

MINUTES OF MEETING
 OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
 ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1997

PRESENT:	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	
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna	
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark	
	Manager Central Recreation Services	- Joslin Kobylka	
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu	

The Chair informed the Board that the Mayor has proclaimed April 28th as a day of mourning commemorating people who have lost their lives on the job. A minute of silence was observed by the Board at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yong referred to page 1 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 14, 1997 and noted that there was an incomplete sentence regarding Commissioner Chesman's absence from the meeting and on page 3 there was a misspelling of the word Neighbourhood.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 14, 1997 were adopted, as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on his meeting with the Minister of Transportation & Highways. Last Friday, Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh and he were invited to meet with the Minister to discuss crossing options for Lions Gate and the Minister assured them that the Park Board will be involved in setting the terms of reference for any crossing option and will be involved in their evaluation. The Chair referred to his letter sent today to the Hon. Lois Boone confirming that conversation. He added that he trusts that communication lines with the Ministry will improve from this point forward and he will be bringing this very important issue up on a regular basis under the Chairs report to ask for updates from staff.

Commissioner Chesman commended Commissioner Wilson as Chair of the Board for his leadership on the tunnel issue as he was the one that put this on the public's agenda this year and the results speak very well of his leadership on the issue.

Commissioner Chesman questioned if the Chair or Commissioner DeGenova had received any apology or expression of contrition from the Rev. Tim Stevenson, MLA, for his erroneous charge against Commissioner DeGenova of conflict of interest. The Chair stated that they had not received anything and was waiting for Tim Stevenson to come forward on this.

Commissioner Chesman referred to a radio broadcast transcript where Tim Stevenson had accepted the City's legal decision that Commissioner DeGenova was not in conflict of interest but then stated that the rules of the Park Board were somehow deficient. That is not acceptable and he feels that there should be an apology forthcoming. Commissioner Chesman wished to remind Rev. Tim Stevenson that his criticism of the rules that the Park Board operates under amounts to a criticism of his own government because the rules the Board operates under harken back to a statute of his legislature.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board receive the report from the Community Services and Budgets Committee meeting held on April 14, 1997.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fraserview Clubhouse Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 23, 1997 recommending that the Board award a contract for the construction of the Fraserview Golf Clubhouse to Shimizu Canada Engineering Corporation at a price not to exceed \$1,535,000.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

A) THAT the Board award a contract for the construction of the Fraserview Golf Clubhouse to Shimizu Canada Engineering Corporation at a price not to exceed \$1,535,000.

B) 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 UNANIMOUSLY.

Ceperley Field, Stanley Park - Construction Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 17, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd. to reconstruct an informal playing field in Ceperley Field.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

A) THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd. to reconstruct an informal playing field in Ceperley Field.

B) 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.

Commissioner McDiarmid pointed out the difference in the bidding for the Union contractors as opposed to non-union because the Union contractors cannot bid in an open market when they have to ensure that union wages are covered and therefore their profit margin will be down. Commissioner Warren noted that the Board is legally bound to accept the lowest bid. The General Manager explained that the City' s purchasing policy is to take the low bidder that meets the qualifications. If that were to be changed to give preference to union contractors, then the tendering process would have to be changed.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary).

The following reports were recommended for the Board' s approval from the Community Services & Budgets Committee meeting held on Monday, April 28, 1997:

1. Award of Pay Tennis Concession at Stanley Park
 2. Portside Park Memorial Plaque
 3. 1997 N.N.R. Budget
 4. Rental Rate for the Grandview Steelers Junior B Hockey
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Item 1 - Award of Pay Tennis Concession at Stanley Park

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

1. THAT the Board award the pay tennis concession at Stanley Park to Winning Edge Consulting for the 1997 season with an option to renew for the 1998 and 1999 seasons by mutual consent of the board and the pay tennis operator.

2. 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 documents.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 2 - Crab/Portside Park Memorial Plaque

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

A. THAT the Board give approval to the CRAB-Water for Life Society for the installation of a memorial plaque on Portside Park, at no cost to the Board, and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

B. THAT the Board ask the Director of Environment and Operations to look into the delegation' s request for trees.

It was noted that delegations were heard on these items at the Committee' s meeting held at 3:00 p.m. on April 28, 1997. Commissioner McDiarmid requested that this new procedure for hearing delegations be explained to the public as she felt that some people may not be aware of it. The Chair explained that before an item goes to the Board it must go through the Committee process at which time the Board hears from delegations. In the Committee process, delegations may have multiple opportunities to participate in discussion on some items that may go back to staff and then back to Committee again. This allows the opportunity to participate in the discussion rather than the item just coming to the Board meeting and the delegation participating at the end of the day when all the work and research has already gone into the report. This process is also designed to bring it nearer to that adopted successfully by City Council for the last seven years. The Chair further explained that at the committee meeting if there is a minority vote it is at the discretion of the Chair to allow delegations at the public meeting which he would be happy to allow.

Commissioner Yong felt that unless an item was of an urgent nature it would be wise to have it recorded and then presented to the next meeting of the Board so the public would have the opportunity to read about what was discussed at the Committee meeting. At this moment, the people present do not know what was discussed in Committee regarding these issues.

The Chair noted that all of these items came to the Committee and no changes were made to the recommendations. If there were changes then the item would be brought forward to a subsequent meeting.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that as this is in the transition stage it therefore requires clarity as to how the process works. The process is new and she feels that the Board is eliminating a lot of public involvement with this process.

Commissioner Warren objected strongly and does not feel that the existing committee structure hinders or prevents the public' s access to the Board. He feels it improves access to the Board and it has been made clear by the Chair that if members of the public cannot attend the Committee meeting they are welcome to come to talk at the Board level.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh pointed out that the cover sheet attached to the report indicates everyone who has an interest in the subject receives a copy of the report so they know it is going before the Board.

The motion regarding CRAB/Portside Park Memorial Plaque was put as follows:

A. THAT the Board give approval to the CRAB-Water for Life Society for the installation of a memorial plaque on Portside Park, at no cost to the Board, and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

B. THAT the Board ask the Director of Environment and Operations to look into the delegation' s request for trees.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 3 - 1997 N.N.R. Budget

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the 1997 NNR Budget in the amount of \$725,000 as outlined in Appendix I.

(Commissioners Wilson and Warren contrary)

Item 4 - Rental Rate for the Grandview Steelers Junior B. Hockey Club

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the 1997-98 rental rate for the Grandview Steelers be frozen at the 1996 level.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board receive the report from the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday, April 14, 1997.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh explained that an item contained in the report was the Stanley Park Jitney Service Contract Award which, because of time

sensitivity, was approved at the last meeting of the Board. The Brockton Totem Poles Concession/Visitor Centre report is going forward to the next meeting.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Songbird Habitat

A member of the audience requested to speak to the Board regarding a petition to increase songbird habitat in the park system with a suggestion for plantings at New Brighton Park. The Board recommended that the Director of Environment & Operations be introduced to this gentleman and discuss his submission further with the Manager of Wildlife, Mike Mackintosh.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #15 in the amount of \$364,406.28.
