

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Finance	- Doug Holden
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager of Central Recreation	- Joslin Kobylka
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Assistant Manager-Income Operations	- Alison Dempsey
Co-ordinator Special Events	- Diane Murphy	
Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu	

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh was ill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 09, 1996 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 16, 1996 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Wilson stated that he was unable to attend the Board meetings in December due to the incident when he was attacked on his way home. Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone in the community for all the support he received over the last month. He received many good wishes and flowers from people all over the country. Commissioner Wilson stated that under normal circumstances an incident of this sort usually leaves an emotional turmoil in addition to the physical injury. His physical injury is more or less healed, and the emotional injury is largely healed as a result of the tremendous support from the community. Commissioner Wilson stated that

he was fortunate as not very many people who are subjected to this kind of attack have the position or the support which was made available to him.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

REORGANIZATION STATIONARY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SECTION

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 28, 1996 recommending that the regular staff complement of the Stationary Equipment Maintenance section be reduced by two by eliminating six existing positions and creating four new positions as listed in Appendix A, subject to classification by the Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- THAT the regular staff complement of the Stationary Equipment Maintenance section be reduced by two by eliminating six existing positions and creating four new positions as listed in Appendix A, subject to classification by the Director of Human Resources.

Donalda Viaud, CUPE Local 15, appeared before the Board and stated that the union was disappointed with the Park Board's direction. The union does not support the elimination of six existing positions and the creation of four new positions in the stationary equipment branch. The employees in those positions scheduled to be eliminated are long term employees. The experience and knowledge of these employees could be used for problem solving and consultation. The employees have not been consulted on how to improve the environment and operations division. Even though the report states that the union was contacted and that we would be working together to implement this reorganization, there has only been one meeting with the union. At this meeting the union was told about the proposal rather than having any input or feedback to components of the report. The duties that will be done by the new positions are already being done by the SEO-IIs, the one area where some assistance could be used is with air-conditioning. There is also concern that the technicians will be on the road a lot and preventative maintenance will not be done causing greater problems and expense. The CRCs are concerned the reorganization will increase their workload. The hiring of the four new technicians and reorganization will actually cost more rather than meet the projected savings. It has been suggested that no one within the system is qualified for the new positions, however some of the individuals have some of the tickets and all are interested to upgrade themselves and to acquire the appropriate tickets. The union encourages the Board to be consultative and have a meaningful exchange to discuss alternatives with an aim to reaching an acceptable arrangements. The union would urge the Board to put the recommendation on hold and that a committee be established of members of the management, workers and the union to work on an alternative. Also this committee also look into a study of the cost implication of hiring four specified trades people and report their recommendations to the Board within a two month period.

Board members discussed the matter regarding the consultative process

desired by the union. The Director of Operations advised the Board that the employees who are affected by this change have been involved in discussions for over two years. Commissioner Yong stated that consultation with staff has been taking place and wondered why the union was notified by its members. Commissioner Chesman advised the Board for clarification that the union is the exclusive bargaining agent, discussions with staff may take place but until the union is advised formally one cannot look upon it as consultation.

Commissioner De Genova stated that on hearing the presentation from the delegation he would like to defer the matter for one month. Commissioner Chesman enquired if there would be any problem to defer the matter for one month. The General Manager advised the Board that the deferral of this matter would mean that something else would have to be cut in the budget to accommodate this.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- THAT this matter be deferred for one month.

Carried

(Commissioner Wilson contrary)

RECREATION SERVICES

1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 21, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the 1997 Calendar of Major Events as described in the report with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Ray Greenwood, Vancouver Fireworks Society, requested the Board's approval of the 1997 Symphony of Fire. Mr. Greenwood stated that this will be the eighth year of the fireworks festival and thanked members of the staff for their continued assistance.

Liane Ricou, Pacific Soccer Blast, appeared before the Board to request the Board to include in the 1997 Calendar of Events, her request to have the first Annual Pacific Beach Soccer Blast at Kitsilano Beach. Ms. Ricou gave a brief overview of the game of soccer played in the sand and the history on how it evolved.

Hans Schmid stated that he lives next to Jericho Park and is opposed to the Vancouver Folk Music Festival at Jericho Park. Mr. Schmid stated that the festival is too noisy as the sound is amplified.

Brent Gibson, Vancouver Folk Music Festival, advised the Board that they have made an effort to minimize the impact on the neighbours.

Christopher Gaze, Bard on the Beach, thanked the Board for their continued

support. Mr. Gaze also complimented staff on always doing a good job. As a sign of his appreciation, Mr. Gaze presented the Board with a plaque.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- THAT the Board approve the 1997 Calendar of Major Events as described in this report, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Carried Unanimously.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

USE OF SPACE AT THE ENGLISH BAY BATH HOUSE FOR THE VANCOUVER KAYAK CLUB

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 19, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the continued use of storage space at the English Bay Bath House by the Vancouver Kayak Club on a year to year basis for annual payments as listed in the report.

Ann Katrine Saettler, Vancouver Kayak Club, appeared before the Board and stated that the rental rate recommended by staff was unfair. Ms. Saettler stated that some of the storage space is too high to be usable. She hoped that there would be a compromise.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Warren stated that he does not find the rate too unreasonable as English Bay is a prime location.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- THAT the Board approve the continued use of storage space at the English Bay Bath House by the Vancouver Kayak Club, on a year to year basis, for annual payments of \$1925 in 1997, \$3850 in 1998, and \$5775 in 1999, with future usage of the space and rates charged to be reviewed annually thereafter.
- THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of these resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.

Carried

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

BUS PAY PARKING IN STANLEY PARK AND QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK- VEHICLES AND GROUPS TO BE CHARGED BUS PARKING RATES AND FINES FOR BUS PARKING VIOLATIONS

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 19, 1996

recommending that all buses and tour vans parking in Stanley Park or Queen Elizabeth Park with the exception of any services specifically exempted by the Board, be included as vehicles which are required to pay the designated bus rates for parking; that the Board exempt the groups and approve fines as detailed in the report.

Dr. John Nightingale, Vancouver Aquarium, requested the Board to exempt buses with school children. Dr. Nightingale stated that the Aquarium will provide a placard which will be placed on the bus carrying the school children attending the educational session at the Aquarium.

Scott Mason, Land Sea Tours, referred to the proposed jitney service and stated that if the Board is to provide a free guided tour of Stanley Park as stated in the call for proposal, this would mean that it is in competition with the bus companies. Mr. Mason was also concerned with out of town buses dropping off their passengers to take the jitney service tour and not having to pay for parking in the park.

Board members discussed the matter and advised Mr. Mason that it was not the intention of the Board to provide a fully guided tour on the jitney service but to make it convenient for people to come to the park without their cars.

Lorne Rodway, CUPE Local 1004, stated that they would like to know who will be operating the jitney service. Mr. Rodway also suggested that instead of U-Park monitoring and collecting the fines, this could be done by its members.

Commissioner De Genova enquired whether we had looked at the cost of monitoring the parking fees and collecting the fines. The Director of Administrative & Revenue Services advised the Board that this was reviewed at the time when the Board awarded the contract.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- THAT all buses and tour vans parking in Stanley Park or Queen Elizabeth Park, with the exception of any services specifically exempted by the Board, be included as vehicles which are required to pay the designated bus rates for parking.
- THAT the Board exempt BC Transit buses, the horse and carriage service operated by AAA Horse and Carriage, The Vancouver Trolley Company shuttle service and all similar shuttle services and the proposed Stanley Park jitney service from payment of the bus parking charges.
- THAT the Board approve a fine for bus parking violations in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park of \$100, to be payable for any bus or van parked without displaying the appropriate daily parking ticket or annual decal, commencing on January 1, 1997.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the initial intention was to charge tour buses parking in the park and he would like to amend the motion to indicate this.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- THAT the word "tour" be inserted before buses in recommendation 1.

Carried

(Commissioner Warren contrary)

Board members in discussing the possibility of exempting school buses visiting the Aquarium. Commissioner Wilson stated that there are other sites in Stanley Park that are visited by schools such as Second Beach Pool and there are a number of other issues that need to be addressed. Commissioner Chesman suggested that staff be instructed to consider exemptions for students attending Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park and any other exemptions that they may wish to recommend. Commissioner McDiarmid suggested an amendment indicating that the students be exempted. Commissioner Chesman stated that by students we are thinking of school children, however, church or senior groups may approach the Board for exemptions too. Commissioner Chesman suggested that an additional item be added to the list of recommendations in the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- THAT staff be instructed to consider any and all exemptions to the above including buses conveying persons for educational purposes to Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park.

Carried Unanimously

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

- THAT all tour buses and tour vans parking in Stanley Park or Queen Elizabeth Park, with the exception of any services specifically exempted by the Board, be included as vehicles which are required to pay the designated bus rates for parking.
- THAT the Board exempt BC Transit buses, the horse and carriage service operated by AAA Horse and Carriage, The Vancouver Trolley Company shuttle service and all similar shuttle services and the proposed Stanley Park jitney service from payment of the bus parking charges.
- THAT the Board approve a fine for bus parking violations in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park of \$100, to be payable for any bus or van parked without displaying the appropriate daily parking ticket or annual decal, commencing on January 1, 1997.
- THAT staff be instructed to consider any and all exemptions to the above including buses conveying persons for educational purposes to Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECREATION SERVICES

1996 NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 17, 1996 recommending that the Board receive a report on projects funded by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund in 1996.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- THAT the Board receive for information a report on projects funded by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund in 1996.

Carried Unanimously

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GOLF COURSE PROFESSIONALS

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 19, 1996 recommending that Earl Francis be awarded a contract at McCleery Golf Course from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998 with the compensation formula as outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- THAT Earl Francis be awarded a contract at McCleery Golf Course from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998.
- THAT the Board approve the compensation formula as outlined in this report for Earl Francis from January 1, 1996 - December 1, 1996 at Fraserview and from July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1998 at McCleery and for Muncie Booth from January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1998 at Langara.
- THAT Earl Francis receive 38% of gross revenues for operating the new driving range at McCleery up until June 30, 1998.
- THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise thereafter until the execution of the contemplated documents.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

COMMEMORATIVE POLE PROJECT

Commissioner McDiarmid requested staff to report back on the commemorative pole project at the meeting of the Board on Monday, January 27, 1997. Joslin Kobylka, Manager of Central Recreation Services advised the

Board that this matter will be discussed at the Recreation Services committee.

Committee Responsibilities

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- THAT the Board approve the establishment of the following standing committees; and
- THAT staff be requested to prepare detailed procedural guidelines which reflect the changes outlined below and submit these guidelines to the Board.

Standing Committee on Planning & Operations	
Chair	- Commissioner Allan DeGenova
Vice-Chair	- Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioner Patrick Warren
	Commissioner Duncan Wilson
	Commissioner Gabriel Yong
Ex-officio members:	
	Commissioner David Chesman
	Commissioner Laura McDiarmid

Standing Committee on Recreation Services	
Chair	- Commissioner Gabriel Yong
Vice Chair	- Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Ex-officio members:	
	Commissioner David Chesman
	Commissioner Allan DeGenova
	Commissioner Patrick Warren

Standing Committee on Income Operations and Public Affairs	
Chair	- Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Vice-Chair	- Commissioner Patrick Warren
	Commissioner Allan DeGenova
	Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Ex-officio members:	

	Commissioner David Chesman
	Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioner Gabriel Yong

Finance & Human Resources Committee	
Chair	- Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Vice-Chair	- Commissioner Gabriel Yong
	Commissioner David Chesman
	Commissioner Allan DeGenova
	Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioner Patrick Warren

Special Committee Responsible for Community Centre Renewal	
Chair	- Commissioner David Chesman
Vice-Chair	- Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioner Allan DeGenova
	Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioner Patrick Warren
	Commissioner Duncan Wilson
	Commissioner Gabriel Yong

Special Committee Responsible for Park Board Operational Review	
Chair	- Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Vice Chair	- Commissioner Allan DeGenova
	Commissioner David Chesman
	Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioner Patrick Warren
	Commissioner Gabriel Yong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board members adopted the list of liaison members to the various community centres and societies for 1997.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Approval of Warrants

Warrant #52 in the amount of \$544,571.53, Warrant #53 in the amount of \$30,914.12.
