

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1997**

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<b>PRESENT:</b> Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Commissioners	- David Chesman
	- Allan DeGenova
	- Laura McDiarmid
	- Patrick Warren
	- Gabriel Yong
Acting General Manager	- Allan Argent
Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
Director of Finance	- Doug Holden
Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
Acting Director of Recreation	- John Grant
Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Tunnel Watch

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that the Request for Expression of Interest for the First Narrows Crossing has been issued by the Province stating that service traffic through Stanley Park will be reduced or eliminated in a successful proposal. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning stated that they were working out a formula so that the proponent could have a ballpark of the kind of mitigation cost they should be prepared to incorporate with their proposal to redress any damage that may be done to the park.

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Blueways Document

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that the Water Opportunities Advisory group made up of individuals from a cross-section of the community

including government and non-government business and user groups of the waterfront prepared the Blueways document which will be going to Council to ask for more resources to be put into this initiative which will give guidance to the planning of our waterways.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

**THAT the Park Board supports the work of the Vancouver Water Opportunities Advisory group and recognises the Blueways document as an important contribution to the future use and preservation of Vancouver's waterfront and waterways;**

**and,**

**THAT the Park Board encourage Council to continue to provide the resources necessary for the continuation of the Blueways initiative.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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Visit to Seattle and Calgary - Commissioner Laura McDiarmid

Commissioner Wilson asked the Board to approve Commissioner McDiarmid's trip to Seattle and Calgary parks to visit off-leash areas for dogs.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT Commissioner Laura McDiarmid be authorised to travel to Seattle and Calgary to visit parks with off-leash areas for dogs.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE**

### **Civic Youth Strategy**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 5, 1997 recommending that the Board endorse the Recommendation in the attached City Council Progress Report on the Civic Youth Strategy.

Greg Eng, North Area Manager and Adrienne Montani, City's Children and Youth Advocate, stated that Park Board played a leadership role in both the policy development and implementation of the Civic Youth Strategy. The Civic Youth Strategy is shared across City departments as well as within the non-profit community and among youth themselves. The commitment to the Civic Youth Strategy by the Park Board is invaluable.

Board members thanked the delegations and stated that Youth Services will always remain a priority with the Park Board.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board endorse the following Recommendations in the City Council Progress Report on the Civic Youth Strategy:**

**THAT Council endorse the future directions for the next year of the Civic Youth Strategy (set out in Section III of this report) to:**

- continue to encourage meaningful participation of youth in the Civic Youth Strategy through partnerships with youth groups, civic departments and other community partners;**
- promote awareness of the Civic Youth Strategy and its principles among the full diversity of youth in the city, civic departments and boards, youth service providers, media and the business community;**
- work with community partners and other levels of government towards meeting and the basic shelter, housing, support, health and safety needs of youth.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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#### **Park Selection For Cultural Harmony Award Trees**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 3, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the Burrard Marina Park area for the planting of the Cultural Harmony Award trees at a cost to the Park Board of \$10,000. Commissioner DeGeonva stated that this was a good program however, he was concerned about spending the money and enquired if an alternate location would cost less. Liane McKenna, Director of Environment and Operations advised the Board that money was available in the budget. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that Council developed this committee and should be responsible for the costs.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board approve the Burrard Marina Park area for the planting of the Cultural Harmony Award trees at a cost to the Park Board of \$10,000.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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#### **Regular Full-time Position - Network Support Specialist**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 6, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of one new Information Technology Network Support Specialist position, subject to job evaluation by the General Manager of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board approve the establishment of one new Information Technology Network Support Specialist position, subject to job evaluation by the General Manager of Human Resources.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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**Hostelling International - Vancouver Jericho Beach - Request for Extension of Liquor Licence**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 29, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the request of Hostelling International to extend their Class "B" liquor licence.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board approve the request of Hostelling International to extend their Class "B" liquor licence.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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**Capital Fund Transfers**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 4, 1997 recommending that the Board authorize the transfer of \$129,334 from the Stanley Park bridge replacement fund to the Stanley Park Works Yard redevelopment and that the Board authorize the transfer of \$205,260 as a loan to be repaid over five years from Brockton Point wall repairs to the Bloedel Conservatory refrigeration installation. Commissioner Warren stated that he does not support the repairs to Bloedel Conservatory as this facility is part of the organizational review.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**A. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of \$129,334 from the Stanley Park bridge replacement fund to the Stanley Park Works Yard redevelopment.**

**B. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of \$205,260 as a loan to be repaid over five years from Brockton Point wall repairs to the Bloedel Conservatory refrigeration installation.**

Commissioner Chesman stated that he wished to put an amendment to the motion to indicate that the Board is aware that the two recommendations put forward here require both the Park Board and Council' s approval.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT the Board is well aware, and requires no reminder, that both Park Board and City Council 's approval is required for recommendations A**

**and B.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

**A. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of \$129,334 from the Stanley Park bridge replacement fund to the Stanley Park Works Yard redevelopment.**

**B. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of \$205,260 as a loan to be repaid over five years from Brockton Point wall repairs to the Bloedel Conservatory refrigeration installation.**

**C. THAT the Board is well aware, and requires no reminder, that both Park Board and City Council 's approval is required for recommendations A and B.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Warren contrary)

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### **Millenium Steering Committee**

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 9, 1997 recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation appoint a Commissioner to the Millennium Steering Committee.

Moved by Commnissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board of Park and Recreation appoint Commissioner Allan DeGenova as the primary liaison and Commissioner Laura McDiarmid as alternate.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh returned to the meeting at this time.

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### **Q97-09 Marpole Oakridge Community Centre : Exterior Refinishing**

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

Staff report dated September 10, 1997 recommending that the Board award the contract for the exterior refinishing and minor interior renovation work at Marpole Oakridge Community Centre to the low bidder, Wood Projects Ltd., for a cost of \$156,588.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**A. THAT the Board award the contract for the exterior refinishing and minor interior renovation work at Marpole Oakridge Community Centre to the low bidder, Wood Projects Ltd., for a cost of \$156,588.**

**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.**

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

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## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Babies Cottage Proposed Lease with the St. James Community Service Society**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 27, 1997 recommending that the Board extend the date for the St. James Community Service Society to obtain the required funding for the hospice building redevelopment to December 31, 1997.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**THAT the Board extend the date for the St. James Community Service Society to obtain the required funding for the hospice building redevelopment to December 31, 1997.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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### **GVRD - Stanley Park Right of Way**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 4, 1997 recommending that the GVRD be granted rights-of-way across English Bay foreshore park for their two sewer mains between the Beach Avenue entrance to Stanley Park and their pump station at the foot of Jervis Street provided that the right-of-way is drafted with the content being satisfactory to the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**A. THAT the GVRD be granted rights-of-way across English Bay foreshore park for their two sewer mains between the Beach Avenue entrance to Stanley Park and their pump station at the foot of Jervis Street provided that the right-of-way is drafted with the content being satisfactory to the General Manager.**

**B. THAT the GVRD be granted permission to twin their sewer main along the English Bay foreshore park south of Beach Avenue between Chilco Street and Gilford Street.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Millennium Vancouver 2000**

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

Commissioner Chesman reported that he attended the Millennium Vancouver 2000 meeting on behalf of the Board. The Millennium Vancouver 2000 is a private for-profit organization planning the millennium celebrations in Vancouver with members such as Anna Terranna, Barbara Buchanan, Alan Fetherstonhaugh and MPs. They are working with other millennium committees of other cities worldwide. The Vancouver Park Board could be involved with this organization on some of the planning of the millennium celebrations, however, since this is a private organization we should be careful in how we contribute and to what extent. The group is considering to become a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh returned to the meeting at this point.

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## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. Approval of Warrants**

Warrant # 29 in the amount of \$432,885.40, Warrant #30 in the amount of \$430,835.57, Warrant #31 in the amount of \$464,376.80: Cdn. \$464,180.64, US \$196.16, Warrant #32 in the amount of \$414,753.91: Cdn. \$413,828.91, US \$925.00, Warrant #33 in the amount of \$384,703.06: Cdn.\$384,450.01, US \$253.05, Warrant #34 in the amount of \$649266.05: Cdn. \$640,716.16, US \$8,549.89, Warrant #35 in the amount of \$808,230.94: Cdn. \$807,512.57, US \$718.37, Warrant #36 in the amount of \$254,550.63: Cdn. \$254,008.00, US \$542.63, Warrant #37 in the amount of \$379,462.91: Cdn. \$378,969.31, US \$493.60.

### **2. Park Board Capital and Operating Accounts - Budget Transfer**

Staff information report dated August 18, 1997 was mailed to Board members.

### **3. General Manager Contract Awards in Excess of \$50,000**

Staff information report dated September 3, 1997 was mailed to Board members.

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