

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

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan DeGenova
		- 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
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Recreation Services	- Greg Eng
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the Sunset Community Association for hosting the Board Meeting. The Board received several requests from other community centre associations to host the Board meeting in their community. The Chair congratulated staff who were recipient of the UN Award for their work with the Neighbourhood Integrated Services Team.

The Chair extended an invitation for the public to attend the Mayor's forum with regard to the budget on March 27 at the Italian Cultural Centre and April 3 at the Hellenic Community Centre. There will also be a Planning and Environment Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at the Park Board Office.

MoreSports - Ray Cam Cooperative Centre

Marketa Soldat, on behalf of parents from Ray Cam advised the Board on the MoreSports initiative at Ray Cam. The delegation with the aid of an audio/visual presentation emphasized the importance of sports for children of all cultures, it provides them an opportunity to make new friends, develop self esteem and make positive choices for their future. Ms. Soldat presented a certificate of appreciation to Commissioner Anton for collecting soccer boots and balls for the kids

Board members thanked the delegation for their insightful presentation and also thanked staff for their initiative in developing this unique program.

Squamish Welcome Figure in Hadden Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 10, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a Welcome Figure in Hadden Park sponsored by the Maritime Museum and the Squamish Nation at no cost to the Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that this proposal meets the Park Board Guidelines for placement of art in a public place. The placement of the Welcome Figure on the proposed site will support the Maritime Museum's programming and provide a point of interest.

Chief Bill Williams advised the Board on the history of the Squamish village and the tradition of having a welcome figure as a gesture to invite people to the community.

Board members discussed the matter and expressed their support for this project which is interesting and will recognize First Nations culture.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the installation of a Welcome Figure in Hadden Park sponsored by the Maritime Museum and the Squamish Nation at no cost to the Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 17, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the 2002 financial position and advised the committee that as a result of the positive steps put in place to manage the budget, the Park Board had a surplus for the year ending December 31, 2002 of \$923K. The total surplus represents 2% of the net operating expenditures. The year end Park Board position will be combined with other City departments and it will aid the City year end position in a positive manner. The process to prepare new and non recurring budget was reviewed and staff advised that once Council determines the amount available for NNRs, Park Board's allocation will be finalized.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked staff for managing the budget well. However, the message must be conveyed to Council that the Board needs more money for parks and recreation services. Board members were concerned that a number of NNRs were deferred for budget management and requested a list of deferred NNRs from last year

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Operating Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2002 for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

2003 Operating Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 14, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the City Preliminary 2003 Operating Budget and the proposed Park Board budget for information and refer to the Finance Committee to report back to the Board on budget initiatives to hold the increase in property taxes to 3.9%.

Staff presented the 2003 Operating Budget preliminary estimates. Staff advised that Council approved a property tax increase in principle consistent with inflation. The Corporate Management Team has been requested to identify adjustments to the revenue and expenditures estimate sufficient to hold the increase in property taxes to 3.9%. Approval of this recommendation requires adjustments up to \$7.0 million. The Park Board share of the \$7 million is \$835,300. The Park Board 2003 Preliminary Operating Budget is made up of Basic and Added Basic. It is an estimate of operating costs based on current services and programs

and does not include salary adjustments and NNRs.

Board members thanked staff for the presentation and encouraged everyone to go to the Mayor's forum to advocate for the parks and recreation budget for next year.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive the City Preliminary 2003 Operating Budget and the proposed Park Board budget for information and refer to the Finance Committee to report back to the Board on budget initiatives to hold the increase in property taxes to 3.9%.

- Carried Unanimously.

Youth Access to Sport/Activity

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 14, 2003 recommending that the report be received for information.

Staff advised the Board that this report was a result of the recommendations received during the Mayor's forums on Vancouver's participation in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games. The vision of the action plan is that the 2010 Olympic bid will serve as a catalyst for bringing attention to the health and well being of the young people of Vancouver. The Park Board will initiate a team from all city departments including the Vancouver School Board to guide this project. A Youth Legacy Coordinator will be hired to develop and support a Task Force comprised of youth, recreation/sport/art and culture groups and youth-serving organizations. The Task Force will include youth in the planning and implementation of services. Staff provided an audio / visual presentation on the range of services available in community centres and playing fields for youth.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Youth Legacy Action Plan for Sport, Physical Activity and the Arts for information.

Board members thanked staff for the presentation and were excited with the prospect of being able to raise awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyle for children and youth. In order to take immediate action an amendment motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. **THAT the Board endorse the strategy and have the General Manager present the staff report outlining the proposal to City Council and the Mayor for information and feedback at the earliest convenience;**
- B. **THAT the proposed \$149,300 be added to the Park Board's share of the City's 2003 operating budget;**
- C. **THAT Youth be involved in establishing the Youth Legacy Office and Task Force at the earliest convenience to continue to plan the Youth Legacy program;**
- D. **THAT a minimum of 2 youth be appointed to the Task Force;**
- E. **THAT public consultation is conducted in conjunction with the development of the program;**
- F. **THAT staff report back to the Board once a more detailed plan has been developed;**
- G. **THAT an evaluation process be developed to allow for future program refinements.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

MOTIONS

The following motion was deferred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 10, 2003:

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.**

Board members discussed the economy sustainability of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and an additional Whereas was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the following be added to the motion:

WHEREAS the Park Board supports the Games' contributions to a stronger local and regional economy;

- Carried Unanimously.

Open Question Period

Members of the public are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments with regard to parks and recreation.

The following is a summary of comments provided by members of the public:

- budget presentation was very professional;
- one of the challenges is population growth;
- budget development should look at population needs and reflect increases based on percentage increase of population;
- would like to see renewal of facilities;
- excited about youth and sport;
- would like to see interaction with sports group in the city;
- would like a first class aquatic facility with a competitive pool.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Waterfront Park Visioning Process

Staff to report back to the Board in two months on a process to develop a plan for waterfront park, including riverfront parks which will involve a visioning process with public participation at all stages. The report should incorporate culture and arts, recreation and sports, environmental projects including waterfront ecology, amenities and facilities with timelines and budgets.

Naming of Downtown South Parks

Staff to report back to Board on the best method e.g. email survey etc. to involve the public to come up with a name for Downtown South Park.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair