

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004**

PRESENT :	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Recreation - Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 03, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- The Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Local Governance where there was an update on health issues which may affect services provided by the Park Board;
- Joint Operating Agreement meeting with staff and Community Associations.

The Chair announced that Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District, was awarded a honorary membership in the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects. Board members offered their congratulations to Jim.

Finance Committee : The next meeting will be held on May 31 at 6:30 p.m.. The committee will be discussing Ethical Purchasing.

Planning and Environment Committee : The next meeting will be held on June 3 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda are Fruit Trees, Daycare Consultation Update, Cell Phone Tower at Fraserview Golf Course and the Stanley Park Bike Path.

Culture and Recreation Committee : The next meeting is on June 9, at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda are the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force and the Taiwanese Festival.

City Council Report : Council will receive a presentation on Hastings Park similar to the one being presented to the Board tonight, a report on the Cool Vancouver Task Force Draft Community Climate Change Action Plan and an evaluation report to update Council on Leaf Blower Regulation. The City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving the 2004 Capital Budget and Capital Budget Close Out reports.

Update on incident at Cambridge Park - The General Manager provided the Board with the latest information regarding the incident at Cambridge Park on the weekend. Staff have contacted and are working with the police, health and railway officials to follow up on the concern raised by two dog owners' dog which may have visited Cambridge Park. No unusual substance was found, regular maintenance has been carried out, the park has been cleaned and signs have been installed to remind residents to contact us if there is any concern.

PRESENTATION

Hastings Park / PNE

Sue Harvey, Project Manager, presented the history, visioning process and the results of the public consultation process for Hastings Park. Ms. Harvey advised the Board that the consultants working on this project gathered the information from the ideas fair and the urban parks forum and grouped them into four approaches. She pointed out that the Hastings Park Restoration Plan would form the basis of the four approaches, however, each approach is different with respect to the duration of the summer fair and Playland. The Board was provided with information regarding the proposed building uses, financial and technical implications and the economic impacts with regard to slot machines.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Steve Varty, CUPE Local 1004
- Rolf Tevely, Hastings Community Association
- Randy Goulding, Save the Track Coalition
- Mike McDaniel, PNE
- Kelly Quinn, Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 378.

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

- the PNE is the largest employer of youth and seniors;
- support Approach 3 and 4;
- support the greening of Hastings Park;
- need to have Playland, the Fair and year round activity, if this is taken away, there will be a negative impact on the revenue for the PNE;

- support the connection to New Brighton Park;
- need to have clarification on governance otherwise programming will be difficult;
- the 115 years of history of the track should be saved;
- the track provides jobs for the community;
- the employees at the track took a wage reduction so that the track could continue to operate.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and advised that Council will be hearing delegations on June 1 with a follow up on June 7 (if needed) when Council will be hearing delegations.

Rezoning of False Creek North Parcel 6A and Timing of Creekside Park Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 11, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the practice in large residential developments is to tie the delivery of new parks with the phasing of the residential development, so that parks are added as the area population increases. Staff provided background information on the rezoning of False Creek North Parcel 6A and a preliminary review of possible alternatives to a recommendation contained in a rezoning report scheduled for Public Hearing, which if approved by Council, will delay the delivery of a park so that remediation of contaminated soils in False Creek North can be done.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Ted McGrath
- Patsy McMillan
- Margaret Newton
- Martin Collacott

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

- False Creek ODP is constantly changing;
- residential units have increased but amount of park space has not increased;
- Creekside Park extension should commence now;
- the contaminated soils in parcel 6A and 6C should be dealt with;
- changing of the ODP is a breach of trust;
- need to be informed if the contaminated soils poses a health risk;
- need an implementation time frame for Creekside Park;
- plan to develop Creekside Park as an off leash area;
- Creekside Park was part of the Concord sale brochure, hold Concord to its obligation.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that a message to Council should be sent that the Board would prefer the development of a park at Creekside sooner than later and that any rezoning application for parcel 6C should consider an increased amount of park space.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT this Board recommends that Council amend the Official Development Plan for False Creek North as follows:

Figure 7 (Phasing of Parks and Community Facilities) is amended to replace the requirement for a park ("Creekside Park" extension) which is to be developed concurrently with Area 6A or Area 6C "whichever proceeds first" by "after the last of Area 6A or Area 6C proceeds or at the latest by 1 Jan 2009".

Board members raised concerns about setting a date which was arbitrary.

The motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. **THAT the Board requests that Council explore mechanisms to deliver Creekside Park extension (Parcel 9 in False Creek North) as early as possible.**
- B. **AND THAT the Board requests that Council consider, at the time when a rezoning application is received for Parcel 6C, a year by which Creekside Park extension must be delivered.**

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT motion A and B be voted on individually.

- Carried Unanimously.

Board members discussed the motions and there was a concern that if parcel 6C does not get rezoned then the potential of having a park might be lost.

A vote was taken on Motion A and it was Carried Unanimously.

A vote was taken on Motion B and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Anton contrary)

Stanley Park Commemorative Integrity Statement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 4, 2004 recommending that the Board adopt the Stanley Park Commemorative Integrity Statement with the amendment described in the staff memorandum dated May 14, 2004, as an acknowledgment of the Park's status as a National Historic Site and as a reference for future decision making.

Gerry O'Neil requested that the Board defer the approval of the Stanley Park Commemorative Integrity Statement as he would like horse drawn tours to be included as part of the statement.

Board members advised the delegation that the integrity statement addresses the natural and heritage resources of the park and a commercial service is not a part of the statement.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board adopt the Stanley Park Commemorative Integrity Statement, Appendix 1, with the amendment described in the staff memorandum dated May 14, 2004, as an acknowledgement of the Park's status as a National Historic Site and as a reference for future decision making.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event - Weekend to End Breast Cancer

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 6, 2004 recommending that the Board approve subject to community consultation, the recommendation to use Killarney Park for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60 km walk on August 21 - August 22, 2004.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT subject to the outcome of the community consultation process, the Board approve the use of Killarney Park for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60 km walk on August 21 - August 22, 2004.

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Board Pre 2000 and 2000 - 2002 Capital Plan Close-Outs

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 5, 2004 recommending that the Board endorse the recommendation in the City Council Administrative Report "Park Board Pre 2000 and 2000-2002 Capital Plan Close-Outs".

Staff advised the Board that capital projects are reviewed to determine completed projects and identify sources of funds that can be transferred to other projects to balance deficits and surpluses. This review monitors project costs and ensures funds are available for all capital projects.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board endorse the recommendation in the City Council Administrative Report "Park Board Pre 2000 and 2000 - 2002 Capital Plan Close Outs".

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Anton :

Whereas:

- (a) Members of the Eburne Lands Coordinating Group (ELCG) have been meeting for many months now in promoting, among other things, a waterfront walkway along the Fraser River foreshore on the south side of the TransLink site at Eburne;
- (b) On April 17, 2004 a meeting was held between representatives of TransLink, the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board and members of the Eburne Lands Coordinating Group;

- (c) The meeting resulted in the statement of principles in Attachment A;

Attachment A

Agreed statements from April 17, 2004 meeting between representatives of TransLink, the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board and members of the Eburne Lands Coordinating Group:

THAT, in time for the May 25th Development Permit Board meeting, the City and TransLink will determine the capacity for moving 51 parking stalls to the 75th Avenue right-of-way and/ or the south end of Hudson Street and/or the north end of the TransLink site.

THAT, in the event that these spaces can be moved, TransLink will develop a riverfront walkway, within a statutory right-of-way, with pedestrian and bicycle access from the southeast portion of the TransLink site, such walkway to be no narrower than 15ft. in any location and maximizing the width without negatively affecting bus parking.

THAT, agreement be reached regarding the construction of the walkway to include a combination of resident/TransLink involvement, Park Board input and TransLink design, focusing on soft treatment and native planting consistent with the landscaping of the riverfront walkway to the west (e.g. The Angus Corporate Centre).

THAT, TransLink, the City, Parks and Community commit to further exploration of a visioning process for the Marpole/Vancouver Gateway.

THAT, the participants of the April 17th meeting agree that it would be desirable for the TransLink payment-in-lieu to be dedicated to parkland acquisition in Marpole.

THAT, TransLink meet on a regular basis through development, construction and operation of the facility, with a community committee and appropriate other stakeholders to discuss additional issues of concern.

- (d) On May 25, 2004 the TransLink development will be considered by the Development Permit Board of the City of Vancouver;

Therefore it is resolved that:

- 1. This Board commends the Eburne Lands Coordinating Group for the many hundreds of hours of work it has put into consideration of the issues around the Eburne site;**
- 2. This Board supports the waterfront walkway and requests that staff communicate that support to the Development Permit Board on May 25, 2004.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair