

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 09, 1998**

<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 Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation held on Monday, March 02, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Greening of Grimmatt Park and the Renovation of the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 26, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT park development on the westerly 96 feet of Lot E at Grimmatt Park be pursued immediately and the associated impacts on neighbourhood parking be minimized, in consultation with the community and the Parking Branch of the City's Engineering Services.
- B. THAT park development for the completion of Grimmatt Park commence no later than June 1, 2001.

- C. THAT Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club be advised that the month to month lease will not be extended beyond June 1, 2001, and the Club is to vacate the building at Grimmett Park no later than that date.
- D. THAT the \$250,000 Park Board capital contribution toward the Lawn Bowling Club redevelopment be available only up to June 1, 2001.

Lois Hille a resident, appeared before the Board and stated that the committee would like to see a mini park with no parking.

Harvey Des Roches appeared before the Board and stated that the residents have been working many years to reclaim Grimmett Park for use by the people who live in the neighbourhood. The Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club seems to be taking a lot of time to find a new home. Faro Des Roches stated that she had to play on the boulevard during her childhood days as there was no park in her neighbourhood. By the time Grimmett Park is ready she would be in her teenage years. Ms. Des Roches stated that she hope the lawn bowlers will find a new home soon so that Grimmett Park can be enjoyed by the children in the neighbourhood.

Robert Kay stated that the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club has three years to find an alternate location and they will not be suffering any loss of time. The residents however, will have to wait another four years to get a park in the neighbourhood. This seems inequitable. The lawn bowlers have not put an effort to finding an alternate location and when the Hastings Park Working Committee report indicated that the lawn bowlers were not welcomed in Hastings Park, they should have immediately started looking for an alternate site, but they have not. Mr. Kay proposed that the lease should end in January, 2000.

Norm Broomhall and Michael Sanderson, Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club appeared before the Board and stated that the timeline of 2001 was realistic for them any advancement will cause complications. Mr. Broomhall referred to recommendation D in the staff report and stated that this money was granted to the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club by the City and could not be taken away from them.

Board members discussed the matter and enquired whether Mr. Broomhall's comments were accurate. The Acting General Manager advised the Board that the \$250,000 was part of an allocation in the Capital Plan. This was not a grant. The Board may choose to spend this money on a different project with Council's approval.

Commissioner Chesman stated that it was important to give a reasonable time frame to the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club. Commissioner Chesman stated that he agreed with the recommendation in the staff report however, he did not want there to be any misunderstanding that the Board has any prior commitment to anyone for the use of the Hastings Park buildings and would like to propose an amendment E.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT nothing in this motion or documentation surrounding this motion conveys or should be taken as conveying or suggesting Park Board support or opposition to the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club' s anticipated application for the use of the Forum or any other building at Hastings Park. For greater certainty, the Park Board remains absolutely committed to a community-based, multi-stakeholder reusability process for the Hastings Park buildings.

**Carried Unanimously**

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he supports recommendation A, B and C and would like to amend recommendation D to allow some negotiating time for the Board of the day and if the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club shuts down then at that time the Board may spend the money in any manner they wish . Commissioner Warren stated that this money could be spent on another immediate project rather than being held up for the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the words "available only up to June 1, 2001" be replaced with "reconsidered in June 2001".

**Carried**

(Commissioner Warren contrary)

Commissioner Yong stated that the Board is responsible to work towards the greening of Grimmett Park or any other area that is park deficient. However, we also have the obligation to help the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club to look for another site, besides Hastings Park.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT staff work with the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club pro-actively to explore the various options for a site in the city in addition to the North Forum at Hastings Park.

Board members discussed this motion and Commissioner Wilson stated that he would vote against the amendment as staff should not be responsible to look for a place for the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club, staff is there as a resource for them.

The amendment motion was put and it was **DEFEATED**.

(Commissioners DeGenova, McDiarmid, Warren and Wilson contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT park development on the westerly 96 feet of Lot E at Grimmett Park be pursued immediately and the associated impacts on neighbourhood parking be minimized, in consultation with the community and the Parking Branch of the City' s Engineering Services.

- B. THAT park development for the completion of Grimmett Park commence no later than June 1, 2001.
- C. THAT Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club be advised that the month to month lease will not be extended beyond June 1, 2001, and the Club is to vacate the building at Grimmett Park no later than that date.
- D. THAT the \$250,000 Park Board capital contribution toward the Lawn Bowling Club redevelopment be reconsidered in June 2001.
- E. THAT nothing in this motion or documentation surrounding this motion conveys or should be taken as conveying or suggesting Park Board support or opposition to the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club' s anticipated application for the use of the Forum or any other building at Hastings Park. For greater certainty, the Park Board remains absolutely committed to a community-based, multi-stakeholder reusability process for the Hastings Park buildings.

**Carried Unanimously**

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE**

### **Installation of Sponsorship Signage By Minor Ball Associations**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 1998 recommending that the Board adopt the guidelines for "Sport" signs in parks as outlined in Appendix A.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board adopt the guidelines for "sport" signs in parks as outlined below:

The wording, size and placement of all signs/banners in parks must be approved by the General Manager prior to their installation. Field sport signage may not be appropriate in all parks.

All signs/banners must have a professional appearance.

All signs/banners must be attached to an existing structure (fence or backstop, etc) or building. Freestanding signs are not permitted.

The placement of signs or banners must not interfere with the maintenance of the playing field or diamond.

The Park Board reserves the right to remove any field sport signs.

**Carried Unanimously**

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## **Staff Position Changes**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of one regular full-time and one regular part-time positions as described in Appendix I. That the Board approve the changes to the hour of work for four existing regular part-time positions as described in Appendix II.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve the establishment of one (1) regular full-time and one (1) regular part-time positions as described in Appendix I.
- B. THAT the Board approve the changes to the hours of work for four (4) existing regular part-time positions as described in Appendix II.

**Carried Unanimously**

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Commissioner Chesman left the room on a potential conflict of interest

## **1998 Award for Concession Supplies**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 3, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the recommended list of suppliers (Appendix A) for concession products.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the recommended list of suppliers (Appendix A) for concession products.

**Carried Unanimously**

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## **Molson Indy Use of Creekside Park**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 5, 1998 recommending that the Board approve in principle the use of Creekside Park by the Molson Indy Vancouver Race for a four year period beginning in 1998 subject to conditions listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the use of Creekside Park by the Molson Indy Vancouver Race for a four year period beginning in 1998 subject to a suitable agreement being developed that, as outlined in this report, provides reasonable compensation to the Board, that protects and enhances the park design and facilities, and that ensures that any operating costs associated with the event are borne by the promoter and

- B. THAT the Board approve the commencement of landscape work prior to the completion of the final agreement with all work subject to the approval of the Director of Planning. If, at any point a suitable agreement is not reached, the organizer will, at its own expense, restore the site to its original form.

Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, presented a drawing of the area being requested by Molson Indy. Mr. Lowden stated that there is a slight urgency to this matter as the season to allow safe transplanting of trees is almost over. The new configuration for the race route was approved by the City in order to keep Quebec Street open to service the business and residences located on the east side of the street.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he supported the Molson Indy, but does not support the removal of trees. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she was distressed at the lateness of the report, it does not allow much time for an informed decision. She was concerned about disrupting the Eco-Cafe and the trees. Commissioner DeGenova stated that he is also concerned about the trees, however, time is of the essence now if we want to transplant the trees with the minimum impact. Commissioner Yong stated that this event has an impact on the neighbourhood and we need to have an impact study. Commissioner Wilson stated that staff's recommendation to take it off Quebec Street protects the citizens' interest. Commissioner Yong stated that he wished to add one more condition to the motion which would indicate that the approval in principle is made on the understanding that there will be some form of legacy program offered by the Molson Indy.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT this approval in principle is made on the understanding that there will be some form of legacy program offered by the Molson Indy.

**Carried Unanimously**

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the use of Creekside Park by the Molson Indy Vancouver Race for a four year period beginning in 1998 subject to a suitable agreement being developed that, as outlined in this report, provides reasonable compensation to the Board, that protects and enhances the park design and facilities, and that ensures that any operating costs associated with the event are borne by the promoter and
- B. THAT the Board approve the commencement of landscape work prior to the completion of the final agreement with all work subject to the approval of the Director of Planning. If, at any point a suitable agreement is not reached, the organizer will, at its own expense, restore the site to its original form.

C. THAT this approval in principle is made on the understanding that there will be some form of legacy program offered by the Molson Indy.

**Carried**

(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

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### **Downtown South Downtown Cost Levy Bylaw**

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 2, 1998 recommending that the Board endorse Recommendations A, B and C in the Council Report dated February 23, 1998.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board endorse Recommendation A, B and C in the Administrative Report dated February 23, 1998.

**Carried Unanimously**

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### **INFORMATION ITEM**

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

Warrant #9 in the amount of \$578,962.30: Cdn.\$578,515.26, US \$447.04.

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