

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2001**

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| PRESENT: | Chair | - Laura McDiarmid |
| | Vice-Chair | - Clarence Hansen |
| | Commissioners | - Roslyn Cassells |
| | | - Allan De Genova |
| | | - Christopher Richardson |
| | | - Dianne Ledingham |
| | | - Duncan Wilson |
| | General Manager | - Susan Mundick |
| | Director of Queen Elizabeth District | - Liane McKenna |
| | Director of Corporate Services | - Anita Ho |
| | Director of Vancouver East District | - Lori MacKay |
| | Director of Planning and Operations | - Piet Rutgers |
| | Director, VanDusen Garden | - Jill Cherry |
| | Supervisor, Queen Elizabeth Park | - Mike Mackintosh |
| | Information Assistant | - Carol DeFina |
| | Manager of Public Affairs | - Terri Clark |
| | Recorder | - Darlene Cripps |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 30, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. City Council Report

City Council at it's regular meeting Tuesday, October 2, 2001 will be considering the report on coyotes. City Council approved the property acquisition for a combined Mount Pleasant Community Centre and Library.

2. The Chair read a statement concerning the events of September 11, 2001:

"The attack on the World Trade Centre in New York on September 11, 2001 left us all greatly saddened. Our sincere sympathies go out to all those here and around the world who have lost friends and relatives.

The Board of Parks and Recreation has always worked with and supported the inclusion of the diverse communities of Vancouver. This diversity of culture and faith is a strength which the Board highly values. As tensions around the world remain high, the Board reaffirms its commitment

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to tolerance and peace, and, with its community centres and parks services, will work to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all who live and work in our communities.” One minute of silence was observed.

The Chair advised the Board of a proposal called the Central Valley Greenway project. She explained the purpose of this project and the benefits to the community. She requested that the Board members do everything they can to encourage this proposal to be funded by VanCity.

STAFF REPORTS

Coexisting with Coyotes in the Urban Environment

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 13, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A & C contained in the report.

Staff advised that the “Coexistence with Coyotes” strategy outlined in this report has been developed by the principal agencies working in the wildlife field in Vancouver. The strategy recognizes both the short term need to deal with problem wildlife and the longer term program of assisting residents of the City to understand the issues and find solutions to co-existence with the coyote. The continuation of these services is being recommended on a cost shared basis with City Council and includes representation from the agencies represented here tonight: Stanley Park Ecology Centre, and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Diane King appeared before the Board and outlined her support for the report and concerns regarding the threat that urban coyotes pose to family pets, children and their families.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board approve recommendations A & C of the Coexisting with Coyotes in the Urban Environment Report:

Recommendation A

That Council and the Park Board endorse a collaborative strategy in dealing with coyotes in the urban environment “Coexisting with Coyotes,” which includes public education and awareness programs, monitoring of coyote activities and responding to incidents involving aggressive animals. Discourage wildlife feeding, including coyotes, through public information and the increased enforcement of existing City and Park

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Board Bylaws.

Recommendation C

That the Park Board approve \$17,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for the increased production and distribution of brochures and education materials by the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

- Carried Unanimously

Communication Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 14, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the implementation plan of the communication initiatives which includes communication goals and strategies over the next 3 to 5 years and re-organization of the Communication unit to include the establishment of one Manager of Communications, two Communications Coordinators and one Graphic/Web Designer position.

Staff advised that upon completion of the consultation process with staff, a Communication Plan has been developed to promote the Park Board's myriad of services and programs to all its audiences.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board approve the implementation plan of the communication initiatives which includes communication goals and strategies over the next 3 to 5 years and re-organization of the Communication Unit to include the establishment of one Manager of Communication, two Communication Coordinators and one Graphic/Web Designer positions.

- Carried Unanimously

VanDusen Botanical Gardens - Flower & Garden Show

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 20, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information. Staff advised that VanDusen's partners, the Vancouver Park Board and the VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association, have undertaken a strategic planning exercise resulting in a five year plan. The plan recommends moving to a professional event coordinator with continued volunteer support.

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Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously

Downtown South Park Phase 1 - Appointment of Consultants

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 1, 2001 recommending that the Board appoint Stevenson & Associates Landscape Architects to design and supervise construction of Phase 1 of the development of Downtown South Park for the fee of \$52,800 and disbursements of \$5,000.

A member of the Board requested that the design be presented to the Board when it is ready.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board appoint Stevenson + Associates Landscape Architects to design and supervise construction of Phase 1 of the development of Downtown South Park for the fee of \$52,800 and disbursements of \$5000.

- Carried Unanimously

ENQUIRIES, OTHER MATTERS AND NEW BUSINESS

There were no enquiries, other matters or new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair