

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Hastings District	- Allan Argent
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Coordinator - Sports Fields	- Jim Mackenzie
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 11, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report

Commissioner Warren advised that the City appointed Catherine Clement as the new Chief Communications Advisor and Brent MacGreggor as the new Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that both Roy Forster a former employee of the Park Board and former Park Commissioner George Wainborn received the Order of Canada.

STAFF REPORTS

Management of Beach Volleyball

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT all sand volleyball play be restricted to areas designated by the Park Board.
- B. THAT the Board designate the 1998 trial volleyball areas at Locarno (6 courts at the Sailing Centre and 2 courts at the picnic site), Spanish Banks East (8 courts) and Spanish Banks West (8 courts) as permanent sand volleyball locations.
- C. THAT on a one year trial basis, the Board increase the volleyball area at Kitsilano Beach from four to seven courts and install a manual watering system for the 1999 volleyball season.

Chris Roine appeared before the Board and stated that considerations should be given for more temporary courts rather than permanent ones. The sand at Kitsilano is poor and suggested that volunteers be recruited to assist in the clean up to reduce cost.

Al Horwood represented the volley ball players. Mr. Horwood stated that a number of professional volleyball players began playing at Kitsilano. The dust problem has always existed and the quality of the sand is further deteriorated by dogs running loose during the winter and sunbathers littering the sand with cigarettes. Mr. Horwood stated that a well thought out watering system should be used to control the dust.

Chris Hennebery stated that volleyball is a growing sport and is part of the Olympics. The vitality of the sport should not be choked by problems in management of the beach area. There should be an annual growth plan and watering before the game would eliminate the dust problem.

Tom Caverly, B. C. Volleyball, Director, brought a petition with over six hundred

names to encourage the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Board to maintain as a minimum, the existing level of access for volleyball on all Vancouver beaches. Mr. Caverly stated that beach volleyball will be introduced into the 2001 Canada Games. He is in favour of the proposals with the understanding that these are the minimum numbers. They have also reduced the number of tournaments to accommodate the residents.

Jim Clive, President and founder of Kits Beach Volleyball Association stated that Kits Beach was the birth place of beach volleyball in Vancouver and that he was prepared to help the Board to address any concerns that they may have.

Elizabeth Gram, Kits Point Residents Association stated that beach volleyball is a great sport but would not want Kits Beach to deteriorate. She hopes the watering will reduce the dust and any cost should be borne by the players. The practise sites should also be watered if possible. Ms. Gram stated that the other problems experienced by the residents are noise and signage from the tournament, the signs that are put up during the tournament are too big. Ms. Gram suggested that the organizers should be told that the amplifiers should be used for announcements only.

Alan Hultman, member of the Board of Kits Beach Volleyball Association stated that beach volleyball has become very important. Mr. Hultman stated that there are a number of recreational volleyball players who are not here because they are not aware of this meeting. These players will come to the beach in the summer and find that they cannot play. Mr. Hultman stated that it seems the residents want to keep the beach for themselves.

Patricia Jackson a resident from Kits Point strongly objects any single use group taking over such a large percentage of a very small beach. Ms. Jackson stated that although the report states 7 courts, there is no one to stop other temporary ones being set up. Since sand volleyball is becoming more popular this reduces the amount of beach available for the general public.

Board members discussed the matter and there was general agreement that volleyball was not a new use of the beach. The Board must look after community and recreation interests and staff handled the sensitive issue very well. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she would like to amend recommendation C to reduce the number of courts at Kitsilano Beach to four as seven is too much.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the volleyball area at Kitsilano Beach remain at four and that we install a manual watering system.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Chesman, DeGenova, Fetherthonhaugh, Warren, Wilson and Yong contrary)

Commissioner Chesman stated that the community has not said absolutely no volleyball and that is encouraging. There is a willingness among the volleyball stakeholders to work with staff to improve the situation. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to amend recommendation B to replace the word "permanent" with designated.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the word "permanent" in the last sentence of recommendation B be amended to "designated", and,

THAT staff re-evaluate in 1999 sand volleyball with all stakeholders at the end of the year.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- C. THAT on a one year trial basis, the Board increase the**

volleyball area at Kitsilano Beach from four to seven courts and install a manual watering system for the 1999 volleyball season.

D. THAT staff evaluate sand volleyball at the end of 1999.

- Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

Buschlen Mowatt Exhibit Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 14, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board grant the request of the Buschlen Mowatt Foundation to hold a second International Sculpture Exhibit in 1999 along the seawall between Stanley Park and the Aquatic Centre subject to the receipt of financial statements from the Foundation on transactions related to the 1998 exhibit and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.
- B. THAT the exhibit be required to allocate two sites to works by local or regional artists;
- C. THAT staff review the project and develop a process for the allocation of exhibit space on an annual basis

Susan Gordon, Coordinator Arts and Multiculturalism advised the Board that the exhibit was very well received, however there were a few concerns that needed to be addressed. A large part of the public enjoyed the exhibition and it is proposed that Buschlen Mowatt be allowed one more opportunity prior to establishing a sculpture walk for other galleries.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park appreciated that there were some fine artworks brought to the city, however he was concerned about commercialism. This could set a precedence for other groups approaching the Board with suggestions to put up

other exhibitions on the beach. Mr. Rothwell stated that there should be a broader way of partnering with other agencies and creating an educational aspect of art with a sculpture walk in other parts of the city. He is concerned with recommendation C and would like the Board to defer the report. He does not want park space to be commercialised.

Board members discussed the matter and were concerned with the sale of two pieces of the art which was exhibited during the summer. The matter of whether the exhibition was a commercial opportunities for the gallery was discussed and Commissioner Chesman suggested that the motion be amended to indicate that the Board needs assurance that the Buschlen Mowatt Foundation's interest in the exhibit is primarily philanthropic.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT the third line in paragraph A be amended tosubject to the Board being satisfied, receipt of and,
THAT the fourth line of paragraph A be amended to ...the 1998 exhibit that the Foundation's interest in the exhibit is primarily philanthropic, and with all.....and, THAT paragraph C be amended as follows:**

- C. THAT staff consider a report on the appropriateness of the allocation of exhibit space on an annual basis having regard to the following questions:**
- (i) should exhibit space be allocated?**
 - (ii) if so, where?**
 - (iii) if so, to whom?**

- Carried Unanimously.

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- B. **THAT the exhibit be required to allocate two sites to works by local or regional artists;**

- C. **THAT staff consider a report on the appropriateness of the allocation of exhibit space on an annual basis having regard to the following questions:**
 - (i) **should exhibit space be allocated?**
 - (ii) **if so, where?**
 - (iii) **if so, to whom?**

- Carried Unanimously.

Trans Canada Trail

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 1999 recommending that the Board approve designating the proposed route of the Trans Canada Trail on existing paths in Vancouver parks as shown on the map in Appendix A.

Janine Robinson, Trails Canada, appeared before the Board and stated that the Trans Canada Trail is a shared-use recreation trail of approximately 15,000 kilometers that is intended to link all Canadian provinces and territories and connect the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans. The Trans Canada Trail has been recognised as an Official Millennium Project by both the Governments of Canada and British Columbia and has been approved in principle by the City of Vancouver. The trails in Vancouver will primarily be for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed route will go through several Vancouver parks, including New Brighton Park, Oxford Park, Sunset Beach Park, English Bay Beach Park, Stanley Park, Devonian Harbour Park, and Harbour Green Park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve designating the proposed route of the Trans Canada Trail on existing paths in Vancouver parks as shown in Appendix A.

-Carried Unanimously.

Hastings Park Sanctuary: Landscape Construction

Board members received copies of staff report dated January 15, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the award to the contract for the construction of Hastings Park Sanctuary: Landscape Construction to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of Hastings Park Sanctuary: Landscape Construction (Tender 98-21) to Landesign Landscape Construction 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.

Parks Control By-law - Housekeeping Amendments

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the housekeeping amendments to the Parks Control By-law with three readings.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh

THAT the Board approve the housekeeping amendments to the Parks Control By-law be given the first reading

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the housekeeping amendments to the Parks Control By-law be given the second reading

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the housekeeping amendments to the Parks Control By-law be given the third reading

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Chesman

- A. THAT the Park Board convene a public meeting concerning any and all issues surrounding New Brighton Park, such meeting to take place within the next six weeks at a place and time convenient to the public.**
- B. THAT a Commissioner be designated as a New Brighton Park community liaison.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT Commissioner David Chesman be appointed as liaison to New Brighton Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Skateboard Park

Commissioner Warren enquired what was happening with the skateboard park.

The Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that this matter will be brought forward at the workshop for discussion.

Universal Gardens

Commissioner Warren stated that he received a letter with regard to the proposal of a Universal Garden on the grounds of the Vancouver General Hospital. The General Manager advised the Board that this issue will be discussed at the next workshop.

Communities in Bloom

Commissioner McDiarmid asked Commissioners to promote this special event at the community centres to which they are a liaison.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #58 in the amount of \$401,948.66; Warrant #59 in the amount of \$705,298.80; US\$1,310.15, Cdn. \$703,988.65.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair