

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

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 Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services -	
	Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Communications Coordinator	- Carol De Fina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 10, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair stated that the Mayor's Forum on Thursday February 6 with regard to sustainable recreational legacies was well attended. The Chair thanked Commissioners for their participation and staff for organizing an effective public event.

The General Manager advised the Board that Council supported the Park Board's recommendation with regard to the allocation of funds for the renovations to False Creek Community Centre. Letters of appreciation were received from the False Creek Community Association and Fairview Slopes Community Association.

Board members expressed their sympathy and offered condolences to members of John Clarke's family. John Clarke, a Vancouver resident, and one of Canada's leading conservationist, environmental educator and mountaineer, passed away on January 23, 2003. John dedicated his life to photographing and documenting wildlife, rain forests and First Nations villages over several thousand square kilometres of the BC coast range. He co-founded the Wilderness Education Program that introduced thousands of Vancouver

school children to experience the BC wilderness and he worked with the Squamish First Nation. John received the 1999 BC Minister's Award for Environmental Education and in 2002 was awarded the Order of Canada in recognition for his contribution to conservation and wilderness education.

Brockton Bike Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 29, 2003 recommending that the Board approve extending the partial road closure in Stanley Park to noon on June 15, 2003 for the Brockton Bike Festival with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that the Brockton Bike Festival is consistent with the Board's efforts to encourage alternate forms of transportation to and from and within Stanley Park. The event will provide an opportunity to monitor participation and traffic patterns when traffic is restricted in the park. The road closure would be limited to park Drive east of Avison Way. This closure will primarily restrict access to Brockton Point including the Totem Pole area. The closure would affect Tour Buses visiting the Totem Pole area. Visitors to the Brockton Pavilion, oval and cricket pitches, HMCS Discovery as well as Totem Poles would be able to access parking lots adjacent to the Aquarium/Salmon stream and walk to those destinations.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Brockton Bike Festival:

- Bonnie Fenton, Stanley Park Bike Festival Society
- Alistair Barrett, Stanley Park Bike Festival Society
- Stuart Colquhoun, Legends of the Moon- Brockton Information Centre
- Marion Town, BEST

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

- used to have Bicycle Sunday in the park;
- encourage all level of cyclists;
- event will be a festival and racing event;
- hope to give people the experience of visiting the park without driving;
- will have workshops on safe cycling, teach children to cycle;
- hope to expand the event in the future;
- people can see the possibilities of what they can do on their bike;
- operator of Legends of the Moon supports the bike festival;
- Totem Poles are on tour schedule for cruise ships;
- consider allowing tour bus traffic only to the Totem Poles;
- BEST promotes alternative transport and supports the bike festival;
- June is Bike Month in Vancouver, looking forward to car free event;

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to work with the tour companies to see if the tour scheduled for the day of the Bike Festival could be re-arranged. There was also a request to ensure that the festival would include people with disabilities.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve extending the partial road closure in Stanley Park to noon on June 15, 2003 for the Brockton Bike Festival with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Multilingual Signage Pilot Project - Renfrew Ravine

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 30, 2003 recommending that the Board approve a pilot project of including Chinese translation within the scope of a community interpretive signage project in Renfrew Ravine at no additional cost to the Park Board and that staff report to the Board one year following completion of the pilot project with an evaluation.

Staff advised the Board the placing of multilingual signs was a pilot project supported by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program. The art work and locations for the seven multilingual signs were reviewed with the Board.

Carmen Rosen, President, Renfrew Community Centre Association, stated that this was a neighbourhood project involving the whole community. The artwork is being done by the students from the nearby high school. The graphics will be stored in a computer therefore the cost for reproduction and replacement of vandalised signs would be minimum. There is a plan to celebrate the completion of this project in September during the Chinese mid-autumn festival.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that this was a good project to bring different cultures together. Board members thanked the Renfrew Community Association, Collingwood Neighbourhood House and the Evergreen Foundation for developing this project.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

A. THAT the Board approve a pilot project of including Chinese translation within the scope of a community interpretive signage project in Renfrew Ravine at no additional cost to the Park Board and;

- B. THAT staff report to the Board one year following completion of the pilot project with an evaluation.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Capital Allocation 2003 - 2005 and Advance Approval for Expenditure on Current Capital Projects

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 31, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that Council usually approves the Capital Budget in March, and an advance approval is required for projects which are already in progress or need to start immediately. These projects are listed in Appendix B of the report.

Carmen Rosen, President, Renfrew Community Centre Association and Brian Young, Renfrew Community Centre Association, appeared before the Board to request a delay in approving projects for Renfrew Community Centre. The delegations advised the Board that they had a vision for the centre and would like to delay the previously approved project to upgrade the pool by a year. They felt that if the seismic upgrade and asbestos abatement were to be done to the centre, they might lose the opportunity to implement their renovation plans. The delegations also advised the Board that they plan to contact Federal and Provincial governments for grants and have a fundraising event at the centre.

Board members discussed the impact of the delay and requested staff to bring forward the Aquatic Service Plan and the plans for Renfrew for a discussion at a staff briefing. Board members also enquired whether any immediate work was to begin at Renfrew Community Centre. Staff advised the Board that the Board will be receiving a report with regard to the renovations to Renfrew Pool next month.

A letter dated February 10, 2003 from Emanuela Sheena, Slovan Park Revitalization Committee was received by the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- (A) **THAT the 2003 Capital budget of \$11,480,000 described in Appendix A to this Report be approved.**
- (B) **THAT the Board accept and include in the 2003 Capital Budget the \$30,000 commitment from the Vancouver Meraloma Club towards half the cost of a fire protection system for the Connaught Park fieldhouse.**
- (C) **THAT tentative allocation of capital funds for 2004 and 2005 as described in Appendix A be received for information, pending future review and confirmation**
- (D) **THAT capital spending of \$2,168,500 on current projects, as described in Appendix B to this Report, be approved in advance of final Board and Council 2003 budget allocation.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Champlain Heights Community Centre Design Approval

Commissioner De Genova left the room due to a possible conflict of interest as he works with the developer of this project.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 28, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the schematic design plans for the addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre as prepared by Acton Ostry Architects.

Russell Acton, Acton Ostry Architects, provided a brief review of the plan for the addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre.

Rick Evans, President, Champlain Heights Community Centre Association appeared before the Board and stated that the community has waited since 1998 and he would like to see the project go ahead. The Association's preference would be option 1 of the plan which includes a new childcare, teen room and multipurpose room.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius

THAT the Board approve the schematic design plans for the addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre as prepared by Acton Ostry Architects, and dated December 3, 2002.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner De Genova returned to the meeting at this time.

Queen Elizabeth Park - Update on Reservoir Reconstruction and Park Design

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 30, 2003 for information.

Kim Perry, Landscape Consultant, reviewed the landscaping plans for the new rooftop of the re-constructed reservoir. The design concept for the rooftop will have water, sculpture, planting and pavilions on the northern half and the southern half of the rooftop will be dedicated to parking.

Board members thanked the consultant for the presentation and suggested that bicycle racks be included in the design plan.

Motions

2003 Board Meeting at Community Centres Schedule

The following motion was put forward 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;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on December 16, 2002, the Vancouver Park Board passed a motion directing staff to prepare a draft plan for holding some regularly scheduled Board meetings at locations including Community Centres and other suitable Park Board facilities in representative neighbourhoods and communities;

AND WHEREAS staff have recommended a timetable of six community meetings to be held during the 2003 calendar year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following schedule of community meetings in 2003:

- March 24 - Sunset Community Centre, Queen Elizabeth District**
- April 28 - VanDusen Botanical Garden, Queen Elizabeth District**
- May 26 - Trout Lake Community Centre, Vancouver East District**
- June 23 - Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Vancouver East District**
- November 17 - Strathcona Community Centre, Vancouver East District**
- December 15 - Coal Harbour Community Centre, Stanley District**

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board expressed concern that there were no meetings scheduled for the west side of the city and the cost of having these meetings seems high at \$1,000 per meeting. The Chair advised that this was a pilot program and will be monitored and evaluated. Board members indicated that they would like staff to advise local communities that meetings were being held in their community.

The motion was put and it was Carried.
(Commissioner De Genova contrary)

2010 Winter Olympic Games - Sustainability

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

WHEREAS the cities of Vancouver and Whistler have bid on the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and;

WHEREAS sustainability is a theme of the bid, and;

WHEREAS the Olympic Games provide an opportunity to educate the public and promote sustainable development, and;

WHEREAS leading edge environmental design is to be used in project plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if Vancouver / Whistler is awarded the bid, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games are a net contributor to a more ecologically and socially sustainable city in at least the following ways:

- any new or renovated Olympic facilities on Park Board lands should be based on leading edge environmental design to at least a LEED gold standard or the best industry standard of the day (whichever is better);
- there should be no net loss of greenspace as a result of new or renovated Olympic facilities;
- any new or renovated Olympic facilities should acknowledge and integrate any existing or historical water features such as buried streams;
- the people of Vancouver are given an opportunity to engage in planning any new or renovated Olympic facilities, and;
- the people of Vancouver are given an opportunity to engage in a comprehensive planning process for Riley and Hillcrest Parks.

Board members discussed the motion and a concern was raised that the motion was vague and would be binding on future Park Boards. The Chair advised the Board that the intent of the motion was to alleviate some of the concerns expressed by the public at the Mayor's Forum and in general with regard to the 2010 Winter Olympic Bid. Further discussion with regard to the clarification of the motion was held and an amendment was proposed to include the local community for the planning of new and renovated facilities for the Olympics.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the phrase "including the local community" be added after the word Vancouver in the last two bulleted sections of the motion.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and De Genova contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the phrase "in the city of Vancouver" is inserted after the word facilities in the second bulleted section of the motion.

- Carried.

(Commissioner De Genova contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Board.

DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Deal, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

The General Manager suggested that the Board consider changing the language of the motion to convey its message more effectively in regard to a sustainable Olympics in the city of Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED section be amended to read ...Vancouver and should consider the following: and, that “should” be deleted from the bulleted paragraphs.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and De Genova contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

WHEREAS the cities of Vancouver and Whistler have bid on the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and;

WHEREAS sustainability is a theme of the bid, and;

WHEREAS the Olympic Games provide an opportunity to educate the public and promote sustainable development, and;

WHEREAS leading edge environmental design is to be used in project plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if Vancouver / Whistler is awarded the bid, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games are a net contributor to a more ecologically and socially sustainable Vancouver and should consider the following:

- **any new or renovated Olympic facilities on Park Board lands be based on leading edge environmental design to at least a LEED gold standard or the best industry standard of the day (whichever is better);**
- **there be no net loss of greenspace as a result of new or renovated Olympic facilities in the City of Vancouver;**

- **any new or renovated Olympic facilities acknowledge and integrate any existing or historical water features such as buried streams;**
- **the people of Vancouver including the local community are given an opportunity to engage in planning any new or renovated Olympic facilities and parks and;**
- **the people of Vancouver including the local community are given an opportunity to engage in a comprehensive planning process for Riley and Hillcrest Parks.**

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and De Genova contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Anton

THAT given the above set of principles that the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners of the City of Vancouver endorse the 2010 Winter Olympics.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Deal, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Commissioner Anton stated that the 2010 Winter Olympics would be contributing \$56 million in legacy to the parks and recreation system and the Park Board Commissioners should come forward and support the bid. She congratulated those Commissioners who had indicated their support and asked those members who had not declared their position, to do so. Some members of the Board responded that they would like to receive more information on the impact of the Olympics before making a decision and they would support the outcome of the plebiscite.

The Chair requested information on why Portside Park was not named CRAB park as was requested by the community and the guidelines for naming parks, with regard to the possibility of naming a park after former Mayor Philip Owen.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair