

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2001**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Laura McDiarmid</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Clarence Hansen</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Roslyn Cassells</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Duncan Wilson</b>
		<b>- Dianne Ledingham</b>
		<b>- Christopher Richardson</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Manager of Public Affairs</b>	<b>- Terri Clark</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 04, 2000 adopted as circulated.

**2001 Fees and Charges**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the change to the Fees and Charges policies detailed in the report and the Fees and Charges for Year 2001 be adjusted to reflect the policy changes and inflationary increase of 3%.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the 2001 Fees and Charges:

- Colin Stark
- Munna Prasad
- Korky Day
- Anita Romaniuk

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

- do not increase seniors rate based on rates in other municipalities;
- definition of family should be based on the multicultural aspect of society;
- fee increase of 3% is too high, people would not be able to afford to use the facilities, and kids will end up on the streets;
- defer fee increase to the next budget year;
- the fee increase at the Pitch and Putt is above the inflation rate.

Board members discussed the matter and agreed that the income guidelines for leisure access card need to be reviewed. This matter was referred to the next Board Workshop.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

**THAT the recommendation to increase the senior rate from 50% to 75% of the adult rate be deferred to the January 29 meeting of the Board.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

**THAT the Board approve the change to the Fees and Charges policy with regard to the definition of the Family classification.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

**THAT the Fees and Charges for Year 2001 be adjusted to reflect the above policy change and inflationary increase of 3%.**

**-Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Stanley Park Shuttle - 2001 and 2002 Service**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the provision of the Stanley Park Shuttle as a free service for 2001 and 2002 and that the annual cost of the Shuttle operations be funded from the additional pay parking revenues generated by the previously approved seasonal increase in parking rates in Stanley Park.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Stanley Park Shuttle - 2001 and 2002 Service:

- Anita Romaniuk
- Revel Kunz
- Korky Day
- Gerry O'Neill, AAA Horse and Carriage

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

- appreciate the free shuttle service, although could be extended for a longer period;
- shuttle is an alternate transportation in Stanley Park, however, the Board should charge a fee instead of offering a free service.

Board members discussed the matter and there was a suggestion to ask TransLink to provide a round-the-park service. Board members also discussed the possibility of finding a sponsor for the shuttle at the end of the two years of the current contract.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Stanley Park shuttle be provided as a free service for 2001 and 2002, the remaining two years of the current agreement with Vancouver Trolley Company, with all details to be approved by the General Manager.**
- B. THAT the net annual cost of the Shuttle operations, of \$187,000, be funded from the additional pay parking revenues generated by the previously approved seasonal increase in parking rates in Stanley Park.**

An amendment to the motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board request TransLink to re-instate the #52 Around-the-Park service in two years time.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and the majority of the members were not in support. From previous experience of public transit in the park the service provided by TransLink was inefficient and infrequent. It was however, agreed that in two years, the Board would need to look at an alternative method of funding for the shuttle.

The amendment motion was put and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners DeGenova, Ledingham, McDiarmid and Wilson contrary)

Board members requested a staff report on the advisability of accepting voluntary contributions from the shuttle users and directing this fund to the ecological aspect of the park.

**The main motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **2001 Special Events**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 3, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the 2001 Calendar of Major Events as described in appendix B with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and suggested that the alcohol and tobacco company sponsored events should not be allowed.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the 2001 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B of the staff report dated January 3, 2001, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

The following amendment motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT approval for the following events or aspects of these events be deferred:

- A. The English Bay Polar Bear Swim - this event could result in the death of citizens.
- B. The Children's Festival - until such time as the community is consulted and the issue of corporate exploitation of children is dealt with.
- C. The Sanctuary Foundation - until such time as they identify their purpose and the Board is satisfied with it.
- D. The Jose Cuervo Volleyball Tournament - until such time as a responsible sponsor which does not promote addiction can be found.
- E. The Vancouver Folk Music Festival - until an alternate location which do not negatively impact on wildlife and easily accessible by public transit is found.
- F. The Symphony of Fire - due to the negative effect on wildlife and the community.
- G. The Caribbean Festival - until a site which does not negatively impact on the ecology and also accessible by public transit is found.
- H. The Molson Indy - negative impact on the environment in the form of noise and air pollution; and disruption to local transportation and lifestyle.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

**The main motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Operating Budget Update: 2000 Financial Statements and 2001 Budget Request**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 3, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that natural gas should be distinguished from gasoline.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

**THAT the Operating budget : 2000 Financial Statements and 2001 Budget Request report dated January 3, 2001 be received for information**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Wilson was absent at time of voting)

**Photo ID Project Update**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 3, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Commissioner De Genova left at this point of the meeting

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he was concerned that a contract may be awarded to a private company without coming back to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham

**THAT the report on the Photo ID Project Update dated January 3, 2001 be received for information.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The following amendment was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the General Manager seek legal opinion on whether this project will violate the human rights and Canadian Charter of Rights.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioner De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

## ENQUIRIES

**Vancouver Aquarium** - Question on what the Aquarium plans are for the replacement of Bjossa with regard to their display were referred to the Aquarium staff who will be meeting with the Board on January 29.

**Workshop - February 19** - A request for other groups to join the workshop was presented. The Chair to consult with Commissioner Wilson to resolve this matter.

**Former Polar Bear Pit in Stanley Park** - The use of the former Polar Bear Pit was considered in order to reduce the amount of concrete in the park.

**Totem Poles** - Request regarding our involvement with native carvers. Staff advised that we are working with the Musqueam, Burrard and Squamish First Nations to provide demonstration of native art at the Information Centre.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura McDiarmid  
Chair