

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2005**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Eva Riccius
	Vice Chair	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Anita Romaniuk
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Strategic Planner	- Tilo Driessen
	Communications Coordinator	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 17, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board that Renfrew Pool is now opened for service, the official opening will be in April. The sod-turning for the addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre was held last week, and two Arboriculture staff, Lennox Lobban and Jody Taylor were presented with certificates by the Fire Chief for responding to a house fire and assisting in the rescue of the residents.

Finance Committee: met last week and discussed the 2004 financial statements, 2005 budget and approved a recommendation to the ethical purchasing policy committee to request Council to increase the Park Board Global Budget to implement this policy. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2005.

Planning and Environment Committee: the meeting scheduled for February 9 has been rescheduled to February 15, 2005. On the agenda will be an update on off leash dogs areas, and the Everett Crowley Park Management Plan.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting will be on February 16 at Langara Golf Clubhouse to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report.

City Council Report

Council approved a six month trial closure of Waterloo Street between 4th and 5th Avenues to reroute traffic around McBride Park. Staff will poll the neighbourhood following the six month closure to determine if there is support for a permanent closure. At the next Council meeting, Council will be approving the appointment of an operator for the #1 Kingsway Child Development Hub. The City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving a report on new initiatives from all the departments. The interim budget will be presented on March 15, 2005.

STAFF REPORTS

South East False Creek Official Development Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 21, 2005 recommending that the Park Board support approval of the proposed South East False Creek Official Development Plan (ODP).

Staff provided the Board with an overview of the proposed official development plan for South East False Creek and indicated that although the park portion has been reduced by 3% to 25.8 acres, there is a commitment that parks and recreation amenities will be of high quality.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Bill Harvey, Motorless Marina/Dragon Boat Association
- Dr. John Irwin, SPEC

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

- important to have a motorless marina east of Cambie Street;
- build the community centre first as funds for this are already in place;
- Park Board should take the lead role to create a water park;
- Park Board should approve the South Eas False Creek ODP;
- good trade off by getting a community centre;
- plan for a park along the waterfront to soften the hardness of the shoreline;
- keen to see the urban agriculture project go ahead.

Board members discussed the proposed plan for South East False Creek and thanked staff for working hard to maintain a good balance of parks and recreation amenities in the plan. They look forward to the next steps and agree with the delegation that the community centre should be built first.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Park Board support approval of the proposed South East False Creek Official Development Plan.

- Carried Unanimously.

Strategic Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 31, 2005 recommending that the Board approve releasing the draft Strategic Plan for public distribution.

Staff have been guided by the previous strategic plan for the past few years. This plan is now being modified to include comments and directions provided by the Board. The new document will have five strategic directions with an revised mission statement. The draft strategic plan will be distributed to our community partners, stakeholders and the public for their comments before being finalised.

Board members commended staff on a well articulated report with new concepts and attention to sustainability. The document will help the Board to move forward to meet future challenges.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve releasing the draft Strategic Plan for public discussion

- Carried Unanimously.

Fruit Trees in Parks and Public Areas

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 12, 2005 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff advised the Board that a presentation outlining 2005 initiatives had been heard by the Planning and Environment Committee on January 11, 2005. Staff have been exploring the opportunity to increase the fruit tree inventory on public lands as part of our support of Council's Food Policy objectives.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

Board members thanked staff for the report and expressed interest in exploring the opportunities listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT we request staff to report back in 4 months on a plan to realise the opportunities listed in the report.

- Carried Unanimously.

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

International Federation of Landscape Architects World Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 17, 2005 recommending that the Board approve Kate Davis-Johnson attend the 42nd World Congress of International Federation of Landscape Architects in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board approve Kate Davis-Johnson attend the 42nd World Congress of International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) in Edinburgh, Scotland.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by 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:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

- Carried Unanimously.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair