

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 07, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Recreation Services - Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair advised that Commissioner Riccius was absent due to illness and Commissioner Woodcock was out of town.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 24, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the Sunset Community Centre staff and Association for hosting the Board Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2003.

The Chair reported on the announcement earlier in the day by the Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise at Hastings Park with regard to the transfer of the PNE from the Province to the City.

The Chair thanked all those who attended the Mayor's forum on the budget for their support of parks and recreation.

Council Report

Staff advised the Board that Council will be discussing the interim budget at their meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. Council will also be receiving a report requesting approval of a grant to Mount Pleasant Family Services Centre to assist in the expansion and renovation of the facility which is located in Robson Park. A report regarding changes to the facility will be on the agenda of the April 28, 2003 Board meeting.

Cheque Presentation for Downtown South Park

Don Evans and Mel Endleman from the Rotary Club stated that they were delighted to be part of the project to develop a park in Downtown South and were interested in continuing their partnership with the Board. Mr. Evans presented a cheque of \$25,000, the second instalment of a \$50,000 donation from the Rotary Club towards the development of Downtown South Park.

Board members thanked the delegation for their generous contribution and look forward to the opening of the park.

Relay for Life - Canadian Cancer Society

Jenn Parsons, Relay for Life, Canadian Cancer Society appeared before the Board to thank the Board for allowing this event at Brockton. The delegation presented the events planned for the upcoming relay and advised that Brockton was one of the 4 sites where this event will be held. It is a fund raising event to raise awareness for cancer research. Everyone was welcomed to participate in the event.

Appointment of Architect for the Killarney Community Pool

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 27, 2003 recommending that the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for a new community pool at the Killarney Community Centre to Roger Hughes and Partners Architects.

Keith Jacobsen, Killarney Community Centre stated that the building committee supports the staff recommendation and they are excited about this project.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. **THAT the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for a new community pool at the Killarney Community Centre to Roger Hughes and Partners Architects, for an amount not to exceed \$694,362, plus disbursements, plus GST.**
- B. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Renfrew Park Community Centre and Pool Improvements

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 27, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the project scope of work as described in the report.

Staff advised the Board that a number of studies such as code, pool feasibility, community centre renewal plan and aquatic services have been completed regarding the community centre and pool. These studies led to approval of capital funding for code upgrading and rebuilding the pool. The details of the project funding was reviewed with the Board.

Carmen Rosen and Gail Uthoff from Renfrew Community Centre Association stated that they look forward to being included in the next capital plan so that the vision of Renfrew Community Centre and Pool might be completed. They are excited about the plans for the centre and have organised a fundraising committee to raise the funds required to match the grant of \$50,000 from the Vancouver Foundation for a child and youth friendly space. An additional fundraising will be done to raise \$102,500 for the elevators which was deferred from the current plan due to a shortfall in funding.

Board members thanked the community centre association for their contribution and look forward to the completion of the project. Board members asked staff to ensure that the building will be energy efficient.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board approve the project scope of work as described in this report with an estimated budget of \$2,585,000, the sources of funding to be:**

\$1,995,000	2000-2002 Renfrew Pool and Code Upgrading
\$ 200,000	2000 -2002 Pools Major Maintenance Capital
\$ 390,000	Renfrew Park Community Association donation, and

- B. THAT the Board accept a donation of \$390,000 from the Renfrew Park Community Association, and approve an increase in the 2003 capital budget of \$390,000.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event Request - Cirque du Soleil

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 4, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the use of Coopers Park to Cirque du Soleil from June 17, 2003 to August 22, 2003 as part of the location for the Cirque du Soleil "Alegria" performance.

Staff reviewed the area of Coopers Park to be used by Cirque du Soleil. The park will be restored to its original condition at the completion of the event. This type of culture activity falls under the mandate of the Park Board and the impact on park users should be minimal. Staff have requested that a number of free tickets be provided for community groups to attend the performance.

Board members discussed the matter and suggested that notification be provided to dog owners ahead of time so that they are aware of this event.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the use of a portion of Cooper's Park to Cirque du Soleil from June 17, 2003 to August 22, 2003 as part of the location for the Cirque du Soleil "Alegria" performance and authorize the General Manager to sign a license agreement with Cirque de Soleil permitting such use, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager .

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

An enquiry was made whether someone would be appointed to the Cool City Task Force. The Chair indicated that she will be reviewing the appointment.

A request to consider having a liaison Commissioner for the MoreSports project was brought forward. The Chair stated that she was not prepared to add another liaison to the Board's liaison list at this time. Commissioner Anton advised that she had been involved with MoreSports since its inception and will continue to attend the advisory meetings.

A request for a formal reporting of business conducted at committee meetings was raised. Board members indicated that they will discuss and decide on a format for reporting.

An update regarding the recent Community Centre Association Presidents Meeting was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair