

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 11, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hastings Park - *Il Giardino Italiano* Opening

The General Manager advised the Board that the official opening of *Il Giardino Italiano* held on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at Hastings Park was well attended. Pictures taken at the opening were shown to the Board members.

Commissioner De Genova thanked staff, community and all those who participated in the success of this project.

STAFF REPORT

Park Naming Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 13, 2000 recommending that the Board name the park site at Alexander Street and the Main Street Overpass "Wendy Poole Park".

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Park Naming report:

- Don Larson. CRAB Water for Life Society
- Kelly White
- Korky Day
- Sue Bennett
- Alexander Wolfe

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

- chose the name of “Wendy Poole” because she was murdered a block away from the park;
- bring awareness to the unsolved cases of missing women in the Downtown Eastside;
- bring communities closer and create a healing process;
- strengthen community and develop partnership with First Nations;
- collect bio on Wendy Poole from her family for the Archive;
- choose a name that is inclusive of all cultures in the community;
- have a plaque to explain the principles on why the name “Wendy Poole” was chosen.

Board members thanked the delegations and staff for their leadership in coordinating the improvements to the park with the Port Authority. A member of the Board expressed concern that the naming of the park may not be within the guidelines and suggested that an expression in the First Nations language which would encompass the idea and principles behind the name of Wendy Poole be included as part of the name for the park. Following discussion on this matter, the Board agreed to ask staff to work with the community on the wording of the plaque.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board name the park site at Alexander Street and the Main Street Overpass “Wendy Poole Park”.

- Carried Unanimously.

Capital Funding Transfer

Staff report dated September 12, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C .

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that there were no maps attached with the staff report and questioned why contracts for the projects were not being approved at the same time.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT the Board authorize the design and installation of a new sewage lift station in Stanley Park at a cost not to exceed \$240,000.**
- B. THAT the Board authorize the transfer, within the 2000 Capital Budget, of:**
 - \$90,000 from Order 30002872 - Stanley Park Electrical, and
 - \$150,000 from Order 30002843 - Washroom Upgrades to a new Project called Stanley Park Sewage Lift Station.
- C. THAT the Board submit recommendations A and B to Council for approval.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Arbutus Greenway/Phase II - Contract Award

Staff report dated September 15, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the tender to implement construction of Phase 2 of the Arbutus Greenway.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that since the contractor being recommended is not a union shop, he doubted their credibility and quality of their work.

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board expressed concerns with regard to workers' health, safety and wages. There was also concern with regard to the quality of the materials used for the project. Staff advised the Board that the contractors were registered with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of Tender T-2000-24, to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. for the price of \$575,000 to implement construction of Phase 2 of the Arbutus Greenway**
- 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.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Leaflets on Coyote Information

- A request to widely distribute the coyote information leaflet was discussed, staff to include at the next Board workshop.

Car Free Sundays in Stanley Park

- The Director of Stanley District is aware of the time-line and will work towards providing a report to the Board within that period.

Bio-filtration Project - Tree Removal

- There was a question on why trees were removed for the installation of the bio-filtration plant. Staff will investigate.

Robson Park

- A permit to hold a fund raiser was revoked by the Vancouver Police Department based on opposition from the Robson Park Ad-hoc Committee. Staff will investigate.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was put forward by Commissioner Cassells :

Whereas our mandate at park board is to provide leisure services to the residents of Vancouver,

Whereas it is fundamental to the health of our communities to have access to recreation in all its forms,

Whereas the fitness level of children has decreased significantly, hand in hand with economic declines for many Canadians, in the past decade,

Whereas the levels of juvenile diabetes, obesity, and hardening of the arteries is on the increase in our youth,

Whereas many youth, seniors, disabled individuals, and certain ethnic groups do not currently have their recreation needs met for economic or social reasons,

Be It Resolved That the Vancouver Park Board strike a committee, or start a working group, with representatives from the community centres, amateur sports associations, seniors and youth associations, representatives from Vancouver's various cultural communities, representatives from disability advocacy groups, representatives from anti-poverty groups, a commissioner liaison, a councillor liaison, and other concerned individuals from the health/recreation fields or those with an interest in the issue,

And That this group meet regularly, on a monthly basis, to provide park board and city council, and any other relevant levels of government with advice, input, suggestions, and direction in our ongoing strategic recreation planning and on any issues relevant to our mandate.

And That this group explore funding opportunities to implement projects, including the option that park board include funding for these necessary programs under "Basic Services" which is what recreation services indeed are; and develop a city-wide participation action motivation outreach program which reaches all residents, especially those who are most in need, and are presently not accessing, not aware of, or not able to afford our programs.

The Chair asked that this motion be put on the next Board workshop agenda.

The following notice of motion was put forward by Commissioner Cassells:

Be It Resolved That we send our heartiest congratulations to all those individuals, who, in pursuit of their goals and dreams, through perseverance in adversity, have gained a place on the Canadian Olympic Team, had the honour of representing Canada in Australia. And further, that we invite them to be our guests at a future park board meeting or function, and be honoured by the board for their activities.

The Chair asked staff to bring an accompanying report to this motion back to the next meeting of the Board.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair