

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 03, 2004**

PRESENT :	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Vancouver East District	
	Manager of Operations -	
	Queen Elizabeth District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Recreation - Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Special Events Coordinator	- Daisy Chin
	Child and Youth Services Coordinator	- Booth Palmer
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 19, 2004 adopted as circulated .

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised that some members of the Board participated in the following events:

- Earth Day celebration at Everett Crowley Park;
- Opening Day event at Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club;
- BCRPA Conference in Penticton;
- AIBC Awards dinner to honour Richard Evans from the Victory Square Project;
- Slam City Jam;
- opening of Skateboarding Art Show at the Vancouver Museum.

The Chair announced that Susan Mundick, General Manager is the BCRPA President-Elect for 2004/2005.

Finance Committee - next meeting is on Monday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include Ethical Purchasing and Leases.

Planning and Environment Committee - next meeting is on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. The committee will be discussing a proposal for a pond at Strathcona Gardens, daylighting a stream at Tatlow Park and Ziptrek Ecotours in Stanley Park.

Culture and Recreation Committee - next meeting is on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The committee will be discussing Kid's Park Proposal, Canadian Wakeboard Championships at Cooper's Park, Canadian Breast Cancer Society Fund Raiser, Rink Operation Proposal and Olympic Youth Legacy Framework.

Council Report - Council approved the 2003-05 Capital Funding Adjustments, authorized the staff to call for tender for #1 Kingsway project and supported a motion on Move for Health day on May 10, 2004. Council will be receiving a report on 2004 PNE Operations on Tuesday and a report on Animal Control Services - Strategic Plan at the Community Services Budget Committee on Thursday.

PRESENTATION

City of Vancouver Heritage Award - English Bay Bathhouse

The Board received a Vancouver Heritage Award for the renovation and preservation of the English Bay Bathhouse, a heritage building. The award was presented to the Chair by Rudy Roelofsen, Manager of Facility Development and John Maxey, Project Manager.

STAFF REPORTS

BCBC Portables on Park Land

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 23, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Provincial government has indicated its intention to terminate all of the remaining lease agreements with the Park Board, City and Hydro and to turn over the ownership of the remaining portables to the childcare societies along with the annual occupancy and maintenance costs. The childcare facilities presently on parkland have expressed an interest to continue to operate at those locations. An additional childcare facility on parkland is being considered. The priorities outlined in the Guidelines for Daycare on Park Space will be considered for the use of parks for childcare purposes.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jeff Devins, Director, YMCA of Greater Vancouver
- Kerry Tamm, Kits Area Childcare

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

- significant provider of family services;
- need more space to provide wide range of service to families;
- the childcare facility serves a diverse community;
- staff at the facility serves as eyes of the community;
- help keep China Creek Park clean by picking up litter;
- hope to build a two storey building with a bigger kitchen;
- there is a need for kindergarten and after school care;
- provide early childhood program;
- is the front line for detection of development deficiencies;
- people are happy with the care their children receive.

Board members thanked the delegations and agreed that these recommendations fit within the Child Care Protocol that the Board has adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. THAT the Board enter into a 5 year agreement with two not-for-profit childcare societies for the purposes of operating licensed childcare programs in BC Buildings Corporation buildings at Kits Area parksite and Burrard View Parks, and direct staff to inform interested groups and nearby residents, all arrangements subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services..**

- B. THAT the Board**
 - 1. Enter into a 5 year agreement with one not-for-profit childcare society for the purpose of operating licensed childcare programs in a BCBC portable building on South China Creek Park, and direct staff to inform interested groups and nearby residents, all arrangements subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager, and**
 - 2. Explore the options for construction of a permanent facility for the purpose of operating licensed childcare programs at South China Creek Park as proposed by the operator, consult the public on this proposal and report back to the Board on the preferred options and comments by June 30, 2004.**

- C. THAT the Board consult interested groups and nearby residents on a proposal to co-locate a similar modular building on School Board land and at Captain Cook Park, for the purposes of operating licensed childcare programs and report back to the Board by June 30, 2004.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Dog Off-Leash Program Enhancements - Funding Request

Staff report dated April 22, 2004 recommending that the Board approve funding of \$83,000 for the improvements to the Dog Off-Leash Program, the source of funds to be the Corporate Sponsorship Program and that staff report back on the Responsible Dog Ownership Program and the potential support to be provided by the Park Board when further elements of the program have been finalized.

Staff advised the Board that in February a series of strategies to improve the dog off-leash program were adopted. The Board commented during that discussion that the wear and tear of the turf on several off-leash sites needs to be considered and staff were to develop a funding request to restore those sites with the greatest problems.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Margaret Newton, Vancouver Dog Owners Association
- Megan Carvell Davis

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

- support the staff recommendation;
- would like to have more off-leash areas;
- need "you are here" signs at Kits Beach;
- put more thought into the signs;
- bag dispensers are good;
- Hadden Park is in-appropriate for an off-leash site;
- Hadden Park and beach is a bathing beach;
- Board should consider suspending Hadden Park as an off-leash site until the purpose of this park has been examined;
- Hadden Park goes to the high water mark not just the grassy area.

Board members thanked staff for working through a difficult issue and stated that on going education and enforcement of the bylaw was needed to make the off-leash program successful. The Board requested that staff follow up on the issues raised by the delegate in respect to Hadden Park.

Moved by Commissioner Deal.

- A. THAT the Board approve funding of \$83,000 for the improvements to the Dog Off-Leash program, the source of funds to be the Corporate Sponsorship Program.**
- B. THAT staff report back to the Board on the Responsible Dog Ownership Program and the potential support to be provided by the Park Board when further elements of the program have been finalized.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Everett Crowley Park Management Plan - Appointment of Consultants

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 22, 2004 recommending that the Board appoint LEES and Associates Consulting Ltd to develop a Management Plan for Everett Crowley Park.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board appoint LEES + Associates Consulting Ltd. to develop a Management Plan for Everett Crowley Park for the fee of \$35,000 plus gst and disbursements.**
- 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.

Alcan Dragon Boat Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 22, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the use of Creekside Park for the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival from June 18 to June 20, 2004 and that the Board grant permission to extend a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the event to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2004.

Staff advised the Board that the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival is being relocated to Creekside Park and the organizers have requested to extend the special occasion license hour to 11:00 p.m. for this year only. Staff have concerns with the site as a significant amount of park space will not be accessible to the public and staff will work with the organizers to find a more acceptable location for future years.

Board members supported the recommendation and encouraged staff to find a solution to a location which will work better in the future.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board approve the use of Creekside Park for the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival from June 18, 2004 to June 20, 2004.**
- B. THAT the Board grant permission to extend a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the event to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday June 19, 2004.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2004 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 20, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the 2004 Capital budget of \$20,353,000, including the advance approved projects and the cost escalation transfers approved by the Board and by Council, be approved, with sources of funding being \$13,066,000 from 2003 - 2005 Basic Capital, \$557,000 from prior year capital transfer, \$4,480,000 from City-Wide Development Cost Levy, \$1,250,000 from Bayshore Development and \$1,000,000 from City Matching Funds for Sunset Community Centre renewal.**

- B. THAT the Board acknowledge contributions by partner Associations totaling \$487,850 towards Park Board capital projects.**

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

Whereas the World Health Organization has selected May 10, 2004 as Move for Health Day to be observed around the globe;

Whereas on May 4, 2004 the Mayor will make a proclamation that the City of Vancouver will observe May 10, 2004 as Move for Health Day: Active Children and Youth;

Whereas promotion of physical activity leading to good health is a key part of the mandate of the Vancouver Park Board; and

Whereas recreation staff are planning activities to promote the principles of Move for Health Day;

Therefore Be It Resolved That :

- 1. The Vancouver Park Board supports Move for Health Day : Active Children and Youth on May 10, 2004; and**

2. **The Vancouver Park Board will encourage citizens, particularly children and youth, on May 10, 2004 to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of physical activity, and to join local, national and global efforts to improve accessibility to physical activity for all our citizens.**

Staff advised the Board that in response to the World Health Organization's initiative, staff have been working on plans to encourage activity into already existing programs to participate in the 2004 Moved for World Health Day : Active Children and Youth event, at no cost to the Board.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Board members were advised that brochures for Youth Week were available and that the event Youth Vibe will be on Saturday at the Roundhouse Community Centre.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

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:

(h) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair