

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1998**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Duncan Wilson</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Alan Fetherstonhaugh</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- David Chesman</b>
		<b>- Allan DeGenova</b>
		<b>- Laura McDiarmid</b>
		<b>- Patrick Warren</b>
		<b>- Gabriel Yong</b>
		<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	
	<b>Director of Administrative &amp; Revenue Services</b>	<b>- Philip Josephs</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Director of Planning</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>A/ Director of Operations</b>	<b>- Bill Manning</b>
	<b>Manager of Central Recreation Services</b>	<b>- Jule Hopkins</b>
	<b>Manager of Public Affairs</b>	<b>- Terri Clark</b>
	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Warren referred to page 4 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 16, 1998 and stated that he would like to clarify that he did not agree with the first section of Commissioner Chesman's motion.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 16, 1998 were adopted as amended.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the minutes reflects a conversation between himself and Councillor Bellamy. Councillor Bellamy felt that he may have crossed the line with his comments and called the next day to leave a message of apology. Commissioner Chesman stated that he accepted the message of apology, however, it has never been a personal matter, he had often disagreed with him but never disliked him.

**DELEGATIONS**

**1999 Special Events Listing**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 20, 1998 recommending that the 1999 Fees and Charges Schedule be approved for implementation on January 1, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid

THAT the Board approve the 1999 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Hans Schmidt appeared before the Board and stated that there was no need to have amplified music for the Jericho Folk Festival. It is too loud and they do not end at the time they are supposed to. He has many requests over the years for a reduction of noise and ensuring that the event ends at its scheduled time.

Commissioner DeGenova suggested that staff monitor the noise level using the same method that was used at the outdoor concerts at Nat Bailey Stadium

Ron Rothwell commended staff on a well written report. Mr. Rothwell stated that it seems one third of the events listed on the calendar are being held in Stanley Park. The amplified sound disturbs the habitat. Mr. Rothwell stated that instead of events being concentrated in a few areas of the city, he suggested that with the new Districts the Board may wish to canvass the residents in each area as to what sort of events they would like to have in their community.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she agrees with the district-wise community reviews. Commissioner Chesman stated that staff must ensure that the Jericho Folk Festival adheres to the noise by-law and the show ends on time.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would like to amend the motion to state that the approval for the Molson Indy be deferred.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**THAT the motion be amended to indicate that the approval for the Molson Indy be deferred.**

**- Carried Unanimously**

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

**THAT the Board approve the 1999 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B, except for the Molson Indy, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Vancouver Aquarium Association Agreement Renewal**

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

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

- A. THAT the Board enter into a new agreement with the Vancouver Aquarium Association from January 1, 1999 until October 30, 2015.
- B. THAT this term is subject to the Federal Government renewing the head lease for Stanley Park before October 30, 2007.
- C. THAT the Board receive annual remuneration, effective January 1, 1999 , of \$40,000 which can be either cash or revenue derived from marketing and other partnership initiatives as agreed to by the General Manager.
- D. THAT the annual remuneration be reviewed every three years.
- E. THAT the Board approve in principle the expansion of the footprint occupied by the Aquarium by 392 sq meters ( 4220 sq feet) as identified in Appendix "B".
- F. THAT no rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.

Mark Tindal President-elect of the Vancouver Aquarium Association is encouraged by the recommendation in the staff report. He is looking forward to an enhanced relationship between the Aquarium and the Park Board with joint activities and programs such as the Salmon Enhancement Program.

John Nightingale, Executive Director, Vancouver Aquarium gave a slide presentation on their business plan. Mr. Nightingale stated that the Aquarium is embarking on a \$10 million revitalization. The Pacific Canada project is under construction , the plans for the Aquarium outer appearance will be like a village as opposed to a mega-building. The Discovery Education Centre is triple over capacity and they need to add some more space. The changes to the front entrance are in partnership with the Park Board as the design for the redevelopment of the zoo plaza is implemented. Whales are not involved in any of these plans. Dr. Nightingale stated that not a single part of this application to change the footprints has to do with whales.

Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce stated that the Vancouver Aquarium must not be allowed to expand. The existing lease indicates that they are not allowed any more expansion, the board should not approve these recommendations without looking at the plans. Mr. Hamilton stated that the Board should let the public vote on it and do an environmental impact study . The whales should be set free and use the space for classroom space.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, stated that the Stanley Park Task Force recommended that it was best to contain the Aquarium. However since that report there has been changes and most of these changes has arisen out of the needs of the Aquarium. The Aquarium has a large impact on the centre of Stanley Park, therefore any changes to this facility should be voted by the citizens of Vancouver. The Aquarium has now agreed to pay the Board \$40,000 which is a minor amount of money considering the nature, location and extent of intrusion of this facility on the park. The best thing for the Board to do is to accept the report for information.

Tim Louis, former Park Commissioner, appeared before the Board and stated that it was bad public policy to grant a seventeen year lease. Mr. Louis stated that there is a motion on the books that clearly states the Aquarium will not be allowed to expand. Mr Louis urged the Board to take this matter to a referendum in the next civic election.

Donna Morgan, former Park Commissioner thanked the Board for the tree which she received on the birth of her son. She stated that there was still time on the current lease, and the lease time of 17 years is too long. It should be in some sort of a renewable form. Ms. Morgan urged the Board to take the issue to referendum.

Lynn Johnson commended the Aquarium for thinking of the future, her issue is with the whales, She would like the Aquarium to deal with the whale release issue.

Annelise Sorg, No Whales in Captivity Period stated that in 1985 the Aquarium was told very clearly that there should be no more expansion. Ms. Sorg asked the Board to put the question to the voters in 1999 as she is sure they will say no to Aquarium expansion. Ms. Sorg stated that Vancouverites do not want to see an expansion at the aquarium

Valerie Jerome, Vancouver Greens stated that she hopes the Board will disagree with the Aquarium request for expansion.. Ms. Jerome stated that the natural eco system is diminishing every day and the Board's mandate is to protect the eco-system of the city and not education. Young people do not want to see animals in captivity. Ms. Jerome asked the Board to not approve the expansion.

Walter Walmsley, Volunteer, Vancouver Aquarium stated that the number of volunteers have increased over the years. He stated that young children are fascinated with the displays, the new facility will help enhance the education programs already being offered at the Aquarium . Mr. Walmsley stated that the Volunteers group supports the Aquarium and asked the Board to approve the Aquarium's request.

Jennifer Yakimishyn stated that when she graduated in marine biology the Aquarium offered her the opportunity to gain valuable career experience. Ms. Yakimishyn encouraged the Board to approve the Aquarium's request as there is a need for a marine science centre to enable people to learn about marine life.

Leslie Leader, Vancouver Aquarium stated that the marine centre allows children hands on experience with marine life and they learn to care for our environment. Ms. Leader stated that the proposed expansion will allow the Aquarium to meet the demand for marine education.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that the educational program offered by the Aquarium is very good and will support the motion. Commissioner Chesman stated that he is pleased to see that the Aquarium's focus in the future is education. However the people are concerned regarding the exhibition of whales and would like to amend the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT no portion of the footprint pursuant to this Agreement be used for an expansion to the current cetacean facilities.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

(Commissioner McDiarmid was out of the room when the vote was taken)

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Warren stated that he would support the motion because it was not about whales in captivity but that the addition of space was to provide an opportunity to build an awareness of our environment and how to preserve and conserve it. Commissioner Chesman stated that over the years too much of the Board's time have been devoted to Aquarium issues. The motion from December 1995 referred to by the delegations was initiated by a press release from the Aquarium which stated that they were planning to keep the two whales and were planning to approach the Board for expanding the whale pool. The public process undertaken in 1996 covering the future of the Aquarium resulted in a by-law restricting the Aquarium from the importation of cetacean and a memorandum of agreement between the Board

and the Aquarium to work cooperatively. The message from the public also was that although they may not be sure whether this institution should be in Stanley Park, they certainly value it and want to continue with it but with a focus on education and public outreach. Commissioner Chesman stated he will support the motion because it was important to cement the relationship with the Aquarium and in order to free up the Board's time to deal with other important issues such as Hastings Park and community centre renewal. Commissioner Wilson stated that he did an on-site visit and was concerned about the landscaping around the facility in order to mask the new development. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like to put forward an amendment to the motion to indicate that the approval of this expansion will be subject to the Board approving a design.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT approval of the expansion is subject to the Board approving a design.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- B. THAT this term is subject to the Federal Government renewing the head lease for Stanley Park before October 30, 2007.**
- C. THAT the Board receive annual remuneration, effective January 1, 1999 , of \$40,000 which can be either cash or revenue derived from marketing and other partnership initiatives as agreed to by the General Manager.**
- D. THAT the annual remuneration be reviewed every three years.**
- E. THAT the Board approve in principle the expansion of the footprint occupied by the Aquarium by 392 sq meters ( 4220 sq feet) as identified in Appendix "B".**
- F. THAT no rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.**

- G. THAT no portion of the footprint pursuant to this Agreement be used for any expansion to the current cetacean facilities.**
- H. THAT approval of the expansion is subject to the Board approving a design.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **1999 Fees and Charges**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 20, 1998 recommending that the 1999 Fees and Charges Schedule be approved for implementation on January 1, 1999. Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that the fee schedule in regard to “strip tickets” be deferred for further investigation by staff.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the 1999 Fees and Charges Schedule with the exception of “strip tickets” which is to be reinvestigated by staff, be approved by the Board for implementation on January 1, 1999.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Oak Park Improvements**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 19, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd to implement improvements in Oak Park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Construction Ltd. to implement improvements in Oak Park.**
- 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**

### **Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 26, 1998 recommending that the Board award Contract 98-19 Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation to Novacom Construction Ltd for the tendered price of \$445,000.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A. THAT the Board award Contract 98-19, Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation, to Novacom Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$445,000.**
- 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.**

### **ENQUIRIES**

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that the Kitsilano Community Centre is applying for funds from Arbutus Gardens for improvements to the centre and asked the Board to send a letter of support. The General Manager advised the Board that a letter for Commissioner McDiarmid's signature will be prepared. The Director of Planning stated that this matter is still at the staff level through the City Manager, however the Commissioners may wish to talk to Councillors individually.

Commissioner Warren enquired about the status regarding the United Players Association and their request to use the Jericho Arts Centre. The Director of Recreation Services advised the Board that the United Players will be meeting with the West Point Grey Community Centre Board in January to discuss this matter.



**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Approval of Warrants**

Warrant #51 in the amount of \$736,513.16: US\$165.00, Cdn.\$736,348.16,

Warrant #52 in the amount of \$506,946.28: US\$1,863.00, Cdn.\$505,083.28.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Duncan Wilson  
Chair