

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Acting Director of Operations	- Bill Manning
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Acting Director of Recreation Services	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yong referred to page 2 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 14, 1998 and requested that the name of the Commissioner moving the motion be included. Commissioner Yong also referred to page 6 of the minutes of the meeting and stated the phrase “the committee” be inserted in to the second last sentence : A Volunteer Policy has been drafted and *the committee* are in the

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 14, 1998 were adopted as amended.

Delegations

The Hearts of Gold Foundation

Ted Nita, President of the Hearts of Gold Foundation advised the Board that the purpose of their foundation was to help children in Vancouver where funds are limited. The foundation held a golf tournament to raise funds and are pleased to donate \$10,000 to the Strathcona Community Association for Youth and Children programs. Leslie Louie, President, Strathcona Community Association, received the cheque and thanked Mr. Nita for their generous contribution. Ms. Louie advised the Board that this money would go into providing a water park at McLean Park and other youth services.

Commissioner Duncan Wilson , on behalf of the Board, thanked the Hearts of Gold

Foundation for their contribution to the community.

Licence Agreements with AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 20, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A) THAT the Board execute a licence agreement with AAA Horse & Carriage Service Ltd to operate its business in approved areas of Stanley Park, and the annual fee for the five year period from May 1, 1998 to April 30, 2003, be set at 4% on the first \$300,000 of gross revenues and 6% in excess of that amount and that there be no renewal option.
- B) THAT the Board grant AAA a licence to occupy a portion of the Stanley Park Service Yard from May 1, 1998 to April 30, 2003 subject to AAA making capital improvements up to a maximum of \$75,000 as identified in this report.
- C) THAT relocation expenses for the information kiosk be at the Board's cost except that the relocation of the telephone lines and carriage hitching posts be at AAA's cost.
- D) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.

Jodi Goch, Olde Tyme Rides, appeared before the Board and stated that they had a problem with AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd. having exclusive rights to operate a horse and carriage business in Stanley Park. This monopoly is not fair and should be changed.

Kathryn O'Neil, AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd., stated that Olde Tyme Rides had an opportunity to put in their proposal but declined.

Gerry O'Neil appeared before the Board and stated that the free shuttle in the summer caused his revenues to drop. He asked the Board to reconsider the effective date of his annual fee payment to begin next year instead of retroactively from May 1, 1998.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to put forward an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the contract documents above-referenced be executed by AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd. on or before the close of business on Wednesday, October 14, 1998 failing which AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd. shall cease all activities in Stanley Park on or before January 10, 1999 and further vacate Stanley Park on or before January 10, 1999.

-Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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-Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Causeway

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 17, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A) THAT The Board approve the widening of the causeway sidewalks from 1.2 to 2 metres.
- B) THAT the Board approve the filling of the existing causeway drainage ditches and their replacement with storm sewers and oil/water separators.
- C) THAT the Board develop biofiltration marshes at Beaver Lake and Lost Lagoon to receive the causeway runoff, with all direct costs to be paid by the Provincial Government.
- D) THAT in agreeing to the above proposals from the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority, the Board in no manner alters or extends the rights of the Province in its occupancy and operation of the causeway.

Thom Thompson, President and CEO of I.C.B.C. appeared before the Board and stated that they were looking at preventing accidents on the causeway. Mr. Thompson stated that I.C.B.C. has commissioned a study to make the roadway safer. They are willing to share this study with the Park Board.

Robert Delahanty stated that he supports the staff recommendation, however the planned improvements could be enhanced with improved lighting, signage and the realignment of the route at the south end to provide a safer route for cyclists.

Don Buchanan thanked the Board for standing by its decision to not widen the causeway. There is a lot of scope to have a safer sidewalk than what is being proposed without a huge impact on the park.

John Whistler stated that he supports the recommendation but would ask the Park Board to work with BCTFA to have wider sidewalks wherever possible. This is an opportunity to improve Stanley Park.

Richard Campbell supports the recommendation, would like to see as wide a sidewalk as possible without impacting the vegetation and park, possibly to 3 meters. This would encourage cyclists to use the bridge. He would like see one sidewalk open during construction.

Colin Brander supports the recommendation to widen to two meters, however, would like to see it wider where possible without affecting the trees. Would like a more direct exit on the south end for safety and more signage is needed to indicate one way route for cycling.

Elizabeth Leboe is pleased to see the sidewalk being widened, but asked that the road and sidewalk be separated. She would also like to see lights installed on the east side of the causeway.

Guy Wera stated that BCTFA does not seem to be aware that cyclists need at least a three metre sidewalk, especially on the downhill.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, stated that the widening of the sidewalk is putting more concrete into Stanley Park. The safety concern should be addressed by reducing the speed limit on the causeway. The tunnel option is preferred over the widening of the sidewalk.

Lorne Milne, Vancouver Skate Patrol supports the recommendations, however, it would be better to widen the sidewalk to three metres. Would like to see the sidewalk separated from the road.

Mike Bratty, Director, B.E.S.T. stated that the 2 metre sidewalk is not enough and would recommend 2.6 metres. Cycling is not just recreational but also a mode of commuting and a wider sidewalk would be safer.

Board members discussed the matter and reiterated their position to not allow any expansion to the causeway. The Board is also concerned with the safety issue and it was suggested that the removal of the counter-flow lane could be one of the options. Commissioner Wilson put forward an amendment to be inserted between recommendations C & D.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT as a condition of this approval the Board require the following additional improvements to be made to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

- a) **THAT the bike path alignment and access issues be addressed to the greatest extent possible including any overpass locations.**
- b) **THAT the pathway be straightened around pullouts along the sides of the causeway.**
- c) **THAT adequate lighting be provided on both sides of the causeway.**
- d) **THAT the surface be suitable for bicycle and in-line skates.**
- e) **THAT no trees be removed as a result of this project.**

- Carried Unanimously.

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- E) **THAT in agreeing to the above proposals from the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority, the Board in no manner alters or extends the rights of the Province in its occupancy and operation of the causeway.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Dogs Off-Leash

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 18, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to F.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A) THAT the Board increase the number of parks with morning and evening off-leash hours, from the present four to a maximum of twenty-five.
- B) THAT the Board approve the criteria for selecting the expanded off-leash dog sites.
- C) THAT staff report back on the site locations to be added to off-leash by November 30, 1998.

- D) THAT staff develop an evaluation process to monitor the expanded sites.
- E) THAT signage and public education be developed to increase public awareness of the off-leash locations.
- F) THAT staff conduct a community consultation to consider a limited number of sites for seasonal beach use and full-time off-leash access areas.

Suki Ford appeared before the Board and stated that it was good to expand the off-leash hours to other parks. She uses Hillcrest Park to exercise her dog and there has been no conflicts with other users.

Glen Swain, Vancouver Dog Owners Association, is in favour of the report, would encourage the Board to approve it. The Association would like to offers its services to assist in off-leash parks.

Andree Lapare supports the report and would like to have a beach area for the dogs to be off-leash. Ms. Lapare suggested that Fraser River Park could be considered for this purpose.

Brian Nelson, S.P.C.A., supports the staff report and suggested that the Board should work with City Council to improve the by-law enforcement.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would not support the recommendations as he felt that the parks are for people. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to amend the motion to request City Council to allocate sufficient funds to ensure appropriate enforcement of this policy.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board request City Council to allocate sufficient monies to expand the City Pound so as to ensure the appropriate enforcement of this and other related policies.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- F) **THAT staff conduct a community consultation to consider a limited number of sites for seasonal beach use and full-time off-leash access areas.**
- G) **THAT the Board request City Council to allocate sufficient monies to expand the City Pound so as to ensure the appropriate enforcement of this and other related policies.**

-Carried.

(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Hastings Park Sanctuary : Civil Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 18, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of Hastings Park Sanctuary: Civil Contract to Southwest Contracting Ltd.

Ken Davidson, President, CUPE Local 1004, asked the Board to delay its decision on the staff report. Mr. Davidson stated that he understood some of the Councillors and the Mayor have indicated that they might consider having the P.N.E. co-exist with the greening of Hastings Park.

Steve Parsons, operator of Jimmy's Lunch at the P.N.E. advised the Board that a number of exhibitors and concessionaires have joined to form the Save the PNE Coalition. Mr. Parsons stated that a lot of people enjoy the seventeen day fair and would like the PNE to co-exist with Hastings Park.

Board members discussed the matter and advised the delegations that the community has waited for a green Hastings Park for a long time and they have worked very hard to achieve this goal. The PNE has been notified that they must move at the end of the fair in 1999 and there will be no more extensions to their lease.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A) **THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of Hastings Park Sanctuary: Civil Contract (Tender 98-16) to Southwest Contracting Ltd.**
- B) **THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Helium Balloon Ride Operation at Queen Elizabeth Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 17, 1998 recommending that approval not be granted for Flying Success Company's proposed helium balloon operation in Queen Elizabeth Park.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT approval not be granted for Flying Success Company's proposed helium balloon operation in Queen Elizabeth Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park - Park Drive - Two Way Traffic to Third Beach

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 17, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the monitoring procedures in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the monitoring procedures in the staff report dated September 17, 1998.

- Carried Unanimously.

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

This matter was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 14, 1998.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board approve a renewed agreement with AAA Horse & Carriage or that AAA Horse & Carriage be required to cease and desist all activity in Stanley Park on or before January 10, 1999.

Commissioner Chesman withdrew the motion.

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A) **THAT the Board give approval to Commissioner Duncan Wilson and Commissioner Gabriel Yong to attend the National Parks and Recreation Conference in Miami Beach, Florida.**

- B) **THAT the Board give approval to Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh and Commissioner Patrick Warren to attend the West Coast Park Planner Exchange in Seattle.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Allan DeGenova until he recovers from his current illness.

- Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would like to see native trees in English Bay rather than the palm trees.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh asked staff to look into why the swings from False Creek School and Kitsilano Beach have been removed.

Commissioner Warren stated that the fence at Lord Robert's School was still up. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, advised the Board that staff have been in contact with the project manager who assured us that the fencing will be completed as agreed.

REMINDER

Commissioner McDiarmid reminded the Commissioners to attend the Skate with Sheldon on Monday, October 12, 1998 in Stanley Park.

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that the Association Presidents at its

meeting voted unanimously in support of Hastings Park.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #42 in the amount of \$425,478.93.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair