# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000

PRESENT: Chair Vice-Chair Commissioners

- Duncan Wilson

- Laura McDiarmid

- Roslyn Cassells\*

- Allan De Genova

- Clarence Hansen

- Dianne Ledingham

- Christopher Richardson

- Susan Mundick

- Jim Lowden

- Terri Clark

- Brenda Greenwood

\*Commissioner Cassells arrived at 7:54 p.m.

Recorder

**General Manager** 

**Director of Stanley District** 

**Manager of Public Affairs** 

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 10, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **City Council Report**

Commissioner Wilson stated that the Park Board will be participating in the Pride Parade on August 6, 2000. Commissioners, Council Members and Park Board staff are encouraged to join the Park Board entry at the Parade.

Commissioner Wilson commended all staff who worked on the successful opening of the Coal Harbour Community Centre. Board members were shown some of the photographs of the opening, courtesy of Councillor Price. The General Manager advised the Board that Council has approved the recommendations in the Animal Control Report of July 22, 2000 requesting two full-time Control Officers for the City Pound and an expenditure of \$250,000 from the Bosa CityGate Development Park Payment In-Lieu Fund for the upgrade of Thornton Park.

The General Manager advised the Board that Council has approved the re-zoning of Jericho lands.

## Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment Updating Report

This matter was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 10, 2000.

Commissioner Wilson left the meeting at 7:08 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest as he is employed by ICBC, one of the parties involved in the Causeway Project.

Commissioner McDiarmid chaired the meeting from this point.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment Updating Report:

- Hal Kalman, Chair, Heritage Commission
- Clive Justice, Friends of Stanley Park

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing speakers:

- Heritage Commission looking for an independent assessment of Option 3
- requested technical assessment of Option 3 from City Engineering and were refused
- Heritage Commission has proposed an option in good faith, viable alternatives
- Commissioners can continue to back replacement option or take the initiative to ask BCTFA to assess the option and see if raising the bridge is feasible
- Heritage Commission will no longer be involved with pressuring parties
- wish to remind the Board that the true heritage of Stanley Park are the trees
- not qualified to pass as a heritage structure
- no visible integrity with Park or Causeway
- Scenario B would avoid creating another clear-cut to an already badly mangled forest with a recent view corridor

Board members discussed the matter and reiterated their support to preserving heritage sites, however, the Prospect Point Overpass is not on the heritage inventory list.

Moved,

# THAT the Board reaffirm its support for the reconstruction of the Prospect Point Overpass as approved on January 31, 2000.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson returned to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Pooh Corner Daycare**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 2000 recommending that the Board concur with the recommendations of the attached Council report concerning the rehabilitation and operation of the 975 Lagoon Drive site in Stanley Park.

Dr. Gregory Finnigan, External Director, Pooh Corner Daycare appeared before the Board and stated that the daycare creates a group of "community parents", they have a good group of volunteers and organizes fundraising efforts. The renovations will create a safer environment for nurturing the needs and hopes for our children.

Moved,

THAT the Board concur with the recommendations of the attached Council report concerning the rehabilitation and operation of the 975 Lagoon Drive site in Stanley Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

#### LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

The following notice of motion was put forward at the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 10, 2000:

THAT the New Brighton Pool be kept open for a minimum of two weeks in September in order to address the lack of aquatic facilities in this area of East Vancouver and to make up for the late opening this year.

The General Manager advised the Board that staff have discussed this matter with the Hastings Community Association and they have agreed to an appropriate extension of

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the operating hours at New Brighton Pool in their letter dated July 20, 2000 to the Acting Director of Vancouver East District.

Moved,

THAT the New Brighton Pool be kept open for a minimum of two weeks in September in order to address the lack of aquatic facilities in this area of East Vancouver and to make-up for the late opening this year.

-Carried

#### Unanimously.

Commissioner Cassells arrived at 7:54 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Susan Mundick General Manager Commissioner Duncan Wilson Chair