

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 21, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Recreation Services - Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Recreation Services - Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Information Technology	- Norman Mills
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair recognized former Park Commissioners Councillor Tim Louis and Donna Morgan.

Approval of Minutes

A members of the Board referred to the various Canada Day Celebrations and stated that Fiesta Days at Point Grey should be included.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 07, 2003 were adopted as amended.

Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the efforts of staff and fellow Commissioners, especially Commissioner Allan De Genova in working through the difficult issue at Victory Square Park.

The Chair stated that the Board participated in several events such as SUCCESS Walk with the Dragon, Folk Festival, Cirque du Soleil, Final workshop for South East False Creek, a concert at Everett Crowley Park, the Enchanted Garden concert series at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens and the community garden event at Strathcona.

The General Manager reported that Council has:

- requested a staff report on all civic programs and initiative on youth and children;
- reviewed the report on community policing centres;
- asked Park Board to provide input for the Food Policy Task Force;
- handled East Fraserlands report with regard to the community consultation process;
- received the report on the introduction of slot machines at Hastings Park
- approved the report on the development at 901 Mainland;
- received the graffiti report from the City Engineer for the continuation of the graffiti removal program in 2003.

Parks Control By-law : Sec. 9 (i to iv)

The Chair outlined the process with regard to delegation requests on staff reports on the agenda and a delegation request regarding a new issue brought to the Board. Normally the Board allows 15 minutes for a delegation presenting new information to the Board, however, in consideration of the interest on this issue the delegation will have 30 minutes to make a presentation. This issue will be placed on a committee agenda in the fall to provide an opportunity for everyone to have an in-depth discussion.

Annelise Sorg, Coalition for No Whales in Captivity, stated that she was providing the Board with a proposal for corrective action to the Parks Control Bylaw Sec. 9 (e) (i to iv) because she wants to stop the importation of dolphins.

Denis Howarth provided an explanation on the interpretation of the by-law with suggestions to change the wording in the Parks Control Bylaw Sec 9 (e) (i to iv) to improve the enforcement of the bylaw. Mr. Howarth stated that the board should retain its authority to enforce the bylaw and to force the Vancouver Aquarium to abide by it.

Councillor Tim Louis stated that he was speaking to the Board as a former Park Board Commissioner, and would like the Board to close the loophole which the Aquarium may use to bring in more dolphins. He stated that he tried to close the loophole at the time the by-law was drawn but was not successful.

Donna Morgan, former Park Board Commissioner advised the Board that a majority of the Commissioners in 1986 were of the opinion was not to capture or cause to capture any cetaceans from the wild .

Richard O'Berry, World Society for the Protection of Animals, is working to stop the traffic of captive dolphins. Mr. O'Berry was a trainer for Flipper, however, he is now working to prevent the capture and trade of dolphins. He urged the Board to not allow the Aquarium to use education as an excuse to import any more dolphins. Vancouver is the most environmentally conscious city in Canada and the Board should take the lead in finding Spinnaker's family and return it home.

Board members thanked the delegation for their presentation and the Chair asked staff to ask the City's Legal Department to examine the information submitted by the delegation and provide a legal opinion and suggest remedies if the bylaw or its enforcement are found to be deficient.

The Chair also requested staff to send a letter to the Vancouver Aquarium to inform them that the Park Board was reviewing the by-law on the importation of cetaceans, and ask them to voluntarily refrain from importing any dolphins or whales until such time as the review is completed.

Recreation Software Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff provided an update with regard to the renewal of the recreation systems and packages used by the Park Board. The project team which comprised of staff and representatives from Community Associations has selected a vendor for the new recreation software package and the project is now ready to proceed to pilot and implementation.

Chris Payne, Grandview Community Association, appeared before the Board and stated that he was impressed with Park Board staff team during the project planning process, they attended meetings regularly and every effort was made to employ current procedures. He kept the Association Presidents up to date on the project.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the cost to implement this new system seems reasonable and given the improvements, it would be a good investment. The Board would like to receive a post pilot progress report.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Recreation Software Renewal dated July 9, 2003 for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Ice Allocation Policy

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the Ice Allocation Task Force's report for information and that the Board approve the Ice Allocation Policy.

Staff advised the Board that the Ice Allocation Task Force reviewed the 1989 Policy and met monthly to discuss ice allocation and financial sustainability issues associated with the provision of ice rink facilities. The Task Force followed a set of principles which served as the framework for the development and evaluation of the new allocation policy.

Kim Hogan, Killarney Community Association, Rink Task Force member thanked staff for working well with the groups and for coming up with a policy that would work well for everyone.

Board members discussed the matter and noted that it is a good policy framework and was glad to see that all sports were acknowledged. With the 2010 Winter Olympics coming up there will be an increase in winter sports participation. It was also suggested that a joint meeting between the Culture and Recreation and Finance Committee be held to consider the financial sustainability issues.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board receive the ice Allocation Task Force's report for information (Appendix A).

THAT the Board approve the Ice Allocation Policy (Appendix B).

- Carried Unanimously.

2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Games

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 2003 recommending that the Board send a letter of appreciation to the 2010 Bid Corporation for their outstanding work in securing the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

Staff advised the Board that the Venue agreements provide for the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games to contribute towards the upgrading of either the Killarney or Trout Lake rink as a practice venue. Staff will bring a report to the Board in the fall for consideration of a location.

Keith Jacobsen, Killarney Community Association asked the Board to include the rink as a component to the Killarney pool reconstruction plans. Their master plan includes a rink and there will be significant savings to build the pool and rink at the same time.

Beth Beeching, Vice President, Grandview Community Centre thanked the Board for considering Trout Lake as a practice site for the Olympics. They are excited about a new rink and would like to know what criteria would be used in the selection process. The Steelers left Trout Lake because they needed a better rink, but would certainly be back at Trout Lake if they have a new rink.

Board members discussed the matter and it was suggested that the motion previously approved by the Board with regard to the 2010 Olympic Games be appended to the letter being prepared for the 2010 Bid Corporation.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board send a letter of appreciation to the 2010 Bid Corporation for their outstanding work in securing the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

- Carried Unanimously.

Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir - Landscape Concept Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape Concept Plan and that the budget be set at \$3.4 million and the project be funded as described in the report.

Kim Perry and Richard Henriquez, Consultants, presented the concept plan to the Board. The landscape design includes water features, paved walkways, a wedding pavilion and an area for tai-chi. The consultants gave a detailed architectural review on the wedding pavilion with the explanation that the structure can be used for other events such as company seminars.

Board members discussed the plans and were pleased to see that the surface will be attractively landscaped . The design plan is unique and the wedding pavilion will be a popular facility. It was suggested that staff investigate the need for multilingual signage in this area.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board approve the Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape concept plan as illustrated in Attachment 1.**
- B. THAT the budget be set at \$3.4 million and the project be funded as described in this report.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event Policy Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the Draft - Guide to Special Event in Parks Report for information and that the Board forward this report to partners and stakeholders for further consultation. The Chair of the Culture and Recreation Committee thanked the staff and community groups for participating in the process and putting the policy together. The Chair requested that information on Special Events be available in other languages.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board receive the Draft - Guide to Special Event in Parks Report for information.

THAT the Board forward the Draft - Guide to Special Event in Parks Report to partners and stakeholders for further consultation.

- Carried Unanimously.

Waterfront Summer Use Inventory

Board member received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the four components of a comprehensive waterfront policy as the basis for the development of a terms of reference and funding proposal. Also the Board endorse the inventory of summer uses on Vancouver's public waterfront as described in this report at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 as a first step in the waterfront planning process.

Staff advised that the proposal to do an inventory work this summer is a starting point for the overall planning study. It is intended that a count of traffic in Stanley Park and the seawall will be conducted along with other surveys along the waterfront. Aerial photographs will be taken to get sense of what people do on land and on water.

Board members stated that staff should look for diversity in the survey and look forward to the result.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- H. THAT the Board approve the four components of a comprehensive waterfront policy as the basis for the development of a terms of reference and funding proposal:**
- I. THAT the Board endorse the inventory of summer uses on Vancouver's public waterfront as described in this report at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 as a first step in the waterfront planning process.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Champlain Heights Community Centre Addition - General Manager Approval of the Tender During the Board's Summer Break

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 8, 2003 recommending that the Board grant authority to the General Manager to award the construction contract for Champlain Heights Community Centre addition, as may be required during the Board's 2003 summer recess.

The General Manager advised the Board that the purpose of this report was to proceed with the project as soon as the infrastructure grant is received.

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board stated that the project would need to be placed in a higher priority level by the city in order for it to be considered. It was suggested that a letter be sent with a request for bringing the placing up for the application to be considered.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board grant authority to the General Manager to award the construction contract for Champlain Heights Community Centre addition, as may be required during the Board's 2003 summer recess.

- Carried Unanimously.

Sale of City-Owned Property - 4168 Atlin Street

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the recommendations listed in the report.

Staff advised that the Board's program to acquire the land located along the west side of the ravine involved the acquisition and subdivision of privately owned lots so that the portion in the ravine becomes City-owned land and the flat portion at the top of the bank remains privately-owned land for residential purposes. The acquisition and subsequent subdivision of the lot at 4168 Atlin Street has achieved the objective of protecting the banks of Renfrew Ravine Park.

Board members indicated an interest to hear from the land conservancy group.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board endorse the following recommendations, as contained in the attached report to City Council:

S THAT Council accept the Offer to Purchase the City-owned property at 4168 Atlin Street, legally described as PID:024-161-080 Lot K South East 1/4 Section 47 Town of Hastings Suburban Lands Plan LMP38157, from Parkjit K. Gill in the amount of \$280,000.00 under the terms and conditions contained in the City's Tender Form-Offer to Purchase" and this report.

S THAT the Park Board Land Acquisition Fund be reimbursed with the proceeds of the sale.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motions

Moved by Commissioner Anton

WHEREAS :

- 10. The Killarney Pool project is at the final stages of design work;**
- 11. It is imperative that the available budget is known at this stage of the project;**
- 12. The City of Vancouver has clearly indicated that it does not expect projects of this kind to pay a Development Cost Levy (DCL) (see Financing Growth motion passed 24 June 2003, sections B4 and B14) and is requesting amendments to the Vancouver Charter to permit exemptions for such projects:**
- 13. The proposed Killarney Pool project is at the moment subject to a DCL in the amount of approximately \$185,000;**
- 14. Many other projects planned for Vancouver Park Board (VPB) property are similarly liable for DCL charges from which they too would be exempted if the Charter changes were enacted:**

Be It Resolved That :

- 1. The General Manager work with city staff to develop a process to seek relief for the Killarney Pool project from DCL charges;**
- 2. The General Manager identify any other VPB projects anticipated in the capital plan which are subject to DCL charges and work with city staff on a strategy to allow for relief from such charges.**

An amendment to the motion was proposed:

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Add a no. 6 to Whereas:

there appear to be a gap in what the expectations of the community are and in what the Park Board is able to deliver in the current technical analysis.

Add a no. 3 to Resolve:

that we ask staff to report back on the financial status of the project in the early fall.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Anton, Deal, De Genova, Poaps and Riccius contrary)

Board members discussed the motion and it was suggested that an amendment be added for staff to report the financial status of the project to the Board in the fall.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

3. We ask for a staff report on the financial status of the project in the fall.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(i) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair