

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
		- Allan Argent
	Acting General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Acting Director of Recreation Services	- John Grant
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 20, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Staff Appointment

Commissioner Wilson announced that the Board has selected Susan Mundick as the new General Manager from June 1, 1998. She is currently the District Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of North York. Commissioner Wilson stated that Susan bring a good understanding and passion for Parks and Recreation and she understands that service delivery starts at the front line and believes in empowering staff. Commissioner Wilson stated that the Board would like to thank Allan Argent, Acting General Manager. He has been outstanding in this position since the retirement of the previous General Manager, Vic Kondrosky.

Tunnel Watch

Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, advised the Board that he believes the project is still on track. He had been in touch with some of the technical people who indicated that they would be sending us some drawings.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mt. Pleasant Family Centre Society Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1998 recommending that the lease between the Park Board and the Mt. Pleasant Family Centre Society be renewed for a further five year term commencing April 1, 1998 with an additional clause added regarding maintenance.

Horace Wright, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Family Centre appeared before the Board and stated that they were appreciative of their long association with the Board. Mr. Wright thanked the Board for the use of the facility to run their programs. Mr. Wright stated that the centre needs expansion and they have acquired some funding to extend the building.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the lease between the Park Board and the Mt. Pleasant Family Centre Society be renewed for a further five-year term commencing April 1, 1998 and that the following clause be added to the lease:**
- B. The Lessee shall maintain the Premises in a sanitary, neat, tidy and safe condition and free from nuisance at all times and in good order, repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Landlord. The Lessee, at its own expense, shall contract with an accredited Building Inspection Service every two (2) years for a maintenance inspection to determine the condition of the Premises including the structure, mechanical and electrical elements and finishes inside and outside and prepare and submit a full report of such inspection to the Landlord. The first maintenance inspection and report shall be completed by March 31, 2000.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Bicycle Helmet Legislation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1998 recommending that cyclists be required to wear a safety helmet when cycling in all areas under the jurisdiction of the Park Board and that the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Legal Services prepare the necessary amendments to the Parks Control By-law and others.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT cyclists be required to wear a safety helmet when cycling in all areas under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.**
- B. THAT the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Legal Services prepare the necessary amendments to the Parks Control By-Law and others.**

-Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Licence Agreements with AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd. For the Operations of its Horse Drawn Carriage Service in Stanley Park and Occupation of Land in the Stanley Park Service Yard

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 24, 1998 recommending a licence fee for the operation of AAA Horse and Carriage in Stanley Park, and a licence fee for the occupation of areas of the Stanley Park Service Yard.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- 1. THAT the annual fee paid to the Board by AAA for the licence to operate its business in approved areas of Stanley Park, for the period May 1, 1998 to April 30, 2003, be set at 4% on the first \$300,000 of its gross revenues from these operations and 6% on its gross revenues in excess of that amount.
- 2. THAT AAA be granted a licence to occupy a site of approximately

3025 square metres in the Stanley Park Service Yard, including the existing police paddock and the area immediately to the south of it.

3. THAT the amount paid by AAA for the licence to occupy this area will be the actual cost to the Board, up to a maximum of \$75,000, to haul away surplus fill, which would otherwise be spread on the site proposed to be occupied by AAA.
4. THAT the licence to occupy the site be granted for a period of 5 years from May 1, 1998, to run concurrently with the licence to operate the horse drawn tour service.
5. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated documents.

The Acting General Manager advised the Board that part of the redevelopment plans for the Stanley Park Works Yard was to spread fill from the parking lot excavations on to the open area to the west including the police paddock area. AAA Horse and Carriage has indicated concerns and prefer to pay for the fill to be removed from the site and dumped elsewhere. The estimated cost of doing this would be \$75,000. Staff met with Mr. O'Neil to come up with an arrangement for a licence to occupy portion of the land which would be payment of the \$75,000 estimated cost of removing the fill from the site, amortised over the proposed five year term of the licence to occupy the land. There is some urgency to this matter as the contractors need to be notified on how they should proceed.

Lou Dubois, Principal, Lord Beaconsfield Elementary School, appeared before the Board and stated that AAA Horse and Carriage have been involved with the Vancouver School Board offering an educational program around the working horses. The program is for elementary age students in the Sunrise area. The program also allows the students to be introduced to police officers in a friendly and educational setting. Mr. Dubois asked the Board to allow AAA Horse and Carriage to continue in Stanley Park so that they can provide this service for students.

Gerry O'Neil and Katherine O'Neil appeared before the Board and stated that they forwarded a letter in response to the staff report and was present to answer questions. Katherine O'Neil stated that they are not able to afford the cost of moving the soil and that the new rate is a huge increase for them.

Board members discussed the matter of AAA Horse and Carriage wishing to remove the soil from the park and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that the Board's plan

was to move the soil to the area where the existing paddocks were. However, Mr. O'Neil offered to remove the soil from the park. Katherine O'Neil stated that if the Board had no problem with the soil remaining in the park then AAA Horse and Carriage will not be moving it.

Bill Pate, Old Tyme Carriage Rides stated that there should be an opportunity for other operators to work in the park. Gerry O'Neil seem to have exclusive use of the Stanley Park and his costs are much lower compared to his revenues. It is unfair that his business is being subsidised by the tax-payers. For this type of business there should be a tender process yearly and there is an opportunity for many operators to work at the same time without causing much conflict.

Commissioner Warren left the meeting at this point.

Inkeri Meharg appeared before the Board that she was retained by Gerry O'Neil to advise him on what implications the proposed approach for the parking lot construction was going to do to his operation. She looked at Keystone Environmental's report regarding the contamination in the soil and did not think it was a big issue.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that since the soil removal is no longer an issue she would like to amend the motion.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the sentence "including the existing police paddock and the area immediately to the south of it" be deleted from item 2 and that item 3 be deleted.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he was not in favour of the amendment motion as the soil removal should not have been an issue. The Board should direct staff to continue with the negotiation as previously instructed.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he supports item 1 and 5 and suggested that item 2, 3, and 4 be deleted.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Chesman, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board defer this matter to staff to continue the negotiations

as directed earlier.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson stated that the Board has a commitment to AAA Horse and Carriage but when that commitment is relieved, the Board should go out to a public tender process. In the meantime there are areas of the Park that could be served by a horse and carriage operation which we could have a tender process for.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to have all the information on the 1993 proposal call and the minutes of the meeting where the Board approved AAA Horse and Carriage with a five year plus five year option.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

A. THAT staff provide the Board with a copy of the 1993 RFP upon which AAA Horse and Carriage's licence is based;

and

THAT staff provide the Board with information on :

- who was directly provided with the RFP;

- minutes of meeting which approved AAA Horse and Carriage with a five year plus five year option

- a copy of the legal agreement that has been provided to AAA Horse and Carriage recently in draft.

B. THAT staff invite Old Tyme Carriage and other operators to a meeting to discuss potential avenues for their operation in the park.

- Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #17 in the amount of \$693,314.94, Warrant #18 in the amount of

\$139,334.69: Cdn.\$139,311.66, US \$23.03.

Allan Argent
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair