

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2002**

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| 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 Corporate Services | - Anita Ho |
| | Director of Planning & Operations | - Piet Rutgers |
| | Director of Stanley District | - Jim Lowden |
| | Manager of Communications | - Peter Cech |
| | Recorder | - Julie Casanova |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 25, 2002 was amended to include the word facility at the end of the first sentence on page 4. The minutes were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed Peter Hansen, Executive Director for the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund and Tony Burke, Chair of the Fire Fighters' Committee for Bright Nights. The Chair stated that this was the fourth year the Park Board has collaborated with the Fire Fighters' Burn Fund to organize Bright Nights in Stanley Park and was pleased to present a cheque for the Burn Fund's portion of revenues from the event in the amount of \$160,000. Mr. Hansen thanked the Board and stated that the funds will be used to help burn survivors and their families from all over the Province, through new equipment for hospitals, the summer camp for burn survivors and burn prevention and awareness programs.

2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Games Bid

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 22, 2002 recommending that the Board endorse the City Manager's report to Council, dated March 7, 2002, outlining the progress and timeline of the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation, the proposed City involvement, and other aspects relating to the Bid and that the Board endorse the Board's involvement in the venues for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games bid, as outlined in the report.

John Furlong, President, and CEO, Terry Wright, Vice President, Lizette Parsons, Director of Communications and Roger Hughes, Architect from the 2010 Bid Development Group advised the Board that the goal of the Bid Corporation was to win the right to host the Winter Games in 2010. The bid development is well underway and they are confident that they will be in a position to submit a winning bid to the International Olympic Committee in January 2003. The group reviewed the timelines, bid book themes, venue development, transportation, sustainability and financial plan with the Board. The public consultation process organized in conjunction with the City has been on-going. The Board was asked to endorse the plan to use Hastings Park as a venue for figure skating and for short track speed skating and Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Park for a curling venue. The design and location for the curling venue was presented to the Board. The intent of the IOC and 2010 Bid Corporation was to leave any development associated with the Olympics as a legacy to the community.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to keep the Board updated on developments at South East False Creek, the proposed location for the Athletes Village.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the 2010 Winter Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Games Bid:

- Am Johal, Impact of Olympics on Community
- Munna Prasad
- Heather Deal

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

- no analysis on what impact a hallmark event would make;
- develop a community based process;
- would like to see affordable housing, Olympics should not cause evictions;
- need public consultation defer until due diligence has been done,;
- need cost benefit analysis;
- include as a plebescite question on the ballot at the civic election;

- what is the life expectancy of the buildings?;
- Main and Cambie streets are already too busy;
- Main street will be unlivable with the extra traffic;
- defer the report until the result of the plebescite;
- need to conduct a hydrological study, Hillcrest Park is very wet;
- people who uses the park will be inconvenienced;
- concerned about the old curling building and Riley Park Community Centre building coming down, could have heritage value;
- create marsh land, daylight the creek which runs under Hillcrest Park;
- do not want loss of green space;
- residents will not be able to use the park for about a year .

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT The Board endorse the City Manager's report to Council, dated March 7, 2002, outlining the progress and timeline of the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation, the proposed City involvement, and other aspects relating to the Bid.**
- B. THAT the Board endorse the Board's involvement in the venues for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games Bid, as outlined in this report.**

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the economic spin-off from the Olympics will be beneficial for the City and the Province and the games will be an encouragement to young athletes becoming involved in sport.

Commissioner Richardson amended the main motion by adding a recommendation C.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- C. THAT the Board support City Council's resolution that the Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Bid Corporation be urged to work with community members to conduct a complete community impact study with recommendations to minimize the negative effects and to maximize the opportunities of hosting the 2010 Olympic Games.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Malkin Bowl

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 28, 2002 recommending that the Board endorse fund raising by Theatre Under the Stars to redevelop Malkin Bowl and that the Board agree to enter into a license with Theatre Under the Stars to occupy and operate Malkin Bowl for ten years with a ten year option exercisable by the licensee subject to the completion of fund raising and the prior production of a design satisfactory to the General Manager.

Carol Jinks, President, Theatre Under the Stars thanked staff for their assistance in clarifying the Board's vision for the Malkin Bowl revitalization plans.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. That the Board endorse fund raising by Theatre Under the Stars to redevelop Malkin Bowl.**

- B. That the Board agree to enter into a license with Theatre Under the Stars to occupy and operate Malkin Bowl for ten years with a ten year option exercisable by the licensee subject to the completion of fund raising and a design satisfactory to the Board.**

-Carried Unanimously.

The Board called recess at 9:45P.M. and resumed at 9:55 P.M.

2002 Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 28, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the City Council 2002 Operating Budget - Interim Report and requested staff to report back with budget initiatives and a consultation process to balance the 2002 Operating Budget as approved by Council.

Commissioner McDiarmid was excused from the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Staff reviewed the 2002 Budget with the Board indicating that the Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with the global budget arrangement with the City. It includes \$100,000 in savings to be achieved from operational efficiencies without direct impact to services provided. It represents a 4% increase from the 2001 final budget. The City's proposed budget requires a 4.35% tax increase to property tax. Should Council decide to reduce the tax increase to 3.9%, the Park Board reduction portion recommended by the Corporate Management Team is an additional \$200,000 (0.4% of 2001 net budget) to the Park Board.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the 2002 Budget:

- Paul Faoro, CUPE, Local 15
- Munna Prasad

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

- concerned with how efficiencies are developed;
- would like to be consulted;
- uncertainty is a big concern for the union;
- there seem to be a contradiction of figures between the CMT's report and the General Manager's report;
- efficiencies should be detailed in the report;
- asked the Board not to endorse report;
- download by Provincial Government should be directed to the public directly;
- would like opportunity to discuss efficiencies before decision;
- concerned that public input was lacking.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson

THAT the Board receive the City Council 2002 Operating Budget - Interim Report and request staff to report back with budget initiatives and a consultation process to balance the 2002 Operating Budget as approved by Council.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board encourage City Council to accept B(i) of the City Manager's recommendation :

B(i) THAT Council approve the 2002 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates as outlined in this report and detailed in Appendix I and instruct the Director of Finance to bring the budget into balance with a 4.35% general purposes tax increase, reflecting an increase of approximately:

- **3.50% related to growth in City costs,**
- **0.30% related to the growth in regional sewer costs,**
- **0.28% related to the increase in E-Comm costs, and,**
- **0.28% related to additional costs as a result of provincial program changes.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

The request for a bench at Wendy Poole Park should be addressed, the person who is requesting it should not have to approach Council members,

Buskers are returning to English Bay, staff to ensure that they follow the guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair