

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan De Genova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Allan Argent
	A/Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Gord Lindal
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 10, 1999 were adopted as circulated

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh referred to the traffic in Stanley Park and stated that the Board will be receiving a report on this issue later on in the evening.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh referred to the Hastings Park negotiations and stated that a report will be ready in mid June. The Park Board will not agree to any lease extension to the PNE however, we are working on a compromise position which will be available in a few weeks.

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that she attended the citywide Youth Initiative on May 5th and the Park Board being a sponsor was presented with a certificate of appreciation for 1998/99.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that Council has approved 1999 Park Board Basic Capital Budget totalling \$6,713,000 and \$57,000 (Supplemental Capital Budget) for the renovations to the Boardroom. Commissioner Warren stated that Council also approved the Park Board 1999 Global Budget of \$39,112,600 including the addition of \$418,900 for added basic costs and \$700,000 in funding for new and non-recurring items.

Two Way Traffic in Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1999 recommending that the Board approve re-instating one-way traffic from Third Beach to Second Beach; and, that the modifications be funded and implemented immediately as part of the ongoing re-pavement of Park Drive and that the weekend afternoon closures of the Causeway exit at Prospect Point be discontinued.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board approve re-instating one-way traffic from Third Beach to Second Beach; and

THAT the modifications be funded and implemented immediately as part of the ongoing re-pavement of Park Drive.

- B. THAT the weekend afternoon closures of the Causeway exit at Prospect Point be discontinued.

Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District advised the Board that he conducted a review of the traffic patterns to Third Beach and the points where the congestion occur in the park. It has been determined through the collection of data over several weeks that the experiment to reduce two southbound lanes to one has led to frequent traffic delays.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park stated that the park use is almost at saturation. Many of the people coming to the park do not live in Vancouver and the Board must seriously look at how to transport people to and from Stanley Park. Mr. Rothwell stated that he supports staff's recommendation to reinstate the one way traffic, however, the consultants who gave the erroneous count should be held accountable .

Jim Storey, Vancouver Trolley appeared before the Board and stated that Stanley Park is a big tourist attraction and the change of traffic pattern has caused a lot of congestion and delays for visitors to the park. Mr. Storey asked the Board to approve staff's recommendation to re-instate the one way traffic from Third Beach to Second Beach.

Scott Mason, Land Sea Tours stated that he would like to see things restored to its original state. Stanley Park attracts a lot of visitors and is good for business. Mr. Mason stated that he would support the Board's decision to re-instate the one way traffic.

Brent Davies, Ferguson Point Teahouse, appeared before the Board and stated that he would like the experiment to continue for at least another four weeks at the end of which if it is still a problem he will arrange to re-instate the one way traffic. Mr. Davies suggested that this experiment could be used as a teaching tool on how the traffic could be managed in Stanley Park. The two way traffic to Third Beach benefits many people especially those who are looking for parking for their vehicles, they are now able to utilise the parking lot at Third Beach. Mr. Davies stated that the congestion problem was caused by a protestor on the road outside the Ferguson Point Teahouse and the road construction in the area. Mr. Davies asked the Board to delay implementing the change to the traffic patterns to Third Beach.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Wilson stated that the primary concern for the Board was to improve access to Third Beach. Commissioner Chesman stated that the park can handle increased visits but not increased vehicular traffic. The Board has endeavoured to improve the traffic in the park by instituting pay parking to discourage vehicular traffic and separating pedestrians and cyclists. Commissioner Chesman stated that the park is being used as a fourth lane for traffic coming off the north shore and this is a problem which needs to be addressed. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to put forward an amendment to the motion which would require the closure of the causeway access as a traffic control option.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT after the word "discontinued" in recommendation B the following be added: "but remain a traffic control option for future consideration."

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated the he does not support the opening of the causeway as it encourages people to exit at the causeway. Stanley Park is not part of the highway for North and West Vancouver residents.

The amendment motion was put and it was CARRIED.
(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. **THAT the Board approve re-instating one-way traffic from Third Beach to Second Beach; and**

THAT the modifications be funded and implemented immediately as part of the ongoing re-pavement of Park Drive.
- B. **THAT the weekend afternoon closures of the Causeway exit at Prospect Point be discontinued but remain a traffic control option for future consideration.**

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Electrical Room - GVRD Chilco Pump Station

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 12, 1999 recommending that the Board permit the GVRD to build an electrical room to service their Chilco Pump Station in Stanley Park.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board permit the GVRD to build an electrical room to service their Chilco Pump Station in Stanley Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Queen Elizabeth Park - Long Range Vision

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 11, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the consultant's report Long Range Vision for Queen Elizabeth Park and to adopt its recommendations in principle; and that the Board consider including funding for the implementation of Phase 2 recommendations as detailed in the report in the 2000-2002 Capital Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. **THAT the Board receive attached consultant report *Long Range Vision for Queen Elizabeth Park*, adopt its recommendations in principle.**
- B. **THAT the Board consider including funding for the implementation of Phase 2 recommendations as detailed in this report in the proposed 2000-2002 Capital Plan.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Bayshore Parkade Lease Proceeds Distribution

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 18, 1999 recommending that the Board concur with the recommendation of the attached report to Council.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board concur with the following recommendations of the Administrative Report dated May 18, 1999 to Council :

- A. **THAT Council designate the remaining \$650,000 of the lease prepayment funds received by the City from Caesar Park Hotels and Resorts Company Ltd. under the Bayshore Parkade Construction Modification Agreement for parks use by the Park Board.**
- B. **THAT Council approve the development of the demonstration salmon stream in Stanley Park as a capital project to be funded by the lease payment.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Litter Amendment to Parks Control By-Law

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 29, 1999 recommending that the Board amend Sections 1, 3 and 14 of the Parks Control By-law as outlined in the report in order to control the placing of domestic garbage in Park Board litter containers.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT amendments to Sections 1, 3 and 14 of the Parks Control By-law be given first reading.

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT amendments to Sections 1, 3 and 14 of the Parks Control By-law be given second and third reading.

- Carried Unanimously.

New Business

Commissioner Wilson enquired whether we had any interest to use the old Trader Vic building. Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District advised the Board that we were approached with a suggestion to put the building at Sunset Beach, while staff suggested that it could be used as a concession building at Jericho. This suggestion was not accepted. The demolition of the Trader Vic building is happening to rebuild the hotel, not to provide a park as indicated recently in the press.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair