

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services -	
	Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Communications Coordinator	- Carol DeFina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes Year 2002 Board and Year 2003 Board's inaugural meeting held on Monday, December 02, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that she enjoyed the opportunity to meet the Association Presidents, many residents and attend several Christmas light events. She is looking forward to meeting many more people and organizations.

Updated Applications for Infrastructure Program Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 06, 2002 for information.

Staff provided the background and eligibility for a project to apply for the Infrastructure Program Funding. Board members were advised of the status of Federal-Provincial Infrastructure Program applications previously submitted by the Park Board and the two new projects for the next round of City submissions: VanDusen Concept Plan Phase Ia implementation, and Playing Field Renewal. On the Board's approval of the inclusion of these two projects, it will be referred for evaluation along with the Sunset Community Centre Rebuild project, for ranking by the City.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Updated Applications for Infrastructure Program Funding:

- Colin Metcalfe, President, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Ian Haywood-Farmer, Chair, Capital Campaign Committee, VanDusen Gardens
- Walter Schultz, President, Sunset Community Centre

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

- working to improve playing field conditions in the city;
- pleased to see that playing fields are included in the plan;
- looking forward to welcoming a Commissioner to represent the Board as a liaison with the Vancouver Field Sports Federation;
- there is a tremendous need for fields, there is a lack of grass fields;
- in order to maximize land available for playing fields, it was suggested to put in artificial turf fields;
- renewal plan for VanDusen Gardens involved a long process;
- hope to present this plan to the Board in the new year;
- disappointed that this project is not in the capital plan, however, looking for the Board to support the project to be included in the Infrastructure Grant Program;
- make Sunset Community Centre a high priority in the infrastructure program;
- the residents in the Sunset area want a new community centre;
- the development of a new community centre will result in net increase in parkland.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the delegations for their presentation.

Millennium Sport Facility Project Status Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 6, 2002 for information.

Staff advised the Board that the concept for the proposed facility was developed to accommodate two groups of users who were looking for a facility for their sport. The Pacific Indoor Bowls Club originally located at Grimmett Park was asked by the Board to find a new home as it was the desire of the Board to reclaim Grimmett Park and return it to green space. The Phoenix Gymnastics Club was also looking for support for its programs. After consultation with the public and stakeholders, Pacific Indoor Bowls Club and the Phoenix Gymnastics Club agreed to develop a joint proposal. The facility will be built on Park Board land at no cost to the Board. The Millennium Sports Facility received a BC Infrastructure grant and is working hard to have the project go ahead. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Millennium Sport Facility which covers items such as funding, construction standards, parking, floor area and proposed facility design.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Walter Francl
- Barbara Crompton
- Alan Webster
- Lisa Thompson
- Kevin Tisshaw

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

- gone through budgeting process with contractors;
- done preliminary review of the facility, can be constructed economically;
- excited to have this facility, it will be operated by non-profit;
- innovative partnership, it is a wonderful community based project;
- Vancouver is the only major city in Canada that does not have a gymnastic facility, good to have both seniors and young people together;
- the lawn bowling facility will provide social activities for older athletes;
- hope to host international events at the new facility;
- the project is completely volunteer based;
- have a few corporate sponsors such as BC Hydro and Peter Kreuk, Landscape Architect;
- the financial aspect of the project is stable, have already secured \$3.4million.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the delegations for their presentation.

2003 Special Events

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 6, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the special events as outlined in Table 1 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager; the Board receive the 2003 Calendar of Major Events for information and, that the Board undertake a review of the policies, guidelines and the administrative process for special events accommodated on parks.

Staff provided the background on special events, the Board's role in special events, the application and allocation of park permit agreements and the Board approval process for special events.

A member of the Board requested more information with regard to the Molson Indy event held around Creekside Park.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the special events as outlined in Table 1 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

THAT the Board receive the 2003 Calendar of Major Events (see Appendix B) as information.

THAT the Board undertake a review of the policies, guidelines and the administrative process for special events accommodated on parks.

- Carried Unanimously.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 28, 2002, recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff provided the background of the Boy's and Girls' Club of Greater Vancouver at Fraserview Park and the programs run by the club for young people during summer and after school.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. **THAT the Board renew the lease with the Boys' and Girls' Club of Greater Vancouver for a portion of Fraserview Park for a term of ten years from February 01, 2002 to January 31, 2012.**
- B. **THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Mount Pleasant Community Centre Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 28, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the current Mount Pleasant Community Centre needs refurbishing. A plan was developed to build a joint civic facility which includes a new branch library, a child development centre, housing and a community centre. A site at #1 Kingsway was purchased by the City for this purpose. The new location is more centrally located in the heart of the Mount Pleasant Community and will better serve the north east areas of Mount Pleasant, including the new population projected for the area. The general project time-frame would see the completion of the centre in the fall of 2005. Two forums are planned one to address the impact to current centre users and one to address the building program for the new community centre component.

Board members discussed the matter and the Chair asked staff to ensure the notices for the forums are well publicized in local newspapers, at the community centre and a mail drop to the residents.

Motions:

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

WHEREAS, full and open public participation is an essential element in a democratic process;

AND WHEREAS, it is the goal of this Board to facilitate and promote full and open public participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the agenda, date, time and location of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be posted on the Park Board website no later than 12:00 noon seven days prior to the meeting of the Board;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a notice of the agenda, date, time and location of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be posted in a location accessible to the public at the Park Board Administration Offices and at Community Centres, public swimming pools, ice rinks, golf courses and other Park Board facilities, no later than seven days prior to the meeting of the Board.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, public delegations who wish to speak at a regular meeting of the Board on an issue that concerns the Board must contact the Board Secretary by 12:00 noon on the day of the regular meeting to state an interest in addressing the Board.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

WHEREAS, full and open public participation is an essential element in a democratic process;

AND WHEREAS, it is the goal of this Board to facilitate and promote full and open public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the Board is interested in holding some regularly scheduled Board meetings in Community Centres and other suitable Park Board facilities in representative neighbourhoods and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board directs staff to prepare a draft plan for holding some regularly scheduled Board meetings at locations including Community Centres and other suitable Park Board facilities.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair