

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999**

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| 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 |
| | Manager of Public Affairs | - Terri Clark |
| | Recorder | - Julie Casanova |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yong referred to page 2 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 19, 1999 and stated that the spelling of the last name of the President of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society should be “*Dewar*”.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 19, 1999 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that renovations were done to improve the public’s access to information in the Boardroom.

STAFF REPORT

Upgrade of Alexander Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 1999 recommending that the Park Board develop working drawings and provide labour and funding up to \$40,000 to improve Alexander Park in cooperation with the Port Authority and City Engineering.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Park Board develop working drawings and provide labour and funding up to \$25,000 to improve Alexander Park in cooperation with the Port Authority and City Engineering and;

THAT the General Manager work with the Deputy City Manager to allocate the shortfall of \$15,000.

Sue Bennett, Chair of Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee appeared before the Board and stated that she was pleased with the plans to upgrade Alexander Park, however the design for the corner in the park needs reconsideration. If trees or bushes are placed in that area negative activities may continue. There is also a plan to use the park for positive activities such as Tai Chi and other group sports so that the park is occupied most of the time. The community is willing to assist to keep the park clean.

Board members discussed the matter and staff was asked to work with the delegate, the City Engineering Department and the Port to ensure the park is well maintained.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

**THAT the Park Board develop working drawings and provide labour and funding up to \$25,000 to improve Alexander Park in cooperation with the Port Authority and City Engineering and;
THAT the General Manager work with the Deputy City Manager to allocate the shortfall of \$15,000.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Spanish Banks Creek - Culvert Access Improvements

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 1999 recommending that the Board approve daylighting of a section of Spanish Banks Creek north of N. W. Marine Drive by the Vancouver Salmon and Stream Society with details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve daylighting of a section of Spanish Banks Creek north of N. W. Marine Drive by the Vancouver Salmon and Stream Society at no cost to the Board with details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Dick Scarth, North West Point Grey Homeowners' Association and Norman Walker appeared before the Board to offer their support for the project. The delegation advised the Board that the community would assist the project financially and also in keeping watch over it.

The stream has good potential as a field visit site for schools and also a good point of interest for walkers and joggers.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Wilson thanked the community for developing this project. He would like the Public Affairs Manager to send out a news release to promote this project.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve daylighting of a section of Spanish Banks Creek north of N. W. Marine Drive by the Vancouver Salmon and Stream Society at no cost to the Board with details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Fireworks Society

Ray Greenwood, Vancouver Fireworks Society wanted to personally thank staff and the Board for a successful fireworks display at English Bay. Mr. Greenwood stated that this was the tenth year for the fireworks display and largest free event in Western Canada. For the last two years they did a drive for the food bank during the fireworks which has been very successful. Mr. Greenwood presented a plaque to the Board in appreciation.

Errol Povah member of Airspace Action on Smoking and Health appeared before the Board and stated that even with the legal status of tobacco sponsorship they should reconsider allowing the Benson and Hedges Fireworks in the City. Mr. Povah indicated that cigarette smoking was a health hazard and the Board should not allow events with tobacco company sponsorships to take place on parkland.

Commissioner Warren commented that he understand that the major costs are covered by the Fireworks Society, however, he would like to see all costs which would include the replacement of turf or repairs to any of Park Board property are covered by the Vancouver Fireworks Society. Commissioner Warren raised concerns regarding environmental impact, damage and safety issues in the West End resulting from this event. Commissioner Wilson requested that staff meet with the organizers of the fireworks and other city staff to discuss issues brought forward by Commissioner Warren. He further commented that this could be a discussion for the new Board.

Renovations and Additions to Moberly Community Hall - T99-8

Commissioner Chesman left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 30, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the tender of Brynett Construction Services Ltd. to complete renovations and additions at Moberly Park Community Hall subject to confirmation of the receipt of a BC 2000 grant in the amount of \$138,450.

Tom Holmes appeared before the Board and stated that he was excited about this project and hope the Board would give its approval. Mr. Holmes thanked the Board for their support and partnership in this project.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked the Sunset Community Association for their contribution.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve the tender of Brynett Construction Services Ltd. to complete renovations and additions at Moberly Park Community Hall for \$275,612, subject to confirmation of the receipt of a BC 2000 grant in the amount of \$138,450 by September 11, 1999.**
- 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.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the room at this time.

Arbor Month

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 1999 recommending that the Board accept as information the report on Arbor Month 99.

Board members stated that they were glad to see that this event has now been extended to a whole event. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked Canada Trust and B.C. Hydro for their involvement in the tree program. The Public Affairs Manager advised the Board that since the commencement of the Street Tree Management Program, vandalism on street trees has been greatly reduced.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board accept the Arbor Month 99 report as information.

- Carried Unanimously.

1999 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated September 13, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board receive the 1999 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Human Resources Report - New Regular Positions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of three regular full-time and two regular part time positions as described in Appendix I which will be funded by internal account transfers at no additional cost to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson

THAT the Board approve the establishment of three (3) regular full-time and two (2) regular part-time positions as described in Appendix I, which will be funded by internal account transfers at no additional cost to the Board. The classification of the positions are subject to review by the General Manager of Human Resources.

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Board Signing Authority

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 9, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the signing authority for the staff listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the signing authority for the Park Board be designated as follows:

| NAME | POSITION |
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| Susan Mundick | General Manager |
| Anita Ho | Director of Corporate Services |
| Jim Lowden | Director of Stanley District |
| Piet Rutgers | Director of Planning and Operations |
| Liane McKenna | Director of Queen Elizabeth District |
| Allan Argent | Director of Vancouver East District |

- Carried Unanimously.