

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2004**

PRESENT :	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	Acting General Manager	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A member of the Board referred to page 4 of the Minutes regarding the motion put forward by Commissioner Anton on the Creekside Park Extension and stated that it should be noted that some members of the Board believe that setting a date could be seen as arbitrary.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 17, 2004 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on events in May and June and some of the members of the Board participated in several events:

- 2004 Volunteer Award Dinner at VanDusen Garden
- 7th Annual Salmonberry Days at Dunbar
- Joint Operating Agreement Open House at VanDusen Garden
- UBC Museum of Anthropology launch of Vickie Jensens' book "The Totem Poles of Stanley Park"
- Delegation at Council re: Hastings Park
- Open Houses for Synthetic Turf Playing Fields
- Bard on the Beach at Vanier Park
- Mole Hill Society Celebrations
- West End Farmers Market will now be in Nelson Park

- Free concerts at Haywood Bandstand in Alexandra Park
- Seniors' Spring Tea and Dance at Roundhouse Community Centre
- VanDusen Garden Show
- Stanley Park Bike Fest
- Ivy Buster Program at Stanley Park
- Free Dance Program at Ceperley Park
- City Fest at Hastings Park
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - opening of new wing
- Alcan Dragon Boat Festival
- Point Grey Feista
- Dog Day Afternoon at John Hendry Park

The Vice-Chair announced that Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps was the recipient of the Action Canada Fellowship for 2004/2005. Each year Action Canada selects up to 20 exceptional young Canadians who are in the early years of their career or following a course of graduate studies to participate in a program focusing on leadership development and public policy projects of significance to Canada. The fellowship year is to be undertaken in conjunction with the graduate studies or other work in which the Fellows are engaged. The Leadership Development Program will include three intensive working conferences, investigation of public policy issues, ongoing interaction among Action Canada Fellows, as well as mentoring by current leaders in government and business.

Finance Committee: the next meeting will be on July 12. Agenda items will be available on the website.

Planning and Environment Committee: the meeting scheduled for June 3 was cancelled, the next meeting will be on July 6, Agenda items will be on the website.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting will be on June 9, items on the Agenda are Joint Operating Agreement - Results of Consultation, Car Free Day in Stanley Park, and a presentation by CirKids Presentation.

City Council Report

The Acting General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving a report on Electoral Reform at its meeting on Tuesday.

STAFF REPORTS

Centralized Ice Allocation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 27, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the recommendations listed in the report.

Staff advised the Board that a centralized ice allocation system will be an efficient and cost-effective model to ensure improved customer service and consistent application of ice allocation to all groups. The implementation of the centralized ice allocation system will result in staff changes as highlighted in this report. This process have been reviewed with stakeholders, staff and CUPE 15.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Donalda Greenwell-Baker, CUPE 15
- Ian Haywood Farmer
- Chris Payne, Grandview Community Centre Association

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

- the Union is appreciative of the notification;
- statistics given are inconsistent;
- access to programmer by the public is decreased;
- concerned with reduction of programming staff;
- with half-time at each facility, duties will be repetitive;
- suggest this structure be implemented on a trial basis;
- Board should ask for an evaluation report;
- concerned that a Programmer will not be on-site full-time;
- community centre Association needs to have a Programmer on-site to solve problems;
- concerned with how staff time will be allocated, would affect Association staff;
- reasonably satisfied, although progress seems slow.

Board members discussed the issue and some members expressed support for the process to resolve the efficiency issues. A member of the Board expressed concern with regard to the loss of positions as a result of twining the rinks.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board centralize the allocation and booking functions for rink operations and approve the following changes to the organization chart:

- 1. Reclassify and transfer the vacant CRC I position assigned to Coal Harbour Community Centre to a Recreation Services Coordinator assigned to the Stanley District Office.**
- 2. Relocate the Facility Systems Clerk from Kerrisdale Arena to the Stanley District Office.**
- 3. Transfer the vacant Recreation Programmer II position from the West End Rink to Coal Harbour Community Centre.**

- 4. Create a Regular Part-Time Fitness Worker position for the West End Fitness Centre.**
- 5. Combine the programming responsibilities for Kerrisdale, Kitsilano and Riley-Sunset Rinks and eliminate the two vacant Programmer positions.**

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT staff be requested to report back to the Board by September 2005 with the evaluation of the changes set out in the report.

Board members discussed the amendment Motion and some members indicated the request for evaluation should be specific such as the programming efficiencies and staff implications.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT staff report back to the Board by September 2005 with an evaluation of programming efficiencies and staffing implications.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Strathcona Pond Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Board member received copies of a staff report dated May 26, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development of a pond within the Strathcona Community Gardens Society dated June 8, 2004.

Staff advised the Board that the Strathcona Gardens Society put forward a proposal to construct a pond within area of the area leased by the Strathcona Gardens Society for the primary use of the community gardens. The pond is intended to be fed by storm water supplemented by water from an aquifer. Water and soil testing is required as there might be a potential of contamination. The MOU provides for water and soil testing prior to the Board's approval of the project.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Susan Kurbis, Strathcona Community Garden Society
- Muggs Sigurgeirson, Strathcona Community Garden Society
- Joanne Hochu, Strathcona Community Garden Society

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

- has a long history with the Park Board and never needed an MOU;
- the gardens are a resource to Vancouver;
- the Garden Society has developed the garden, extensively such as putting in drainage and nursery;
- now the Garden Society is required to do the soil testing and has to come up with the money;
- the Garden Society has a track record and has never let the Park Board down;
- a number of different testing of the soil and water have been done, if the Park Board wants more tests the society should not have to pay for it.

Board members discussed the issue and agreed that the delegations have done a good job with the community gardens at Strathcona, however, the budget has already been allocated. The Board does not provide grants and does not want to create a precedent. A member of the Board stated that the amount of money being requested by the Strathcona Gardens Society is minimal and the Board should ask staff to investigate a potential source of funds.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development of a pond within the Strathcona Community Gardens dated June 8, 2004.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT “and the environmental testing to be undertaken at a cost of up to \$4,080” be inserted after “project management costs” in item 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Riccius contrary)

The main Motion as amended was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Recreation Software Renewal

Board members received copies of a Finance Committee report dated May 26, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the pilot project was successful and Kathleen Bigsby from Kerrisdale Community Centre Association who was at the meeting but had to leave wanted the Board to know that they endorsed the software package.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Outdoor Film Series - Summer 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 3, 2004 recommending that the Board approve up to \$15,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for a Pilot outdoor movie series for the summer of 2004 at Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park.

Staff stated that Park Board was involved in presenting weekend evening outdoor movies at Sunset Beach in 1970s. With the success of the *Looking Back* Series, a pilot to show films at Ceperley Meadows is being proposed. This site will have no residential impact and it is close to transit.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve up to \$15,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Funds for a pilot Outdoor Movie series in the summer of 2004 in Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

2004 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts for the Period Ending April 30, 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 18, 2004 recommending that the Board receives the report for information.

Staff reviewed the budget and expenditures for the first quarter of 2004.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Fund Raising

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 21, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the Gifts for Parks Program which began as a single item, donor-generated legacies project has expanded into a fund raising initiative. A recent review of the program indicated that there is a need to streamline and expand the existing program, improve customer service levels, and explore and implement new fund raising opportunities for the Park Board and its community partners.

Board members discussed the criteria of the Gift for Parks Program and a member of the Board had concerns with a premium fee on waterfront and feature park locations. Discussions on the ability for a donor to renew their contract after 10 years took place and a member of the Board stated that this option should be clearly indicated in the recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board approve the following strategies to improve the fund raising initiatives for Parks and Recreation programs:

Gifts For Parks Program

- A. Increase fees for benches, picnic tables, flag poles, water fountains, bike racks and trees effective July 1, 2004 to reflect inflationary increases and hereafter adjust the prices annually as required; introduce a price premium on waterfront and feature park locations.**
- B. Establish the length of the donation contract at 10 years for all newly donated park amenities, with a grandfathered 10 year clause for existing amenities.**
- C. Create a one-year contract Fund Raising/Development Consultant position to enhance the current Gifts for Parks Program, coordinate grant applications, implement and promote new fund raising initiatives both directly for the Park Board and with its community partners. The classification and compensation of this position is subject to review by the General Manager of Human Resources.**
- D. The costs of a one-year contract Fund Raising/Development Consultant position and other collateral marketing materials and services be covered by the Park Amenity Reserve Account up to a total of \$110,000.**

There was a request to vote on each recommendation separately.

A vote was taken on recommendation A and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Poaps contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT recommendation B be amended to include “and with the opportunity to renew at the end of the 10 years”

- TIE VOTE - DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Riccius, Poaps and Woodcock contrary)

A vote was taken on recommendation B and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

A vote was taken on recommendation C and it was Carried Unanimously.

A vote was taken on recommendation D and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

A member of the Board stated that sand volleyball courts should be included in the vision for Hastings Park.

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:

- (c) labor relations or employee negotiations;**
- (d) the security of property of the city.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Liane McKenna
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Loretta Woodcock
Vice-Chair