

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 1997,**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh	
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Assistant Manager - Revenue Services	- Alison Dempsey
	Information Officer	- Carol DeFina
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 27, 1997, were adopted as circulated.

**INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Bus Pay Parking in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park - Buses and Vans to be Exempted from Parking Charges

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 20, 1997 recommending that all buses and vans carrying groups of students from day care, elementary school, high school, and other equivalent educational institutions, for visits where the primary purpose is educational be exempted from pay parking in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park.

Dr. John Nightingale, Director, Vancouver Aquarium, appeared before the Board regarding the exemption of parking charges of buses and vans carrying groups of students for visits to Stanley Park where the primary purpose is educational. Dr. Nightingale referred to the out-of-town buses bringing groups to the Aquarium for educational purposes and enquired if the Aquarium could be authorized to issue permits at the time when schools make their reservations.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to comment on Dr. Nightingale's request. Philip Josephs, Director of Administrative and Revenue Services, advised the Board that it would be proper for the parking permits to be issued by the Park Board. Commissioner Wilson asked Mr. Josephs to work with the Aquarium and come to a mutually agreed solution regarding the contact process for exemption permits to buses with students.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT all buses and vans carrying groups of students from day care, elementary school, high school, and other equivalent educational institutions, for visits where the primary purpose is educational, be exempted from pay parking in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park.

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES**

Award of Contract for Supply of 30mm Ornamental Trees

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 30, 1997 recommending that contracts for the purchase of trees in the amount of \$72,150 plus tax be awarded to low bidders as outlined in this report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT contracts for the purchase of trees in the amount of \$72,150 plus tax be awarded to low bidders as outlined in the report.

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Lions Gate Crossing

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

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 its position as stated on July 29, 1996.

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 park use. A bored tunnel is the only acceptable way of achieving a widened roadway through the park.

Commissioner DeGenova suggested that the Board meet with members of other municipalities and work with them on this issue. Commissioner Wilson referred this item to the Stanley Park Transportation Plan Implementation Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, for public input, followed by a special meeting of the Board.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**

Warrant #03 in the amount of \$336,835.39.

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