

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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 Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Q E District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 10, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Agenda

Council will be reviewing the following reports at its meeting on Tuesday:

- Stanley Park Infrastructure - Sewer
- Public Art Allocations from Capital Plan
- Award of Consulting Contract : Environmental Remediation Plan Preparation and Approval in Principle Submission for Southeast False Creek City Lands
- 2003-05 Capital Plan Financial Limits
- 2003-05 Capital Plan Draft Allocation
- Proposed Joint-Use Project: #1 Kingsway

MoreSports Soccer Funding Request

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 13, 2002, recommending that the Board approve funding of \$40,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund as a one-time expenditure to provide equipment and uniforms for MoreSports Soccer.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver East District developed a recreational sport program, MoreSports, to provide minor sport opportunities to children and youth based on a set of principles which reflect the uniqueness of inner-city Vancouver neighbourhoods. The MoreSports Soccer is an important initiative of many community partners directed toward building and sustaining sport structures to ensure that young boys and girls in all neighbourhoods in Vancouver have equal opportunity to play and grow through sport.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to MoreSports Soccer Funding request:

- Rebecca Tan
- Marketta Soldate
- Ruth Tranter

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

- MoreSports is a well accepted and successful project;
- good for families on the east side of the city;
- plan to have sports which will involve pre-school children;
- sports provide a healthy environment for children to grow;
- immigrant children can learn to develop their skills;
- asked Board to support the program.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and staff for developing this initiative to provide an opportunity for children who might otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in sports such as soccer

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve funding of \$40,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund as a one-time expenditure to provide equipment and uniforms for MoreSports Soccer.

- Carried Unanimously.

Eric Hamber Artificial Field Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2002, recommending that the Board approve the award of the contract for the Eric Hamber Artificial Field upgrade to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc.

John McBryde, Vancouver Field Sports Federation, appeared before the Board and stated that they support the Eric Hamber field upgrade and thanked the Board for involving the Vancouver Field Sports Federation in the planning process.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the Eric Hamber Artificial Field upgrade to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. for the amount of \$988,200.
- B. THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- C. **THAT the Board extend the term of the existing Hamber playfield agreement with the Vancouver School Board from 2007 to 2017, on the same terms and conditions as in the existing agreement.**

- Carried Unanimously.

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

Farmers' Market

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 12, 2002, recommending that the Board approve the request of the "Your Local Farmers Market Society" to conduct a Farmers' Market on the Riley Park Parking lot at Nat Bailey Stadium from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every second Wednesday from July 3 - August 28th and three consecutive Wednesdays September 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2002.

Staff advised the Board that the farmers' market proposal would include a small scale market with approximately twenty vendors with produce for sale from BC farmers, and local artisans. The Riley Park Community Association has been consulted and is supportive of the Farmers' Market proposal. The management of the Canadians who leases Nat Bailey Stadium was also consulted to ensure there were no conflicts between the baseball schedule and the farmers' market event.

Devorah Kahn thanked the Board for their support of the Farmers' Market in Vancouver. The Farmers' Market received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from VanCity. The markets at Trout Lake and Lord Roberts are very well received by the community. She asked the Board to support the request for a third market at Riley Park.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the request of the "Your Local Farmers Market Society" to conduct a Farmer's Market on the Riley Park Parking lot at Nat Bailey Stadium from 4:00 - 800 p.m. every second Wednesday from July 3 - August 28 and three consecutive Wednesdays September 11, 18 and 25, 2002.

- Carried Unanimously.

Champlain Heights Community Centre

Commissioner De Genova left the room on a potential conflict of interest .

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 19, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff gave a brief overview of the feasibility study and funding available for the proposed addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre.

Rick Evans and Pat Fenner, Champlain Heights Community Association, appeared before the Board to support the project and stated that they look forward to the start of the project.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board endorse a request to City Council that the following funding be added to the Park Board's 2002 Capital Budget for the addition of community and childcare space at Champlain Heights Community Centre:**
 - 1. DCL funds of \$233,228, as resolved by Council at its July 27, 1999 meeting;**
 - 2. CAC funds in the amount of \$700,000, as resolved by Council at its July 27, 1999 meeting;**
 - 3. Additional DCL funds of up to \$212,000, as required to construct the licensed child development centre.**

- B. THAT the Board, subject to Council's approving the funding outlined in A), engage the firm of Acton Ostry Architects Inc. to provide complete architectural services for the Champlain Heights Community Centre project, for a fee not to exceed \$107,788, plus disbursements, with contract details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- C. THAT the Board negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the City and the Champlain Heights Community Association regarding the operation on the child development centre, with details to the satisfaction on the General Manager, the Director of Legal Services and Director of Social Planning.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner De Genova returned to the room at this time.

Park Partners Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 13, 2002, recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the PARK PARTNERS Program which developed due to an increasing interest in the community for opportunities to connect with the Park Board around local park issues and many requests to support a variety of interests in parks from cleanups to participating in interpretive activities and community

gardens. The PARK PARTNERS program will connect the community interests in our park system with the opportunities that already exist or can be developed cooperatively.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Board adopt the PARK PARTNERS Program as described by this report.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$20,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Program to provide resourcing for the new PARK PARTNERS Program.**
- C. THAT the Board direct staff to complete the activities identified in preparation for the launch of the Program in October 2002.**
- D. THAT staff report to the Board in the Fall of 2003 with an evaluation of the accomplishments of the PARK PARTNERS Program.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Infrastructure - Sewer

Board members received copies of an Administrative Report dated June 4, 2002, recommending that principles of the Letter of Understanding between Engineering Services and the Park Board (See Appendix I) governing the management of the Stanley Park sanitary sewer system be approved.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT principles of the Letter of Understanding between Engineering Services and the Park Board (See Appendix I) governing the management of the Stanley Park sanitary sewer system be approved.

- Carried Unanimously.

2003-05 Capital Plan Financial Limits and 2003-05 Capital Plan Draft Allocation

Board members received copies of a Council - Administrative report dated June 25, 2002 with regard to 2003-05 Capital Plan Financial Limits and Council - Administrative report dated June 25, 2002 with regard to 2003-05 Capital Plan Draft Allocation.

Staff gave a brief summary of the Council report's provisions affecting parks and recreation. The financial limits for all City departments and boards, exclusive of waterworks capital plan will be a total of \$200 million. A supplementary expenditure within the Capital Plan of \$12 million will be from the city-wide Development Cost Levy. The total allocation of the Park Board including the Development Cost Levy funding is \$35.35 million. The city staff review group recommended expenditure for the Mount Pleasant Community Centre relocation and upgrade, Killarney Pool replacement, maintain the Street Tree Program and park site acquisition and park development. A \$20 million pool of funding in addition to the financial limit for the Capital Plan was also recommended. This funding would be available subject to senior governments commit to cost sharing for projects. Sunset Community Centre redevelopment and reconstruction of the Queen Elizabeth Reservoir plaza could be considered within this extra allocation. A public consultation on the draft allocation proposals, including a media information campaign and a published and on-line questionnaire is recommended to Council. A public meeting as part of the consultation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2002.

Board members discussed the allocation and raised the concern that the Park Board portion was insufficient for the Board to achieve its vision of infrastructure renewal over the next 10-15 years.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. **THAT the Board receive the 2003-05 draft Capital Plan allocation report and the 2003-05 Capital Plan Allocation report and the 2003-2005 Capital Plan Financial Limits report for information, and,**
- B. **THAT Council be advised that the level of funding recommended for Park Board capital projects is insufficient for the Board to sustain the quality of services provided to the community and is inconsistent with the City's practice of "planning capital expenditures over periods that correspond to the life-cycle of its assets".**
- C. **THAT the Board request City Council give consideration to**

increasing the property tax supported Capital Plan financial limit, by an amount sufficient to adequately fund the Park Board's infrastructure renewal plan as identified in the Board's draft Capital Plan, and,

- D. THAT the Board makes this request understanding that fulfillment of this increase would still keep the City's overall debt servicing costs well below the acceptable standard of 15%.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Proposed Joint-Use Project: #1 Kingsway

Board members received copies of a Council - Administrative report dated June 25, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff gave a brief overview of the development concept for this project which will include a community centre, a branch library, child development facility, housing and commercial units. The joint development of this project will generate a better value for the capital outlay, save on design and project management costs and in the long term create operating efficiencies.

Commissioner De Genova left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board receive the Administrative Report dated June 12, 2002 with regard to the Proposed Joint-Use Project: #1 Kingsway for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Little Mountain Reservoir Seismic Upgrade Project - Memorandum of

Understanding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 19, 2002 recommending that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) in accordance with the terms as outlined in this report.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) in accordance with the terms as outlined in this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Staff was requested to consult the City Legal Department with regard to the current policy of limiting access to parks to groups for religious purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair