

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Clarence Hansen
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	A/Director of Vancouver East District	- Ron Caswell
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Planning & Research	- Mark Vulliamy
	Garden Director - VanDusen	- Jill Cherry
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 24, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

Vision and Strategic Direction Document for VanDusen Botanical Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 2000 recommending that the Board endorse the vision and strategic direction document entitled "A Clear Vision for a Bright Future" The VanDusen Botanical Garden, 2000 - 2005.

Staff presented the vision and strategic direction document which was a joint effort between the Vancouver Park Board and VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association. The five strategic directions identified were: Public Outreach, Plant Collections, Physical Plant Infrastructure & Maintenance, Governance & Leadership, and Funding & Fundraising. The "Clear Vision for a Bright Future" report will guide the VanDusen Botanical Garden to a healthy and successful future.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he supports the vision and strategic direction document for VanDusen Botanical Garden although they need to expand on the organic theme.

Board members expressed appreciation to those who worked on developing the strategic document.

Moved.,

THAT the Board endorse the vision and strategic direction document entitled “A Clear Vision for a Bright Future” The VanDusen Botanical Gardens, 2000 - 2005.

- Carried Unanimously.

Riley/Hillcrest Parks Master Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 16, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the Riley Hillcrest Parks Master Plan and the proposed location of the Millennium Sports Facility for the Phoenix Gymnastics Club and the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club.

Staff, along with the consultants for the Riley Hillcrest Master Plan, outlined the different scenarios which were presented to the community and stakeholders. Through the public consultation process, scenario 2 of the plan was preferred. The master plan is a comprehensive view for the future of this area and also accommodates the plan for the proposed millennium sports facility.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Riley/Hillcrest Parks Master Plan:

- Barbara Laird, President, Riley Park Community Centre
- Michael Sanderson, Millennium Sports Facility
- Korky Day

The following is a summary of comments provided by the delegations:

- support scenario 2;
- in favour of playfield moving across the street;
- look forward to process continuing;
- thanked the staff who worked to produce the master plan; and
- do not expand parking.

Moved,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the Riley Hillcrest Parks Master Plan, attached to this report, as the basis for long-term development of park and recreation facilities in the area; and**
- B. **THAT the Board specifically approve the proposed location of the Millennium Sports Facility for the Phoenix Gymnastics Club and the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club at the intersection of Midlothian Drive and Clancy Loranger Way, as described in "Master Plan Scenario 2".**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park - Park Drive Closure

Commissioner Wilson stated that he had previously conflicted-out on discussions related to the Lions Gate Bridge due to his employment with ICBC, however, he has now changed employers.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 29, 2000 recommending that the Board leave Park Drive open during any closures for the Lions Gate Bridge construction as a follow up to Council's motion dated July 25, 2000.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding Stanley Park - Park Drive Closure:

- Councillor Fred Bass
- Rob Wynen, Pedestrian Action Coalition
- Judy Slater, Ferguson Point Teahouse
- Korky Day
- Gerry O'Neil, AAA Horse and Carriage

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

- need to reduce the amount of carbon being released into the atmosphere;
- would challenge the people to use alternate transportation;
- cars hinder access into Stanley Park;
- an excellent opportunity to eliminate cars from Stanley Park in conjunction with the Lions Gate Bridge closure;
- closing park to cars will only benefit people living in close proximity to the park;
- will have an adverse effect on tourism;

- employees in park facilities may experience reduction in hours of work; and
- look into closing portion of the park to cars on certain days in the summer.

Moved,

THAT the Board leave Park Drive open during any closures for the Lions Gate Bridge construction.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Board members discussed the matter and agreed that a program be developed to implement temporary closures in some areas of Stanley Park.

An amendment was Moved,

THAT the Board work with community and park stakeholders to develop a viable program, for implementation within six months, for periodic closure of some park areas to automobiles.

- Carried Unanimously.

2000 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated August 28, 2000 .

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he did not understand the staff report. He suggested that other sources of energy be used to heat buildings and pools.

Moved,

THAT the staff report on 2000 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts be received for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Status Report - Water Quality Concern in Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 29, 2000 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he did not know the contamination was already cleaned up.

Moved,

THAT the Board receive the Status Report - Water Quality Concern in Stanley Park dated August 29, 2000 for information.

-Carried Unanimously.

Board members acknowledged the efforts of staff and all those who managed the recent potential water contamination issue in Stanley Park.

Moved,

THAT the Park Board acknowledge the efforts of staff in managing the potential water contamination crisis in Stanley Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Reminders and Other Business

The following reminders were noted:

- Sunday September 24 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - Green Streets Award Ceremony at the Coal Harbour Community Centre.
- September 30, 2000 Sunset Community Centre 50th Anniversary.
- Received thank you note from International Service Day Foundation for the Park Board's support of the Mt. Pleasant Playground Project.
- Kelowna was selected to host the 2002 Communities in Bloom Conference.

The following enquiries were made:

- Are there plans to create a direct cycle path through the High Tech park to Strathcona Park? Staff advised the Board that the plan includes a path between the High Tech Park and Strathcona Park.

- The police requested the Park Board to clean up garbage from Grandview and other East Side parks. Staff to investigate.
- The Community Policing Centre in Grandview Park seems to be constantly occupied by the police; some residents in the Grandview area are unhappy with this situation. Staff to investigate.
- Board members were asked to not encourage the delegations to criticize staff's professionalism with regard to the staff reports.
- Congratulate the Vancouver Lifeguards Team who won every major category in the lifeguard competition at the BC & Yukon Championships.

Notice of Motion

A member of the Board put forward a notice of motion for the meeting of the Board on Monday, October 16, 2000. The Chair read the notice of motion and stated that he would review it prior to the next meeting.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved,

THAT the Board move into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations;

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair