

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Heather Deal</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Lyndsay Poaps</b>
		<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Manager of Planning &amp; Research</b>	<b>- Mark Vulliamy</b>
	<b>Occupational Health &amp; Safety Advisor</b>	<b>- Paddy Gill</b>
	<b>Communications Coordinator</b>	<b>- Terri Clark</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair stated that there was an amazing turnout of voters for the February 22 plebiscite with regard to the 2010 Olympics bid and for the Mayor's forums and the citizens were informed of the issue. The Board supports the plebiscite results and look forward to the most sustainable Olympics in 2010. The Chair referred to the Mayor's recent announcement with regard to youth access to sports and requested that staff report to the Board on how to fulfill the Mayor's request.

**Development of a Downtown Skateboard Facility - Quebec and Union Streets**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 13, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff provided an overview on the site selection criteria for the skatepark and the work that has been done with the Skateboard Coalition. Public consultation with the area merchants and residents will be ongoing. A report to Council is being prepared in consultation with City Engineering, Risk Management, Finance and Police Departments. The project time line for the skatepark to be developed is the summer of 2003.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the development of a Downtown Skateboard Facility - Quebec and Union Streets:

- Aaron Orlando, Vancouver Skatepark Coalition
- Cory McIntyre, President, Vancouver Skatepark Coalition
- Alistair Reynolds
- Chris Young
- Andrew Hurcum, Manager, The Eastside Dungeon

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

- supports staff recommendation;
- youth need a place to skateboard;
- have collected over 500 signatures in favour of a skateboard facility;
- most skateboard facilities are on the east side of the city;
- not all youth participate in team sports;
- need more active skateboard program in school;
- allows youth to channel energy and keeps youth out of trouble;
- skateboard park can also be used by bmx cyclists;
- urge board to approve and move ahead with construction;
- would be dangerous for kids if there is no lights;
- there is a problem with the plan, there is no social area;
- build something that is transportable, as this site is on a trial basis;
- improve on the designs, get a vertical ramp;
- anti-graffiti protection is dangerous for skateboarders;
- look into having a graffiti wall.

Board members discussed the matter and staff were asked to ensure that the Field Sports Federation and Carnegie Centre were part of the public consultation process. The issue of graffiti was discussed and it was felt that a graffiti wall would be appropriate. The skateboard park is a good project, it is time to build something for the young people.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the development of a “street- style” skateboard facility (Map Appendix C) be approved on a trial basis, subject to Council endorsement, on a portion of the road allowance under the Dunsmuir/Georgia viaducts at the intersection of Quebec Street, Union Street and Expo Boulevard North (Map Appendix A), with the source of funds to be the ‘skateboard facility’ allocation in the 2000-2002 Capital Plan.**
- B. THAT staff be directed to conduct a public consultation process to ensure a well functioning design and successful operation of the skateboard facility, and a net positive impact on downtown neighbourhoods.**
- C. THAT staff be further directed to develop and report back on a comprehensive strategy for the city-wide implementation of youth oriented parks and active recreation programming.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Stanley Park Shuttle Service - Renewal for 2003 and Future Operations**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 14, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the concept of a shuttle originated from recommendations of the Stanley Park Transportation Plan. The shuttle service has been a popular and valuable service to visitors to Stanley Park. It encourages them to walk or use transit to come to the park or, they park their cars and use the shuttle to move around the park. There is not enough time to conduct a request for proposal process and have the successful bidder in a position to provide the service in the summer of 2003. Therefore the current request for a year’s extension with an RFP to follow.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Stanley Park Shuttle Service - Renewal for 2003 and Future Operations:

- Christopher Richardson
- Doug McCandless, Gray Line of Vancouver
- Gerry O’Neil, AAA Horse and Carriage

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

- should re-introduce the #52 bus round the park;
- encourage public transit to and from the park;
- not aware that shuttle service was continuing in 2003;
- let the service lapse for one year and then evaluate if service needed;
- majority of shuttle users are tourists;
- Gray Lines are willing to provide the service;
- traffic is a problem in the park;
- promote alternate transportation;
- should not be spending money to have the shuttle in the park.

Board members stated that they support the long term plan to reduce cars in Stanley Park. It is a valuable service for the citizens, especially for seniors and communication should be considered to let resident know about the service. Commissioners would like further information on the Stanley Park Transportation Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. THAT the agreement with Vancouver Trolley Company to provide the free Stanley Park Shuttle Service be extended for one additional year, 2003, with all details to be approved by the General Manager.
- B. THAT a Request for Proposals be issued during 2003 for provision of the Shuttle service for the next five year term, 2004 - 2008.
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses 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.
- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the city of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

**THAT the word “the” be inserted before the word ‘provision’ and the word “the” before the word ‘Shuttle’ be changed to “a”.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The main motion as amended was put as follows :

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- B. THAT a Request for Proposals be issued during 2003 for the provision of a Shuttle service for the next five year term, 2004 - 2008.**
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**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Jericho Beach Hostel - Agreement Renewal**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 11, 2003 recommending that the Board renew the agreement with Hostelling International - BC Region for the Jericho Beach Hostel for ten years from February 1, 2003 to January 31, 2013 based on terms and conditions identified in this report.

Staff gave a brief overview on the background of the Jericho Beach Hostel. The current agreement with Hostelling International - BC Region expired January 31, 2003. The Hostelling organization has committed to fund the renovations in the first five years

for windows, heating and drainage. In addition to providing accommodation, Hostelling International has developed group programs to build an appreciation of the west Coast and a cultural understanding of Canada's First Nations history.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Jericho Beach Hostel - Agreement Renewal:

- Rob Cryder, Hostelling International, BC Region
- Shelby Tse, Hostelling International, BC Region
- Edward Peck, President, West Point Grey Community Centre Association
- John Hopkins, Executive Director, Hostelling International, BC Region

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

- the hostel accommodates groups from around the world;
- Hostelling International is also involved with the local community by working with various volunteer associations;
- provides community events such as the annual salmon barbecue;
- capital investment through yearly maintenance and future renovations to the building;
- have student and youth outreach programs to promote the value of hostelling;
- education on cross-cultural understanding and environmental awareness;
- have been good custodians of the building;
  
- community association was not consulted;
- the association board is unable to offer any opinion on whether the hostel's agreement should be renewed because they did not have enough lead time to take it to a meeting.
- the association has been working on short and long projects, and, would like a clause to allow an alternate use in the building;
- there is a need for an arts centre for youth in the community.

Board members discussed the matter and suggested that Hostelling International and the West Point Grey Community Centre Association Board work together to provide programs beneficial to the community. Consideration to delay the approval of the agreement renewal for one month to allow the association to provide input was discussed. Board members were advised that the association board was notified of the lease renewal, when negotiations were complete and the Board had tabled it on an agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board renew the agreement with Hostelling International - BC Region for the Jericho Beach Hostel for ten years from February 1, 2003 to January 31, 2013 based on terms and conditions identified in this report.**

**THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT this matter be referred to the March 24 meeting of the Board.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Deal, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

**The main motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.**

### **Vancouver Park Board Occupational Health & Safety Compliance Plan**

Staff report dated February 10, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff provided a brief overview of the initiatives adopted by the Park Board to reduce injuries and subsequent time loss from the workplace. The strategies adopted to implement this was done by close monitoring and follow-up of injuries, active participation by staff and contractors, and, training and support. The two safety committees comprised of CUPE 1004 and CUPE 15 membership and by management staff actively participate in strategies to improve safety, the creation of the critical incident stress team and creating awareness and ergonomic assessments.

Board members thanked staff for their presentation.

**Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape : Consultant Contract**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Queen Elizabeth park Reservoir Landscape to Kim Perry & Associates for the sum of \$347,351 (fees and disbursements) plus GST.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- C. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape to Kim Perry & Associates, for the sum of \$347,351 (fees and disbursements) plus GST.**
  
- D. 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.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business**

**Motions**

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

WHEREAS the Vancouver Park Board recognizes the great benefit which will come to recreation facilities in the City of Vancouver with the 2010 Olympic Games;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

1. The Board unanimously endorses the 2010 Winter Olympics bid currently being made by the city of Vancouver,
  
2. The Board recognizes and thanks David Podmore and the “Yes” committee for their hard work in making the Olympic plebiscite a success, and;
  
3. The Board recognizes and thanks the “Impact of the Olympics on Communities” committee and the “No” committee for raising awareness of issues relating to the Olympic bid.

Board members discussed the motion and suggested that the motion should include the sentiment of making the Olympics socially sustainable. The mover of the motion explained that she intended to bring forward another motion which will address this question. The purpose of this motion was to express appreciation and an announcement of the Board's support of the Olympic Bid.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the following be added to the motion :  
whereas the Vancouver Park Board has already passed a motion supporting an ecologically and socially sustainable games.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Anton, De Genova, Deal, Poaps, Romaniuk, Woodcock contrary)

An amendment to the main motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

**WHEREAS the voters of the City of Vancouver have indicated their support for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.**

- Carried Unanimously.

A further amendment to the main motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT David Podmore's name be deleted.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows :

**WHEREAS the Vancouver Park Board recognizes the great benefit which will come to recreation facilities in the City of Vancouver with the 2010 Winter Olympic Games;**

**WHEREAS the voters of the City of Vancouver have indicated their support for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT :**

- 1. The Board endorses the 2010 Winter Olympics bid currently being made by the City of Vancouver;**
- 2. The Board recognizes the “Yes” committee for their hard work in making the Olympic plebiscite a success, and;**
- 3. The Board recognizes and thanks the “Impact of the Olympics on Communities” committee and the “No” committee for raising awareness of issues relating to the 2010 Winter Olympics bid.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Anton.,

WHEREAS the next 4 months are of critical importance to the city in gaining the 2010 Games,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board will do all in its power to further the bid process during that time.

An amendment to the main motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the words “of Vancouver” be added after the word ‘city’ in the first paragraph.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

**WHEREAS the next 4 months are of critical importance to the City of Vancouver in gaining the 2010 Games,**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board will do all in its power to further the bid process during that time.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Enquiries**

**Leases**

A member of the Board requested a master list of all the leases. Staff will provide the Board with a list of leases which will be coming up in 2003.

**Display of Art**

Staff to report on the possibility for young artists to display their art at the Administration Building at 2099 Beach Avenue.

**Parking Lot**

The Chair requested a report on parking at Kits Point. The report should address the parking needs of the neighbourhood and the park at the present time, and whether these needs are being met, and, will the 51 parking spots designated for the restaurant affect the parking at Kits Point. The report should also provide the background on the development of underground parking at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and Coal Harbour Community Centre, the cost associated with building an underground parking and the revenues generated from the existing underground parking lots.

The meeting of the Board on March 24, will be held at Sunset Community Centre.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Deal  
Chair