

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Planning & Research	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	-Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 25, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised of three awards that were received.

1. The B. C. Society of Landscape Architects presented the "il giardino committee" with a community service award for the Italian Gardens at Hastings Park.
2. The Consulting Engineers of B.C, presented the Energy Award of Excellence to the Engineering firm of Kerr Wood Leidel for the storm water management facility in Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park.
3. The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects presented the Regional Honour Award to the landscape architect firm of Philips Wuori and Long Inc. for the development and integration of the marsh wetlands component of the Lost Lagoon Storm Water Management Facility in Stanley Park.

The Chair acknowledge the memorial held for the late Harry Rankin and stated that Mr. Rankin was a strong supporter of parks and recreation in the City of Vancouver.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving a report with regard to the 2010 Olympic Bid. Staff will bring a report to the Board in April regarding the curling facility at Hillcrest referred to in the report to Council. Council also approved a motion to allow use of leaf blowers within 50 meters of residential premises, and effective January 1, 2003 the equipment must meet a noise level below 65 decibels. Staff will be participating in the strategic plan proposal put forward by the B C Landscape Association to monitor the implementation of the new requirements.

STAFF REPORTS

Aquatic Services Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the objectives for aquatic renewal described in Aquatic Services Review report, consisting of the following elements:**
 - **One large-scale, destination ‘city-wide’ pool oriented towards family recreation and leisure;**
 - **Two ‘community pools’ providing specialized features such as therapy, longer length or outdoor swimming; and**
 - **Four ‘neighbourhood pools’ — modernized versions of the local indoor pools currently in the Park Board inventory, and focusing on swim lessons, fitness and training.**

- B. THAT this model of aquatic services be the framework for capital decision making related to Capital Plan and other major funding opportunities, and with an evaluation of outcomes after the first phase of implementation.**

Staff presented the vision of a reconfigured aquatic system for the City. This vision, at an estimated implementation cost of \$50 - \$52 million involves the following:

- One large-scale, destination 'city-wide' pool oriented towards family recreation and leisure;
- Two 'community pools' providing specialized features such as therapy, longer length or outdoor swimming; and
- Four 'neighbourhood pools' - modernized versions of the local indoor pools currently in the Park Board inventory, and focusing on swim lessons, fitness and training.

Staff recommend that the Board approve the reconfiguration of aquatic services recommended in the Aquatic Services Review report.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Aquatic Services report:

- Tom Johnson, Dolphin Swim Club
- George Sze
- Gayle Uthoff, Killarney Gators Swim Club
- Eric Kalnins Underwater Hockey
- Phil Daum, Sunset Community Association
- Walter Schultz, Sunset Community Association
- Bruce Cullen, Hastings Community Association
- Lance Cansdale, Swim B. C.
- Hilda Perry, Vikings Water Polo Club
- Louise Card, Vancouver Vikings Summer Swim Club

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

- endorse recommendations in the concept of destination, neighbourhood and community pools;
- the report addresses concerns re access to facilities and programs available;
- no major facility capable to host competition;
- create a facility where national and international competition can be held;
- support recommendation for renewal of aquatic facilities;
- welcome recommendation for quality training facility;
- need facility for special groups such as physically challenged and seniors;
- provide a flat bottom pool for underwater hockey;
- concerned that outdoor pools are being eliminated;
- question in the survey was misleading;
- if pool is under-utilised, must look at reason why the pool is not being used;

- question closure of Sunset Pool, there is no pool affordable in the Sunset community;
- do not close Templeton Pool, will leave the north east section of city short of pools;
- consult with the Hastings Community Association Board regarding Templeton Pool
- there was no consultation with the Provincial Swim Organisation who rents the swim facilities;
- not enough pool time available and this causes scheduling conflict;
- disappointed that the citywide pool will be delayed.
- there is a desperate need for pools.

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and after discussions there was a request to amend the main motion.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT recommendation C and D be added to the main motion as follows:

- C. THAT consideration of closing any existing Park Board pools not be given prior to the new or upgraded facilities being in place and should a significant additional operating cost being incurred as a result of this, this will be brought to the attention of the Board.**
- D. THAT each project be subject to a community and stakeholder consultation process before it proceeds to the design stage.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion A and B was put and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Draft 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 2002 recommending that the draft 2003-2005 Capital Plan be approved as the basis for City Capital Plan review and community consultations and that the consultation process described in the report be approved.

Staff presented the parks and recreation capital projects which incorporated long range facility renewal objectives, input from partners, stakeholders and staff, and, condition assessments conducted by the Park Board Operations Branch. All projects have been compiled into a master list of submissions. The Board is asked to approve the draft Capital Projects totaling \$68,655,000. Upon Board approval a consultation process will be initiated with the following components :

- Copies of the draft plan will be circulated to partners and stakeholders, including any person or agency who submitted a project proposal for inclusion.
- The draft plan will be posted on the park Board website.
- a series of public meetings on the Capital Plan will be organized at the District level and held in the early Spring.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT the draft 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan (Appendix A) be approved as the basis for City Capital Plan review and community consultations, and
- B. THAT the consultation process described in the report be approved.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the draft 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan.

- Colin Metcalfe, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Suzanne Anton, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- John McBryde, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Doug Challoner, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- David Robinson, Vancouver Girls Soccer and Youth Soccer
- Walter Schultz, Sunset Community Association
- Andrew Whitaker, Point Grey Soccer Club
- John Kayes
- Ken Grant, Grandview Legion Youth Soccer
- Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Ultimate League
- Tom Caverly, B. C. Volleyball Association
- Barb Laird, President, Riley Park Community Association
- Paula Carr and Emanuela Sheena, Slocan Park
- Graham Laxton, Dunbar Soccer Association
- Isabel Minty

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

- commend Board for putting in artificial turf field but not at the cost of grass fields;
- not enough funds allocated for sports fields in the Capital Plan;
- amateur field sports should be considered as high priority.,
- need to spend money on playing fields to maintain them;
- sports field benefit city's youth;
- recognise the challenge with aging facilities;
- \$ 2 million from DCL for field is positive;
- Trillium project is important to bring up the inventory of fields;
- lost grass fields to various other uses;
- gravel field is not a good surface for youth to play on but grass fields are not available;
- would like to have artificial turf field for youth soccer;
- modify the plan for artificial turf field in Vancouver, Trillium and Andy Livingstone are not a suitable area for youth;
- pleased to see that Sunset Community Centre upgrade is in the plan;
- Sunset Community Visions plan is to provide for more space for the community;
- endorse the 2003 - 2005 capital plan;
- cannot agree with drop in funding for fields;
- cannot have kids play on gravel all the time, it is vital to increase funding for fields;
- players are not able to play up to their potential on gravel;
- important to involve youth in active sports;
- is there some other way we can put funds towards the sports fields, perhaps through corporate partnership;
- Ultimate sport need to be played on grass;
- concerned that the money allocated will not provide a field they need;
- there is no long term plan for sports fields, encourage a long term planning for fields be undertaken as soon as possible, need to find a way to make Vancouver a sport city;
- concerned that Riley Park has not been included in the Capital Plan;
- no provision for Slocan Park in the capital plan, would like to be included community has raised funds to improve the park, would like to see funds allocated for neighbourhood parks,
- insufficient fields to play on, rethink and spend more money upgrading grass fields.

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and after discussions there was a request to amend the main motion.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT recommendation A be amended as follows :

- A. THAT subject to additional funds being allocated to rebuilding sports fields, the draft 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan (Appendix A) be approved as the basis for City Capital Plan review and community consultations, and**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The amended main motion was put and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Stanley Park Dining Pavilion - New Lease with the International Culinary Institute of Canada Inc.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid

- A. THAT the Board approve waiving the rent and amount in lieu of property tax for the first three months (January - March, 2002) for the lease at the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion with the International Culinary Institute of Canada Inc. (operating as Dubrulle)**
- B. THAT the lease contain provisions that the improvements to the agreed value of \$715,000 be still carried out in the first five year term but that if this is not accomplished and the lessee has shown that he has made every best effort in raising these funds, then this commitment could be carried forward for an additional two years.**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**

- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Procedure By-law

Board members received copies of a Committee report dated February 06, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the Committee report prior to consideration of the revised Procedure By-law. Commissioner Ledingham, Chair, Procedure By-Law Committee, gave a brief account of the work done by the Committee with assistance from the City Legal Department and the City Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board receive the Procedure By-Law Committee report for information prior to consideration of the revised Procedure By-Law.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

BY-LAWS

Amendments to the Procedure By-law

The Board to approve a by-law to amend sections of the Procedure By-law enacted by the Board on September 25, 1995.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the by-law be introduced and read a first time.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the by-law be given second and third readings and the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign the by-law.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

In - Camera Meeting :

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

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:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

- Staff to report back on how to acknowledge Harry Rankin's contribution to the City and Park Board.

- The design for Wendy Poole Park should be reviewed for consideration to have benches in the park. The organization who contributed for the redevelopment of the park would have to be contacted for any design changes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair