

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 26, 2001 were adopted as amended.

City Council Report.

Staff advised the Board that Council approved the projects for the BC Infrastructure Program and application for this grant has been sent. Staff also advised that Council will be receiving the interim 2001 Operating Budget report on Tuesday.

DELEGATIONS

2010 Whistler Olympic Bid Committee

Marion Lay, Chair, 2010 Whistler Olympic Bid Committee presented their plan to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. Ms Lay reviewed the bid process, objectives and venue requirements to host the Winter Olympics. The games will generate revenue, jobs, new facilities and infrastructure for transportation and communications, a sports legacy and a new Nordic sports recreation area. It will also be an opportunity to showcase the multiculturalism diversity of British Columbia. They are two thirds towards their fundraising target of \$21 million. Besides the corporate sector, the Federal and Provincial governments will also be funding the games through various grants and programs.

Board members thanked Ms. Lay for her presentation and offered to assist the Bid Committee either personally or through staff.

Flag Poles at Park Board Facilities

Rand Irwin, Eddie Mascarenhas and Eleanor Hadley advised the Board that it was important to fly the Canadian Flags at all Park Board facilities and other high profile areas. The Board should also provide flags as one of the opportunities for the public to make a donation to the Park Board.

Ice Rink Policy Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 6, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Keith Jacobsen, Board member, Killarney Community Centre Society, stated that the report was poorly written. It does not address Killarney's needs. He would like the Board to consult the Associations before implementing any of the recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the attached Ice Rink Policy Review consultant study be received for use as a reference document for rink policy development, long range capital planning and management structure review.**
- B. THAT changes to the Park Board Rink Programming and Ice Allocation Policies be developed in consultation with stakeholders, with a report back to the Board for approval.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Jericho Beach Park - West Point Grey Academy Lease Proposal

Commissioner De Genova left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 26, 2001 recommending that the Board do not pursue the proposal by West Point Grey Academy to locate a private school and other facilities in Jericho Beach and Locarno Beach Parks.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the proposal by West Point Grey Academy to locate a private school and other facilities in Jericho Beach and Locarno Beach not be pursued.

The following delegations requested to address the Board with regard to the Jericho Beach Park - West Point Grey Academy Lease Proposal.

- John Hopkins, Canadian Hostelling Association
- Greg Clark, West Point Grey Independent School Society
- Robert Standerwick, Legal Counsel to West Point Grey Academy
- Clive Austin, Headmaster, West Point Grey Academy
- June Binkert, Save Our Parkland Association
- Richard Strachan
- John Fiket
- Tim Amos
- Kent Wormington
- Charles Legein
- Amanda Warren
- Dr. Patricia Marchak
- Dr. Tyres
- John McCormack
- Anita Romaniuk, Chair COPE Park Environment Committee
- Trevor Percy
- Richard Scarth

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

- in favour of staff recommendation, hostel has been there for a long time;
- hostel is used by schools for students to learn about travel and hostelling;
- West Point Grey Academy will build the facilities at no cost to the Board;
- this is a unique opportunity to provide leisure services;
- defer decision until a community needs assessment is done;
- Park Board should keep to its mandate of protecting parkland;
- do not give away precious waterfront property;
- if use of the park changes, there is a possibility that the land may be taken back by the Federal Government as ownership of the land was given to the City "for so long as the said lands and every part thereof are used for public park and recreational purposes";

- the City cannot afford to lose parkland, private enterprises should look for private lands;
- hostelling promotes cultural awareness, do not shut down the hostel;
- a private school is commercial; cannot use park for commercial purposes;
- there will be increased traffic in the area.

Commissioner Ledingham put forward an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the following be added to the end of the recommendation:
“at this time”.

Board members discussed the amendment and the majority of the Board members agreed that this proposal was not the right situation for a partnership. And a needs assessment for West Point Grey should be done to determine recreation needs of this community.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Cassells, Hansen, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put and it was CARRIED.
(Commissioners Ledingham and McDiarmid contrary)

Quadra Park - Sewer Line Right-of-Way

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 28, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way for the existing sewer line through a section of Quadra Park.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson

THAT the Park Board approve the registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way for the existing sewer line through a section of Quadra Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Last Meeting's Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was put forward by Commissioner Ledingham at the meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 26, 2001:

THAT the Board appoint a committee to review the Procedure By-Law and this committee to consist of up to four members with Commissioner Dianne Ledingham as Chair .

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

IN-CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Wilson

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(h) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

- The General Manager and Director of Planning and Operations along with Commissioner Hansen made a presentation on the functions of the Park Board to the Planning Commission .

- Request for staff to send a letter to the Aids Memorial Committee to request information on the status of their project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair