeGenova put forward an amendment to item no. 5 of the motion.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT an overall demolition contract be let by October 1, 1997 for the immediate removal of the B.C. Pavilion and Administration Building, and the subsequent removal of the Purefood Building and Showmart Building commencing January 31, 1998.

Greg Atkinson, PNE employee on the site, enquired whether the facilities will be functional after the termination of the lease and who will be responsible for maintaining these buildings.

The General Manager advised the Board that there has been no discussion on this matter.

Doug MacCaulder, on site employee, asked the Board to review the motion and not be too specific in its wording as it could cause problems at a later date. The Board should look at using the facilities to generate revenue instead of demolishing them before a park plan is in place.

Gerry Underhill, a member of the Hastings Park Working Committee, appeared before the Board and stated that he was pleased to see some positive action being taken with regard to the restoration of Hastings Park. Mr. Underhill asked the Board to not rely on commercial ventures to provide funds for the restoration of the Park but to put this project in the Capital Plan.

David Youngson, Director, Creative, Orca Bay Sports and Entertainment, stated that the FANTasy event planned for the 1988 NHL All Star Game will be affordable and geared towards the family. There will be over 200,000 sqft. of interactive games. Mr. Youngson gave a description of what the visitor will feel when going through all the displays. The memorabilia and displays are informative and educational.

George McPhee, Vice President, Hockey Operations, Vancouver Canucks, asked the Board's assistance to bring the 1988 NHL All Star Game to Vancouver. Mr. McPhee stated that the Vancouver Canucks and Orca Bay are committed to assisting the community through the various charities. Hosting this event is another contribution to the community and it would mean a lot to the young people for them to meet former and present stars of the National Hockey League. With the heritage and hockey history of some of the buildings at the Hastings site, it would be very fitting to have this NHL event as a closing chapter prior to restoration.

Tom Anselmi, Vice President, Arena Operations and General Manager, Orca Bay Sports and Entertainment, appeared before the Board and stated that Orca Bay supports the Hastings Park Restoration Program. This event is a good opportunity to end the chapter in the history of Hastings Park and begin a restoration program. They believe that a four month extension in the context of a twenty year restoration program could be accommodated without any overall disruption to the program. Orca Bay is offering \$225,000 for the restoration of the first acre of the park and they will be responsible for any incremental cost. They will also assist the Hastings Park Working Committee long term in putting together an initiative for fundraising.

Bruce McMillan, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Tourism Vancouver and Chair of the Greater Vancouver Sports Tourism Taskforce asked the Board to support the event, which will provide an economic impact of \$4 to \$6 million and full time jobs at a time which normally would not be available. This is great community event and an opportunity for the Tourism Industry to turn benefits back into the community.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner

Wilson stated that this is a good opportunity for Vancouver as the infrastructure required to hold such an event is still available. He will also remove item no.1 from his motion as suggested. Commissioner DeGenova stated that it is important to note that the Hastings Park Working Committee has worked very hard toward achieving the restoration of the park and this was the reason for his amendment which assures the demolition of the buildings following the event.

Commissioner Morgan stated that a strong submission to Council is necessary to ensure that the lease will not be extended any further.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT Council not make any further leases with the PNE beyond this one for any part of the Hastings Parksite and that control for the Hastings Parksite be turned over to the Park Board on October 1, 1997.

-Carried Unanimously.

The amended main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board endorse the 1988 NHL All Star Game Proposal for the Hastings Parksite in January 1998 using the Renfrew Complex, Agrodome, and Coliseum subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. THAT the additional cost of maintaining and securing these buildings between September 1997 and January 1998 be borne by Orca Bay.
2. THAT Orca Bay contribute a minimum of \$225,000 net of all expenses toward the restoration of Hastings Park.
3. THAT Orca Bay offer to assist the Hastings Park working committee and Park Board with fundraising activities for the restoration of the Park.
4. THAT all arrangements for the above be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

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5. THAT an overall demolition contract be let by October 1, 1997 for the immediate removal of the B.C. Pavilion and Administration Building, and the subsequent removal of the Purefood Building and Showmart Building commencing January 31, 1998.

- Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Point Grey Road/Waterloo Streetend Park

Commissioners Ashford and Chesman returned to the meeting at this point.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the wording of the plaque recognizing the large, private donation in 1995, which made acquisition of this park possible. Commissioner Louis stated that he understood the development of the park is now on hold and enquired why the Board was not advised that there were legal issues regarding this park. Commissioner Chesman suggested that this matter be discussed in-camera.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the wording of the plaque recognizing the large, private donation in 1995, which made acquisition of this park possible.

-Carried Unanimously.

(Commissioner DeGenova was absent at the time of voting)

Development of the Renfrew Ravine Neighbourhood Greenway

Board members received copies of an administrative report dated July 10, 1996 recommending that development of a Neighbourhood Greenway along the eastern edge of the Renfrew Ravine embankment between Renfrew Street and 29th Avenue be approved and that funding of \$116,850 be allocated from Streets Basic Capital Unappropriated Account No. 12/31/6801/999 for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT development of a Neighbourhood Greenway along the eastern edge of the Renfrew Ravine embankment between Renfrew Street and 29th Avenue be approved and that funding of \$116,850 be allocated from Streets Basic Capital Unappropriated Account No.

12/31/6801/999 for this project.

-Carried Unanimously.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

Contract Awards

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 1996 recommending that the General Manager be authorized to award contracts in excess of \$50,000 during the Board's summer break period from August 1 to September 6, 1996, if required.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to award contracts in excess of \$50,000 during the Board's summer break period from August 1 to September 6, 1996, if required, and in accordance with the conditions as outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the contracts be awarded only to unionised firms.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Ashford, Chesman, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to award contracts in excess of \$50,000 during the Board's summer break period from August 1 to September 6, 1996, if required, and in accordance with the conditions as outlined in the report.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Morgan stated that she received an enquiry

as to why the Board did not purchase the property at Clark and Broadway. Pieter Rutgers, Manager of Acquisition and Research advised the Board that the property was in the vicinity of China Creek Park and it was not suitable.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he received a call regarding the view obstruction caused by the McCleery Golf Course Driving Range Nets. Commissioner DeGenova advised the Board that there were some concerns from the neighbours regarding the lighting and height of the nets. The lighting have been resolved and the neighbours have been advised that the height of the nets are necessary due to liabilities. Some of the neighbours are yet to be contacted and discussions are on-going.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants
Warrant #28 in the amount of \$184,960.18, Warrant #29 in the amount of \$391,525.05.
2. Priorities for the 1997-99 Capital Plan
Policy Report dated July 15, 1996 to City Council regarding the priorities for the 1997-99 Capital Plan was mailed to Board members.