

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 05, 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
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 28, 1997 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

'Tunnel Watch'

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that we have not heard anything back yet from the Ministry in regard to the Park Board's participation in setting the terms of reference for the new First Narrows Crossing. The Director of Planning & Environment will follow up on this and probably have some information for the next meeting.

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that May 4, 1997 marked the official opening of Youth Week. She spoke to 500 youths at a dance. There was a proclamation from Premier Clark's office and the Mayor regarding Youth Week which Debbie Anderson, Co-ordinator at Britannia Community Centre presented to the Park Board.

DELEGATIONS

Roundhouse Community Centre Update

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Gerry Thorne and Derek Simons on a

successful opening of the Roundhouse Community Centre. Mr. Thorne thanked the Board for naming a room at the Roundhouse Community Centre after him.

Gerry Thorne, Chair, Roundhouse Advisory Committee and Derek Simons, Co-ordinator of Roundhouse Community Centre provided an update on the Roundhouse Community Centre to the Board. Mr. Thorne advised the Board that the society was legally instituted a short time ago and they will be having their Board meeting as a society later on in the month which will take care of the initial business. Regarding programming they have set out a general framework for programs in the Roundhouse. It follows upon the direction that was adopted by the Arts and Culture Task Force in the early nineties. Most of the programming in place have been in response to input from the community, when staff advertised for ideas from different groups. They are looking forward to put an operating agreement in place. They have been affected by the budget cuts which was a result of the Province' s actions and when Council decided to defer a small portion of it until they were up and running.

Derek Simons advised the Board that they have put together a skeletal spring program and they are receiving more requests and ideas from the community. Fall will be their first full season of programming. They are now trying to determine the policy and procedures through which the programming will be determined. There a few guiding principles and one of them is not to establish any residences at the Roundhouse, every request will be up to six months. They would like to be able to respond to new ideas and input as these come along. They also want to emphasise that they provide hands-on experience for people in the community and collaboration with local groups. They are trying to achieve a balance between arts programming and recreation programming.

Board members discussed the matter of the Roundhouse reaching out to other groups in the Downtown area and developing joint programs. It was also important to maintain an open line of communication between the Roundhouse Community Centre Association Board and the Park Board. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked Gerry Thorne and Derek Simons for doing an excellent job at the opening of the Roundhouse Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board express thanks and appreciation to the Roundhouse Advisory Committee for all their work leading up to the opening.

-Carried Unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board receive the report from the Community Services & Budgets Committee meeting held on Monday, April 28, 1997.

-Carried Unanimously.

Brock House Fire Sprinklers Installation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 23, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the allocation of up to \$32,400 from the 1996 Capital Budget, representing one-third of the cost to install fire sprinklers and related work in Brock House.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the allocation of up to \$32,400 from the 1996 Capital Budget, representing one-third of the cost to install fire sprinklers and related work in Brock House.

-Carried Unanimously.

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

Award of Backhoe Rental Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 30, 1997 recommending that the backhoe rental contract be awarded to the two low bidders, Blackbear Excavating Ltd. and Victoria Excavating.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the backhoe rental contract be awarded to the two low bidders, Blackbear Excavating Ltd. and Victoria Excavating.

-Carried Unanimously.

Award of Lumber and Miscellaneous Builders Supplies Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 5, 1997 recommending that the Lumber and miscellaneous builders supplies contract be awarded to Northern Building Supplies.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Lumber and miscellaneous builders supplies contract be awarded to Northern Building Supplies.

-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 28, 1997.

-Carried Unanimously.

Hastings Park

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated April 24, 1997. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that it has been the intention of the Park Board to proceed with the development of Hastings Park as quickly as possible. However, it seems that through some misjudgement on the part of the PNE Board, this project is being delayed. Commissioner Wilson stated that he attended the meeting when Council made a counter offer to the Province. Councillor Puil made it clear in his motion that an agreement must be worked out by June 15, 1997 regarding the PNE site, and making a smaller size footprint for the PNE compatible with the park restoration program. The Province indicated that they were committing to a smaller footprint for the PNE on an ongoing basis and the reason the PNE had to be maintained on site was to maintain its momentum. Commissioner Wilson stated that he was doubtful of the size of the PNE being shrunk if their intention is to maintain the momentum. It would however, be in the Board' s best interest to act in good faith and to allow staff time to evaluate the possibility of the PNE remaining on site and not impacting the Hastings Park Restoration Plan. A decision can be taken at the time when a report on whether an agreement has been reached or not is brought back to the Board. Commissioner Wilson stated that if it turns out that the PNE can be accommodated and not hamper the park restoration plan then a public meeting should be held to receive public input as the long standing view has been that no PNE extension shall be granted.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

Brockton Totem Poles Concession/Visitor

This matter was referred from the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday, April 28, 1997. The Planning & Environment Committee recommended that the following motions be approved by the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the concept of a Concession/Visitor Centre at the Brockton Totem Pole site in Stanley Park.
- B. THAT an architect be retained to prepare a concept design for the Board' s approval.
- C. THAT the Board request City Council to provide funding on a loan basis for the proposed Visitor Centre.
- D. THAT staff hold discussions with the lessee of the Prospect Point Cafe and report back on a marketing strategy for the new concession.
- E. THAT the interpretative and commercial components will acknowledge the

history of the local First Nations and involvement; and counsel will be sought on the development of these elements.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that a lot of people visit the totem poles and it was important for the Board to provide a service to these people. The washrooms are needed in this area and the visitor centre is a means to pay for the cost of building these washrooms. Commissioner Wilson stated that it should be understood that the Board is approving the concept plan only. Commissioner Wilson referred to item E of the motions and stated that he wished to add the word "their" before 'involvement' and 'counsel' .

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the word "their" be added before the words 'involvement' and 'counsel' in recommendation E.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Yong referred to a letter received from Prospect Point Cafe and the Chair indicated that George Frankel operator of Prospect Point Cafe was in the audience. Mr. Frankel requested to address the Board. Mr. Frankel expressed his concern that the proposed visitor centre might be a competition to his business at Prospect Point. The Board advised Mr. Frankel that he will be involved in the planning of the marketing strategy for the visitor centre and that the products sold at the visitor centre could be different from the ones sold at Prospect Point.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh referred to staff suggestion from the committee meeting regarding the possibility of holding a competition for architects to come up with various plans for the centre.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT staff be directed to look into the possibility of holding a competition for architects to come up with various concepts and designs for the visitor centre

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- E. THAT the interpretative and commercial components will**

acknowledge the history of the local First Nations and their involvement; and their counsel will be sought on the development of these elements.

- F. THAT staff be directed to look into the possibility of holding a competition for architects to come up with various concepts and designs for the visitor centre.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Warren stated that there was a lot of cement around in the area and the architects could look at improving the aesthetics and the environment.

Enhanced Canada - B.C. Infrastructure Works Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 30, 1997 recommending that the Board receive the City Council report dated April 18 on the above subject for information; that the Board endorse the submission of the Hastings Park Biofiltration for storm water and the Stanley Park - Park Drive Road Resurfacing applications for submission to the Canada - B.C. infrastructure works program.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

- A. THAT the Board receive the City Council report dated April 18 on the above subject for information.**
- B. THAT the Board endorse the submission of the Hastings Park Biofiltration for storm water and the Stanley Park - Park Drive Road Resurfacing applications for submission to the Canada - B.C. infrastructure works program.**

-Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #16 in the amount of \$612,428.00.
