

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 01, 2000**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Clarence Hansen
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	A/Director of Vancouver East District	- Ron Caswell
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Ledingham was away on vacation and Commissioner Richardson will be joining the meeting later on in the evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The revised minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 03, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 17, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Hastings Community Park Water Spray Area - Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 18, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the award of the construction contract for the spray park development at Hastings Community Centre Park to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that the plan for the water spray park looks good but not attractive enough to the public. Mr. Day suggested that the Board should have these projects built in-house.

Marion Olivieri and Bruce Cullen gave a brief history of the project and the need to divide it into two phases due to insufficient funding to complete the whole project. Ms. Olivieri urged the Board to consider Phase 2, the playground component, in its next capital plan.

Moved,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of construction contract T2000-3 to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. for \$222,450 for the spray park development at Hastings Community Centre Park.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contracts. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**
- C. THAT separate from the adoption of the above, staff give consideration to include Phase 2 (Adventure Playground) in the next capital plan.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Year 2000 Operating Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 26, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the 2000 Basic and Added Basic Budget.

Korky Day appeared before the Board with regard to the Year 2000 Operating Budget and commented on the capital budget.

Anita Romaniuk stated that there was not sufficient public process for the Year 2000 Operating Budget and the community should be given an opportunity to provide input.

Moved,

THAT the Board approve the 2000 Basic Budget of \$39,384,100 as per Appendix I and the Added Basic Budget of \$1,353,400 as per Appendix II of the staff report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Providing a year-round, free Stanley Park Shuttle Service

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated May 15, 2000.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he would approve public transit over any other mode of transport. He asked the Board to re-introduce car-free Sundays in Stanley Park.

Moved,

THAT the staff report with regard to providing a year-round, free Stanley Park Shuttle Service be received for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

This report will be discussed at the Board's first workshop in September, 2000.

Park Ranger Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 14, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the initiation of a Park Ranger program for the Stanley District as outlined in the report. Board members asked staff member John Gray to describe the duties of a Park Ranger for their information.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he would like the Park Ranger program linked with the Civilian Review of Police Program so that any complaints may be directed to this new program for review.

Moved,

THAT the Board approve the initiation of a Park Ranger program for the Stanley District as outlined in the staff report.

Board members discussed the matter,

In favour of the motion:

- Park Ranger is present to provide information regarding the park
- maintain order
- provide assistance to park users

Opposed to the motion:

- enforced security in park
- providing private groups with security
- negative impact on transients
- negative impact on buskers

A vote was taken on the motion and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

NEW BUSINESS

Moved,

WHEREAS the Park Board workers, indoors and outdoors, clerical workers to gardeners, constitute the main force ensuring all the programs and facilities provided by Vancouver Park Board are at the service of the people;

WHEREAS May 1st, a day commemorating the 1886 Haymarket Demonstrations in Chicago for the eight hour working day, is the recognized Workers' Day in all countries except Canada and the United States;

AND WHEREAS this year the Canadian Labour Congress, B.C. Federation of Labour, Vancouver and District Labour Council, including their affiliate unions representing Vancouver Park Board workers, have recognized and joined in the celebration of May Day this year;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Park Board send its warmest May Day greetings to all workers at the Vancouver Park Board congratulating them for their work and service to the people of the Lower Mainland and visitors from around the world;

AND FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board propose in its next negotiations with unions representing the workers of the Park Board to make the day of May 1st an annually paid statutory holiday.

This motion is put forward for the May 29 meeting of the Board.

ENQUIRIES

Coyotes

There was an enquiry regarding the public concern with coyote sightings in parks and on beaches. The General Manager advised the Board that meetings have been held to discuss this issue and to provide a coordinated approach to educating the public. Further information on wildlife groups that could assist should be forwarded to the General Manager.

Hastings Park

Information has been received that the PNE is planning to use a strip of about 12 to 13 feet of green space around the Sanctuary at Hastings Park. Staff was asked to investigate.

Dunbar Community Centre - AGM Invitations

The invitation to the Dunbar Community Centre Association AGM was received late, staff to send a letter offering the Board's apologies for not attending the meeting.

Procedure By-law

An enquiry regarding the procedure by-law for delegations was answered by referring to Section 13 of the Park Board Procedure By-law. The General Manager advised that the Park Board Procedure By-law will be reviewed in the future along with the City Council Procedure By-law.

Commissioner's Letter

The Chair was asked to have Commissioner Ledingham offer an apology to Commissioner Cassells for the letter to the Editor in the Vancouver Courier. The Chair advised Commissioner Cassells to communicate directly with Commissioner Ledingham on this matter when she returns.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair