

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Manager of Operations - Q E District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Q E District	- Diane Murphy
	Communications Co-ordinator	- Carol DeFina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 27, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair expressed the Board's concern with regard to the assault on Ji-Won Park, an exchange student from Korea, which occurred in Stanley Park on May 27, 2002. The Chair stated that a card expressing the Park Board's concern was sent to Ms. Park's family and staff were organizing their own fund raising initiative to help the family.

A member of the Board stated that the ESL school, Global Village has also started a fundraising campaign. Donations can be made to an account set up at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

City Council Agenda

City Council at its recent meeting approved the funding for Thornton Park. Council will be receiving a report on Financing Growth and Pooh Daycare renovations. The Hastings Conservancy will be receiving the Mayor's Environmental Achievement Award at the next Council meeting on Tuesday.

Presentation

Al Wagner, Chair, Karla Mebs, Executive Director and Teri Thorson, Project Coordinator from the BC Rehabilitation Foundation presented a cheque to the Board for the Beaver Lake Interpretive Trail. The BC Rehabilitation Foundation together with the radio station Rock 101 plans to build an accessible trail to fit all physical disabilities.

The Chair thanked the delegation and welcomed them as partners of Stanley Park.

Musqueam Park - Statutory Right of Way for Crown Street "Special Environmental Treatment" Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the City's Engineering Services is working with owners and residents along a portion of Crown Street on a Local Improvement project which would see this street being rebuilt with a "special environmental treatment". The Park Board is being asked for a statutory right-of-way over the portion of Musqueam Park which is currently being used as a roadway so that it could be incorporated into the project. The Crown Street project will yield environmental benefits related to storm water management in general and to Musqueam Creek in particular; the project can serve as a model for street reconstruction elsewhere in the city.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the report on Musqueam Park - Statutory Right-of-Way for Crown Street "Special Environmental Treatment" Project:

- Loretta Woodcock
- Craig Beattie
- Sinclair Healy
- Stuart Mackinnon

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

- applaud Park Board for logical and sensible approach;
- adopt a policy that will require a replacement of greenspace elsewhere;
- will enhance Musqueam Park, owners support the project.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the sustainability vision as expressed in the report was good. A member of the Board indicated that there was not enough information from the City Engineer.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. That the Board support the “Special Environmental Treatment” project for the reconstruction of the 5800 to 6100 blocks of Crown Street.**
- B. That the Board support the inclusion of a small portion of Musqueam Park as part of the project, subject to the final design being to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the project being completed and maintained at no cost to the Park Board.**
- C. That the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way in Musqueam Park in favour of the City of Vancouver for road purposes, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Strathcona Community Garden - Proposed New Building

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 29, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that there was a proposal to replace and expand the size of a tool shed at Strathcona Community Garden. The present tool shed is an old wooden structure which is no longer functional. It has also been a target of break-ins resulting in the loss of tools and equipment owned by the Society.

Bob Sarti, Strathcona Community Gardeners Society and Susan Kurbis, Environmental Youth Alliance appeared before the Board and stated that they urgently need an improved and secured storage space.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board permits the Strathcona Community Gardeners' Society ("the Society") to construct a new permanent building ("the tool shed"), and fenced outdoor nursery storage area on the portion of Strathcona Park located at 759 Malkin Avenue ("the Premises") subject to conditions 1 through 6, contained in this report.**

- B. THAT the Society signs a letter of agreement with the Board prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the content of which will include a clause that will supercede clause 1.06 (e) of the Lease dated October 11, 1994 between the Board and the Society which states that "no permanent structure or improvement shall be placed, constructed or maintained on the Premises".**

- Carried Unanimously.

Harbour Green Café - Award of Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 29, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Board award a five year contract to a corporate entity with George and Daniel Frankel as the principals, to lease the new Café at Harbour Green Park for a period of five years.**

- B. THAT the annual rent be set at 10% on the first \$500,000 of gross revenue and 12% on all revenue over \$500,000 with a minimum annual rent set at \$12,000 for the first year, \$24,000 for the second year and \$36,000 for years three to five.**

- C. **THAT an annual payment in lieu of property taxes of \$5.46/sq ft (2002 rates) be set from the date of opening and the rate be revised each year to reflect any change in property tax assessments for businesses in Vancouver.**
- D. **THAT the Board contribute \$150,000 as a fixturing allowance and the tenant agree to fund and complete all other improvements to the Café before the date of opening.**
- E. **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.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

2002 New and Non-Recurring Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 28, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the 2002 New and Non-Recurring (NNR) Budget in the amount of \$600,000, as outlined in Appendix I.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

That the Board approves the 2002 New and Non-Recurring (NNR) Budget in the amount of \$600,000 as outlined in Appendix 1.

- Carried Unanimously.

Teaswamp Park Design and Community Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 29, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid ,

- A. THAT the Board approve the concept plan for Tea Swamp Park extension, as illustrated in Appendix II**
- B. THAT the Board give permission for the use of a portion of Tea Swamp Park as a community garden, with all specifications to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- C. THAT the Board grant to the Urban Diggers Society a 5 year licence to operate the community gardens, with all terms consistent with the Community Gardens Policy.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Notice of Motion

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board reconsider its decision of Monday, June 11, 2001 on the resolution relating to withdrawing the dog off leash privileges at Heather Park and;**
- B. THAT the Board consider the staff report dated May 23, 2002 on this matter.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Heather Park Dog Off-leash Designation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 23, 2002 recommending that the dog off-leash designation be removed from Heather Park.

Staff advised the Board on the history of the off-leash program at Heather Park. A number of community meetings have been held to resolve the problems being experienced by the neighbours at Heather Park. The community remains split on their ability to

successfully share the park for off-leash use. In consideration of the significant damage to Heather Park due to off-leash use, the park would require periodic closure for maintenance and repairs. There is also the concern of conflict between users, public liability and safety issues related to damage and interactions between dogs and children.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Heather Park Dog Off-leash Designation:

- Jacqueline Faubert
- Gordon Plottel
- Ursula Robertson
- Josef Zaide
- Eric Whiteway
- Ann Bailey

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

- Douglas Park community could not work out their problems;
- will accept whatever the Board decide to do;
- community want to share the space, but, unfortunately some are unwilling to share the space;
- Douglas Park Community Association's position is the same as recommendation by staff;
- will allow the plan to develop the park to go ahead;
- area around Heather and Douglas Park has changed;
- people will appreciate some off leash space;
- proximity to houses not a good idea for off leash park;
- staff report is balanced and it is in the best interest of the public;
- statistics provided by staff are not correct;
- signage is poor therefore users are not informed of the rules;
- needed to solve the problems within the community;
- support a dog park in some form need to send a message to the neighbourhood that they need to cooperate.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the off-leash program follows a set of criteria, and Heather Park does not meet this criteria in terms of the size of the park. A successful off-leash program also require community involvement, enforcement and education.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

**THAT the dog off-leash designation be removed from Heather
Park**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair