

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT RENFREW COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2004**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Recreation Services – Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Riccius sent her regrets as she was out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 15, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that Board members participated in the following events that were held in the past week.

- unveiling of a community arts project at Moberley Hall;
- Civic Awards reception at the Orpheum

Other upcoming events are:

- Aids Memorial Unveiling;
- Cultural Harmony Awards presentation at Council;
- tree planting at the Cultural Harmony grove;
- opening of Bright Nights in Stanley Park;
- unveiling of "light shed" a Liz Magor sculpture donated by Grosvenor at Harbour Green Park;
- opening of George Wainborn Park;
- opening of Festival of Lights at VanDusen Gardens.

Finance Committee : will be keeping a close watch on the operating budget.

Planning and Environment Committee: next meeting is on December 7, 2004, the committee will be reviewing development proposals from Prospect Point Restaurant and the Jericho Sailing Centre. The committee will be receiving a presentation from the Save Mount Pleasant Pool committee.

Culture and Recreation Committee: will not be meeting in December, the next meeting will be on January 5. The committee will be discussing the Youth Services Strategy, Tennis court Strategy, Park Programming and Late Night Activities at the Roundhouse. There will be a special meeting on February 16 to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving a report for a funding request for Carnegie Outreach program, a report with regard to the Expansion of Champlain Heights Community Centre, and a report advising on recommendations from the Vancouver Electoral Reform Commission. One of the recommendations is to ask the Provincial Government to amend the Vancouver Charter to make it clear that the Park Board may be elected at large whether or not Council is elected from wards. An interim report from the Women's Task Force and a motion regarding Fitness 20 by 2010 will also be discussed. Council will be awarding the Cultural Harmony Awards to the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation of Canada and Roz Davidson.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Lorna Gibbs, a member of the Everett Crowley Park Committee, indicated that she would like to see the service area at Everett Crowley Park cleaned up so that visitors do not have to walk through mud. Ms. Gibbs would also like to see different and more nutritious food available at the community centres. Staff advised the Board that a management plan is being developed which will improve the entrance to the park.

Chris Payne, President, Grandview Community Centre, questioned why the cost of their business license increased by \$15.00. Staff advised the Board that they were not aware of this and will investigate.

Kerry Jang, President of Collingwood Neighbourhood House thanked the Board for bringing meetings to the community. He thanked the Renfrew Community Centre for a good working relationship. Mr. Jang stated that the Board should be funding capital improvements such as an elevator for the pool project at Renfrew Community Centre.

January, a resident from the Renfrew community thanked the Board for going out to the community. She advised the Board that the first phase of improvements to Slocan Park are now complete and is looking forward to further improvements to the park.

Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 17, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that a report from the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force was now complete. A copy of the report was handed over to the Chair and Pat Fenner, Chair, Community Association Presidents.

Gord Plottel, Co-Chair, Joint Operating Agreement Task Force, thanked the Board, Park Board staff and everyone who was involved in developing the report.

Board members thanked the task force for their hard work and stated that the task force was a good process and the Board looks forward to reviewing and implementing the recommendations in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board receive the Final Report from the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force for information;**
- B. THAT the Board refer the subject report to the Park Board Culture and Recreation Committee for consideration and that the report be the subject of a Committee meeting early in 2005;**
- C. THAT the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force be congratulated and thanked for their outstanding work in concluding their mandate.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statements as at October 31, 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 9, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the operating statement as of October 31, 2004 and stated that a shortfall in revenues is anticipated, staff are monitoring both revenues and expenditures and initiatives are being taken to alleviate the projected revenue shortfall and balance the budget at year end.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

2005 Special Events

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 22, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the special events policy outlines the application and approval process for event organizers and defines the process for evaluation criteria and allocation priorities. Large scale events which impact more than just parkland are forwarded to the City's FEST Committee for consideration. The 2005 Calendar of Special Events lists the events approved by staff and the other major events which require Board approval.

Board members commended staff on doing a good job in following the Board's priority to have more events in parks.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT the Board approve the following new and existing major events with significant changes for the first three years of their operation (see Appendix A): Stanley Park Bike Festival June 11, 2005; Alcan Dragon Boat Festival June 17 - 19, 2005; Vancouver International Jazz Festival July 2 & 3, 2005; Weekend to End Breast Cancer August 20 & 21, 2005. All arrangements will be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- B. THAT the Board receive the 2005 Calendar of Major Events (see Appendix B) as information.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Nat Bailey Stadium Lease Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 17, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the master plan for Hillcrest will be finalized in the spring of 2005. The Vancouver Canadians lease will expire in December 2004 and a one year extension to this lease is recommended.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board enter into a one year lease extension (January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005) under the current terms and conditions with the National Sports Organization Inc. (Vancouver Canadians Professional Baseball Club) for the use of Nat Bailey Stadium.**

- 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 the lease 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 delivery such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Champlain Heights Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 19, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to F.

Staff advised the Board that sources of funding for constructing an additional recreation space and a new child development centre at Champlain Heights Community Centre require Council and Board approval.

Board members discussed the funding for this project and thanked staff for locating sources of funding that could be reallocated to this project.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. **THAT the Board endorse a request to City Council to approve an additional allocation of \$102,742 to the child development centre portion of the Champlain Heights community Centre project, the source of funds to be the city Wide Development Cost Levy.**
- B. **THAT the Board approve a transfer of up to \$70,634 from the Park Board General Facility Improvement capital account to the Champlain Heights Community Centre project.**
- C. **THAT the Board approve a transfer of \$233,228 from the Malkin Bowl redevelopment account, subject to Council approving this amount in advance of the Park Board 2005 Capital Budget.**
- D. **THAT the Board, subject to Council approving the funding and transfer outlined in recommendations A), B) and C), award a contract for construction to Westpro Constructors Group Ltd. for an amount not to exceed \$1,167,000, with contract details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- E. **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.**
- F. **THAT the Board consider the inclusion of \$233,228 for Malkin Bowl redevelopment as a high priority for the 2006-08 Capital plan, subject to the Theatre Under the Starts Society showing progress in its fundraising campaign.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 6, 2004 be cancelled, and a meeting on Monday, December 13, 2004 be held in its place.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested a follow up on a previous enquiry as to what happened to the props from the Ghost Train. Staff advised the Board that the props belong to the Park Board, they are redesigned and reused.

In-Camera Meeting

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:

- (d) the security of property of the city;**
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair