

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 09, 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 Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 26, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the May 26th Board meeting held at Trout Lake Community Centre was very successful with good questions from the audience and she thanked the Grandview Community Association and staff at Trout Lake Community Centre for a well organized evening.

The Chair advised that this past weekend she travelled by bike around the seawall to Stanley Park and was impressed with the number of users and how well maintained the route was. She thanked the staff for their hard work in keeping the seawall and beaches beautiful.

The Chair appointed Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps as the Board's liaison to the Peace and Justice Committee established by Council.

The Chair was impressed with the speaker at the South East False Creek Planning Workshop held last weekend and encouraged everyone to attend future workshops.

Members of the Board congratulated Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations for hitting a “hole-in-one” at the staff golf tournament held on the weekend.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be hearing delegations re the Financing Growth report on Tuesday, June 10, with regard to West Nile Virus at it’s Planning and Environment Committee meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2003.

Committee Report

The Chair of the Finance Committee reported that they discussed the 2003 Budget Operating Statement and the renewal of the agreement for Legends of the Moon Gift Shop, at Brockton Totem Poles. These two reports are on the agenda tonight for the Board’s approval. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26 at 8:30 am and the agenda will include the process for next year’s budget.

The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee reported that the committee heard delegations and had a good discussion with regard to Financing Growth. They also received an update on the public consultation process for choosing artificial turf sites.

The Chair of the Culture and Recreation Committee advised that the meeting scheduled for June 4 was cancelled due to illness of the Chair. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for that meeting will be the Special Events Policy, Ice Allocation Policy and Late Night Opportunities in our parks and facilities.

STAFF REPORT

False Creek Community Centre : Renovations and Addition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 2, 2003 recommending that the Board award a contract for the work at False Creek Community Centre renovations and addition to Makam Construction Ltd.

Staff advised the Board that the renovation project will include the addition of a small gymnasium, fitness centre expansion and the upgrading of the heating and ventilating system in Building 79, the original community centre building. The lowest tender came in lower than was expected and there is a possibility that there might be some funds remaining which staff recommend be returned if available to the funding partners in proportion to the funding share of each partner.

Patrick Couling, President, False Creek Community Association urged the Board to approve the recommendation in the staff report the Association looks forward to the commencement of the project.

Board members thanked the False Creek Community Association for their generous donation and City Council for the increased funding.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A) **THAT the Board award a contract for the work of tender T2003-3 False Creek Community Centre: Renovations and Addition to Makam Construction Ltd., for the cost of \$1,051,034, plus GST, and**

- 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.

Brockton Totem Poles Gift Shop - Licence Extension

Board members received copies of a report from the Finance Committee recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

The Chair of the Finance Committee presented the report and stated that the current operator has done a good job. The gift shop is a destination stop for tourists in Stanley Park and an opportunity for First Nations artists to sell their artwork.

Board members complimented staff and the operator for providing a good service to visitors to Stanley Park.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board approve a two year licence extension to Destination Canada Gifts Inc., from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006 to operate the Gift Shop at the Brockton Totem Poles site in Stanley Park under the same rent formula as the first three years.**
- 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 by all parties.**
- C. THAT once the form of all legal documentation 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.

Financing Growth

Board members received copies of report from the Planning and Environment Committee report dated June 6, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee advised the Board that the recommended amendments in the report were brought forward delegations at the committee meeting.

Board members discussed the recommendations and a member of the Board raised concerns regarding the wording of B4 for a better understanding of the amendments. The Chair advised that an explanation of the amendments is available in the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. **THAT the Board endorse the recommendations of the final Financing Growth report, with the exception of Recommendations B1, B4, B9 and C9.**
- B. **THAT the Board propose for Council consideration the amendments to Recommendations B1, B4, B9 and C9 of the Financing Growth report as set out in Appendix A to this report.**
- C. **THAT the Board urge Council to approve Recommendation G1 of the Financing Growth Report, which provides that “DCL revenue can only be used for the currently eligible facilities: parks, childcare, replacement housing, and specified engineering infrastructure...” and not to approve Recommendation G2 which would expand the range of DCL funding eligibility.**
- D. **THAT the Board send a delegation to the June 10, 2003 special meeting of Council on the Financing Growth final report in order to express the Board’s opinions on these issues.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2003 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts for the Period Ending April 30, 2003

Board members received copies of a Finance Committee report dated May 29, 2003 recommending that the report be received for information.

The Chair of the Finance Committee advised the Board that the financial statement was for the first four months. Many of the Board’s operations are seasonal and dependant on the weather. It is the hope of the Finance Committee that the weather will improve and revenue will pick up, however, should the trend continue then they will have to adopt some sort of measure to manage the budget. The committee plans to provide a monthly budget update to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested staff to do a preliminary study on whether there were enough parks and recreation facilities in the West End to meet the need of the growing number of families moving into the area. Staff advised that staff resources were currently allocated for planning and research activities for this year and we will followup on this request when resources are available.

There was an enquiry with regard to the process of Park Board's involvement in South East False Creek Study. Staff advised the Board that Park Board will be involved in the issues related to parks and recreation. The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee stated that this issue will be on their upcoming agenda.

The Chair asked the Manager of Communications to meet with members of the editorial committee of Xtra West and other newspapers to discuss placement of advertisements in their newspaper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair