

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 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>- Christopher Richardson</b>
		<b>- Dianne Ledingham</b>
		<b>- Duncan Wilson</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>- Pieter Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Lori Mackay</b>
	<b>Manager of Operations - Vancouver East</b>	<b>- Ron Caswell</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, May 14, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

**Golf Course Financial Sustainability Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 18, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff gave a presentation on the Financial Sustainability Plan for the Park Board's three golf courses. An extensive public consultation process, which included a customer profiling survey, meetings with Golf Clubs, open houses and focus groups was conducted. This is a planned approach to manage the golf course facilities to meet our financial obligation to repay the golf course redevelopment loan by 2010, ensure the course and buildings are well maintained and allow ongoing course improvements, therefore, enhancing the quality of play.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Golf Course Financial Sustainability Plan:

- Ralph Sundby
- Stan Lawson
- Ray Little
- David Atherton
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Orest Keryluke
- Dana Michael

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

- play golf for health and social benefit;
- do not run golf course like a business;
- do not hike green fees to subsidize other recreational facilities;
- report is not complete, there are no revenue and expenditure projections;
- municipal course should not be competitive with a private course;
- seniors are on fixed income cannot afford to pay higher fees;
- with lower fee there will be more people golfing;
- support the capital reserve fund;
- not getting value for money, no comparison for maintenance;
- expect to get value for money;
- increase in fees will deter youth from joining golf;
- women seniors would not be able to afford to play;
- increase sales in food services and pro shop to generate revenue;
- improvement in the reservation system will allow more people to play and this will increase revenue;
- have a non- resident rate for golfers from outside Vancouver;
- food at the clubhouses should be improved to bring in more clientele.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the delegations for providing their input. Board members commended staff on the extensive public consultation process and a well presented report. A member of the Board requested that the recommendations A to C and D be voted on separately.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the attached fee schedule for Golf Courses in 2001, for implementation on June 4, 2001 and future increases to 2009 as outlined in the attached report.**

- B. **THAT the Board approve the attached repayment schedule for the Golf Course Redevelopment Loan.**
- C. **THAT the Board approve additional maintenance expenditures of \$148,500 in 2001 and recommend that the preparation of the 2002 annual operating budget of Golf Operations include an increase to the maintenance budget of \$297,000, both to be funded by increased revenues.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

- D. **THAT the Board approve the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for future Golf Course improvements and major repairs, with an annual contribution of \$271,000 to be funded by increased revenues**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Administrative Report - Staff Changes**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of twelve regular full-time positions and one regular part-time position and the elimination of two regular full time positions and two regular part-time positions.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the establishment of twelve regular full-time positions and one regular part-time position and the elimination of two regular full time positions and two regular part-time positions.**

Darwin Herman and Brenda Coombs, CUPE 15 asked the Board to defer the report until further discussions with CUPE 15 representatives are held with regard to the various positions which are within the collective agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Administrative Report - Staff Changes be postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board on Monday, June 11, 2001.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Park and Recreational Needs Assessment for West Point Grey Neighbourhood**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 17, 2001 recommending that the staff prepare a parks and recreational needs assessment for the West Point Grey neighbourhood based on the process outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

**THAT staff prepare a parks and recreational needs assessment for the West Point Grey neighbourhood based on the process outlined in this report.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business**

A staff report for a team of wildlife educators for the summer was requested.

The opening of the skateboard bowl at Hastings Park was well attended, and member of the Board thanked staff for a job well done.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura McDiarmid  
Chair