

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

PRESENT:	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Information Technology	- Norman Mills
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Supervisor of Business Services	- Alison Dempsey
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Vice-Chair advised that Commissioners Deal and De Genova were out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction on page 10 of the minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2003 that the motion should state the Board recognizes and *thanks* the “Yes” committee was agreed by the Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 24, 2003 were circulated and adopted as amended.

CHAIR’S REPORT

The Vice-Chair introduced and welcomed the new Manager of Communications, Joyce Courtney.

The Vice-Chair announced that the first Board meeting to be held in the community will be held on Monday, March 24 at Sunset Community Centre.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that Council approved the Park Board’s request for

advanced approval of projects in the 2003 Capital Budget.

DELEGATIONS

Theatre Under the Stars

Doug Louth, President, Theatre Under The Stars, Carol Jinks, Theatre Under The Stars and Martin Nielsen, Busby and Associates presented the conceptual design for Malkin Bowl. The plan includes an area for administrative offices, public washrooms and a new dismantable structure. They will remain within the footprint of the present structure. The proposed plan will be presented at a public information meeting following which fund raising efforts will begin. The delegation advised the Board that TUTS was a non-profit organization and its main focus is to provide affordable family entertainment and an opportunity for amateur actors to display their talent.

Board members thanked the delegation for their presentation and expressed continued support of the delegation's plans to renovate Malkin Bowl.

Motions: Seniors' Discount

The Vice-Chair enquired if the Board would adjust the agenda and bring the motion with regard to seniors' discount forward for discussion at this time to accommodate the delegates who were in attendance.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the motion with regard to seniors' discount be brought forward on the agenda and discussed at this time.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Riccius chaired the meeting at this point.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

WHEREAS seniors (aged 65 and older) represent 13% (70,000 to 75,000) of the population of Vancouver; and,

WHEREAS many Vancouver seniors are on fixed income and may experience barriers to leisure activities; and,

WHEREAS there is an approved Board policy to reduce senior discounts to 25%, the final phase of which came into effect on Jan 1, 2003;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the final phase of the discount reduction, totalling 5%, be eliminated for seniors effective April, 2003, restoring the discount to 30% of regular adult fees;
and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT additional special offers for seniors to golf at a 50% discount be provided by maximizing available tee times during low demand periods.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the motion on seniors' discount.

- Stan Lawson
- Orest Keryluke

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

- municipality should offer affordable golf;
- Vancouver is not operating their courses like a municipal golf course;
- seniors are on fixed income;
- golf fees have increased, whereas pensions have not increased;
- there is a perception that seniors have lots of money;
- West Point Grey Golf Club have lost 20% membership;
- there is drop in play by seniors at the golf courses;
- the motion is a step in the right direction;
- can bring golfers back by lowering the green fee;
- golfers should not be subsidizing for other parks and recreation facilities.

Board members thanked the delegations and advised that this was a first step to roll the fees back for seniors. The Board will be reviewing its budget in the next few months and hope to be able to reduce the fees further. A member of the Board suggested that the fees for youth to use the pools and rinks should also be reduced. After further discussion Board members indicated that the motion on the table refers only to seniors' fees, however, there was a future opportunity to include the fees for pools with the development of a program to respond to the Mayor's announcement on increasing access to physical activities for youth.

The motion was put as follows:

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- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Romaniuk resumed as Chair at this point of the meeting.

#1 Kingsway Consultant Selection

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 26, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the Council report titled #1 Kingsway Project - Award of Contract for Consulting Services for information.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board receive the Council report dated February 25, 2003, titled "1 Kingsway Project - Award of Contract for Consulting Services" for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Granville Island Ferries Ltd. Rent Review and Renewal of License Agreement for Use

of Dock at Aquatic Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 20, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff reviewed the service provided by the Granville Island Ferries Ltd and stated that City and Park Board staff are working on an overall master plan for ferry services in False Creek. Should the master agreement for ferry services in False Creek be implemented before the three year term recommended for Granville Island Ferries, the new master agreement will take precedence.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board extend the license agreement with Granville Island Ferries Ltd. for the dock at the Aquatic Centre for three years, for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005.**
- B. THAT the license fee be set at \$11,980 for 2003, with increases in 2004 and 2005 based on inflation.**
- C. THAT if the City of Vancouver executes a Master Agreement with the ferry companies for use of docks throughout False Creek before the expiry of this three year term, the terms of the Master Agreement will supercede this license agreement.**
- D. 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.**
- E. 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.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 10, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff stated that the Park Board strategic plan refers to the use of information technology to enhance customer service. There are several software systems being used at the present time to deliver recreation services. There is a need for renewal as some of the systems are old and obsolete. There is an expectation from the public for the Park Board to provide internet registration besides being able to look up programs and courses. A recreation software renewal plan project charter has been developed, and 2 vendors have been shortlisted to provide the Board with its current software need. A pilot of three sites is planned, vendors have been advised that the initial award will be for a pilot implementation only.

Board members discussed the matter and enquired whether staff will be provided with the required training to work on the new software and what the criteria was for a site to be selected for a pilot. Staff advised the Board that the vendor will train the staff, and we have requested interest from community associations to be a pilot site.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive the report on Recreation Software Renewal for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Brockton Pavilion Society - New Lease

Board members received a copy of a staff report dated February 28, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. THAT the Brockton Pavilion Society be granted a five year lease from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007 on similar conditions as their previous agreement and any changes which may be required by the Director of Legal Services and the Board.**

- B. 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 to all parties.

- C. THAT once the form of the lease renewal has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Riccius chaired the meeting at this point.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

WHEREAS the topics on the agenda of the Vancouver Park Board frequently require the study of reports from staff, consultants, and others with specific expertise, as well as submissions from members of the public and organizations with an interest in specific topics; and

WHEREAS this Board has expressed an interest in fostering innovative and beneficial initiatives to enhance Vancouver's Parks & Recreation system; and

WHEREAS the scope of the bi-weekly meetings of the Vancouver Park Board does not always allow for detailed analysis of reports and submissions, or the visioning associated with new initiatives; and

WHEREAS the input of staff, consultants, interest groups, and members of the public is both necessary and welcome on Parks & Recreation issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board establish three committees, as follows:

- 1. Finance Committee**
- 2. Planning & Environment Committee**
- 3. Culture & Recreation Committee**

which have as their mandate the following:

- 1. That each committee consist of at least three parks commissioners, to be appointed by the Chair of the Vancouver Park Board annually at its first meeting in December or soon thereafter at a subsequent meeting.**
- 2. That the General Manager of the Vancouver Park Board or designate attend committee meetings.**
- 3. That all committee meetings be open to the public, with the exception of topics on the agenda which may require the**

committee to go in camera for part of a meeting.

- 4. That each committee can make recommendations to the Park Board with respect to topics relevant to that committee, but shall not have any decision-making powers unless delegated to do so by the Park Board.**
- 5. That the Park Board can request that a committee should undertake the examination of a particular topic that falls within that committee's area of responsibility.**
- 6. That each committee can invite individuals or interest groups with expertise in topics of interest to attend (a) meeting(s) of that committee to participate in discussions of issues and initiatives.**
- 7. That minutes be taken of each committee meeting, and be made available to all commissioners on a timely basis, and posted to the Park Board web site along with the minutes of regular Park Board meetings.**
- 8. That the Procedure By-Law of the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation shall govern the actions of each committee.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

WHEREAS the Park Board has established three committees reporting to the Board in the areas of Finance, Planning & Environment, and Culture & Recreation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Vancouver Park Board, the members and chairs of these three committees for the remainder of the 2003 calendar year be as follows:

- 1. Finance Committee: Anita Romaniuk (Chair), Loretta Woodcock, Heather Deal;**
- 2. Planning & Environment Committee: Eva Riccius (Chair), Loretta**

Woodcock, Suzanne

Anton;

3. Culture & Recreation Committee: Lyndsay Poaps (Chair), Alan DeGenova, Heather Deal;

and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings, except in the month of August;

and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Committee commence meetings as soon as possible, with additional meetings as necessary, in order to address the 2003 Operating Budget which must be approved by the Board and Council in April 2003.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Romaniuk resumed the Chair at this point of the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

WHEREAS if the City of Vancouver is awarded the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, the actions of the Board during the next 7 years will be critical to the success of the games,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

1. The Board will do all in its power to ensure that the facilities to be built on Park Board land relating to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games be built on time and within budget;
2. The Board will do all in its power to ensure the success of the 2010 Winter Olympic games;
and,
3. In meeting these objectives, the Board will follow the highest possible standards of social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Board members discussed the motion and indicated that the words “will do all in its power” could tie the hands of future boards.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the words “will do all in its power” in 1 and 2 of the Be It Resolved be replaced with the word “strive”.

-Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

Board members discussed the motion further and raised concerns with the words social and economic sustainability. The sustainability issue has been dealt with by the Board by passing a motion at its meeting on February 10, 2003. Board members debated on the meaning of economic sustainability and why it was important to ensure new facilities were built with efficiencies that would be economically sustainable.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT no. 3 of the Be It Resolved be deleted and replaced by a new Whereas.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and Woodcock contrary)

An amendment to the motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**THAT a second Whereas be added as follows:
WHEREAS the Board passed a motion on February 10, 2003 that the 2010 Winter Olympics games are a net contributor to a more ecologically and socially sustainable Vancouver.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Board members continued debate on the motion with regard to the matter of sustainability and its relation to the principles set out in the Board's motion of February 10, 2003.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the motion as amended be referred to the meeting of the Board on Monday, March 24, 2003.

Motion as amended :

WHEREAS if the City of Vancouver is awarded the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, the actions of the Board during the next 7 years will be critical to the success of the games;

WHEREAS the Board passed a motion on February 10, 2003 that the 2010 Winter Olympics games are a net contributor to a more ecologically and socially sustainable Vancouver;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Board will strive to ensure that the facilities to be built on Park Board land relating to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games be built on time and within budget;**
- 2. The Board will strive to ensure the success of the 2010 Winter Olympic games.**

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and Riccius contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Community Centre Rental - Civic Election

An enquiry was raised with regard to community centres not being reimbursed for its use during the recent civic election. The General Manager advised the Board that in the past rental was charged for the use of community centres for the civic election, however, on being contacted by the City Clerk to use the facilities without cost, staff at the centres were asked to re-arrange their programs to ensure that the impact to the community was kept to the minimum to reduce the overall city costs for running an election. Staff will follow up with Ray Cam to determine why adjustments were not made therefore causing a loss in revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Vice-Chair