

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT DOUGLAS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane Mckenna
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Operations – Queen Elizabeth District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Operations – Vancouver East District	- Ron Caswell
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

The Chair thanked the Douglas Park Community Association for their hospitality and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 14, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Finance Committee – met last Monday to discuss the 2005 budget and the food plan to improve the range of food available at the concessions. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Culture and Recreation Committee: met last week to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement process with the community associations. The next meeting will be on March 3, 2005. The committee will discuss the Aquatic Program Study and Late Night Activities.

Planning and Environment Committee: the committee discussed off leash dogs at the last meeting. The next meeting is on March 1, and the committee will be discussing the McCleery Encroachment.

City Council Report

Council will be making recommendations for the development of South East False Creek following the Public Hearing, the City Services and Budget Committee will be receiving a report on new initiatives for the 2005 Budget. The General Manager reviewed the 2005 operating budget timetable with the Board.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Susan, a resident near Robson Park asked the Board for a dedicated child safety staff person as there are child safety issues at Robson Park. There are dogs running off leash in the children playground area and there are escalating violent behaviour by dog owners. She asked the Board to increase enforcement on off leash dogs in an on leash park. Board members suggested that the community may want to come up with a strategy to overcome this problem and asked staff to follow up on the concerns raised.

Michael stated that the dog problem is out of control in the city. He is afraid to walk on the street because he encounters aggressive dogs. The fines for dangerous dogs are too low.

Susan asked the Board why there was no budget for kids' toys at Kitsilano Pool, but there is money for programs associated with dogs. Staff advised the Board that there has been no reduction of budget for pool toys.

Jim Lehto thanked the Board for visiting Douglas Park Community Centre and requested that the Board take a look at the field on the east side of the park. He asked the Board to consider improvements to the field in the next capital plan. A member of the Board asked Mr. Lehto to contact the Vancouver Field Sport Federation to include this field.

STAFF REPORTS

Park Naming Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 17, 2005 recommending that the Board approve naming the park site at Redbud and Vine Streets the Rosemary Brown Park and that the Board approve a park naming ceremony on International Women's Day to honour the late Rosemary Brown's dedication to the citizens of Vancouver and her importance as a role model for women.

Jonathan Kong and Caitlin from Kitsilano High School appeared before the Board to support the naming of the park site at Redbud and Vine Streets the Rosemary Brown Park. The delegation advised that Board the late Rosemary Brown was an advocate of human rights and social justice and it would be appropriate to honour her memory by naming a park in the riding she was elected in.

Members of the late Rosemary Brown's family were in attendance and they thanked the Board for honouring Rosemary Brown.

Maryann Thompson thanked the Board on behalf of the Jamaican community.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve naming the park site at Redbud and Vine Streets the Rosemary Brown Park.**
- B. THAT the Board approve a park naming ceremony on International Women's Day to honour and recognize Rosemary Brown's dedication to the citizens of Vancouver and her importance as a role model for women.**

Board members discussed the naming of the park site and agreed to accommodate the family's request to move the park naming ceremony to June 17, Rosemary Brown's birthday.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT in recommendation B, "International Women's Day" be replaced with 'June 17, 2005'.

- Carried Unanimously.

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

Dog off Leash Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 18, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations 1 to 4.

Staff reviewed the history of the dog off leash program and presented the Board with the proposed changes which would add New Brighton Park and the shuffleboard court area in Stanley Park as off leash areas.

Peter Ritchie appeared before the Board and stated that the off leash program would work better if there were physical boundaries such as steel fences covered with ivy. Dogs should not be allowed in playground areas and the physical barrier will keep the dogs out and is a practical way to avoid confrontation.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- 1. THAT the Board establish a new dog off leash area on the east side of New Brighton Park with the following hours :
5am to 10am, May 1 to September 30 and
5am to 10pm, October 1 to April 30;

2. THAT the Board establish, on a 1 year trial basis, an off-leash area for small dogs in the Stanley Park shuffle board court area to be used between 7am and 9 pm;
3. THAT the Board extend dog off leash hours to all day (5am – 10pm) from June 15 to Labour Day at Killarney Park;
4. THAT staff consult with the public regarding a proposal to create a dog off leash area on the beach section of English Bay.

Board members discussed the proposed changes to the dog off leash program and suggested that the motion be severed into four parts.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the motion be severed.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT staff report back after one year of use of Option 2 in New Brighton Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT staff look at opening both options 1 and 2 in New Brighton Park for winter months only.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motion 1 was put forward and it was Carried as amended.

Motion 2 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Keith Jacobson, Killarney Community Society spoke to motion 3 and stated that the Killarney Association board would like the Board to consider extending the off leash hours at Killarney Park.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT staff report back after one year of the new extended hours at Killarney Park.

-Carried Unanimously.

Motion 3 was put forward and it was Carried as amended.

Motion 4 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Ethical Purchasing Policy

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 18, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the implementation of the Ethical Purchasing Policy and Supplier Code of Conduct as outlined in the attached report and approved by Council on February 17, 2005.

Staff advised the Board that Council approved the ethical purchasing policy for apparel and food. Park Board staff will gradually implement this policy when the existing inventory is used and a new price structure will be developed. Council has agreed to adjust the Park Board's global budget to reflect this cost.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the implementation of the Ethical Purchasing Policy and supplier Code of Conduct, as outlined in the attached report and approved by Vancouver City Council on February 17, 2005.

Board members thanked staff for their leadership on this new policy and discussed the details on how products are determined to be in accordance with the new policy. A member of the Board indicated that due to time constraint the sustainability section of the policy will be considered as a phase 2 of this project. In order to move this forward the motion was amended.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board request Council to establish a new task force for phase 2 of the project to prepare and present a Sustainable Purchasing Policy.

- Carried Unanimously.

A member of the Board requested that a report be brought to the Finance Committee on the progress of implementing the ethical purchasing policy.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT staff report to the October Finance Committee on the progress of implementing the ethical purchasing policy.

-Defeated.

(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Riccius, Poaps and Woodcock contrary)

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

Queen Elizabeth Park Plaza: Construction

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 25, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that there have been challenges to keep the project within budget due to cost escalation.

Board members stated that they would like to see the project move ahead as costs for construction are escalating.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B and C, the Board authorize the General Manager to issue a notice of acceptance of offer to Alexander Construction Ltd. and proceed to execute a contract with Alexander Construction Ltd. for the construction of the Queen Elizabeth Park Plaza at a price not to exceed \$4,606,771, plus GST.**
- B. THAT, subject to the conditions in Recommendation C, the Board exercise its option to reject all tenders submitted in response to Invitation to Tender T2005-2, and that the General Manager be authorized to formally notify each of the bidders that their respective bids have been rejected, both as of right and as being in excess of the Board's budget for this project.**
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Board's approval of Recommendations A and B, unless and until the General Manager has issued the requisite notices of rejection, notice of acceptance, and executed the requisite contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board stated that she attended the ground breaking ceremony for TransLink's new location and the City was presented with a \$1 million cheque. She asked if a formal acknowledgement should be sent. The General Manager advised the Board that a formal acknowledgement from the Park Board was not necessary as the cheque is made out to the City.

A member of the Board requested that the Board be informed when the Douglas Park Community Association meeting regarding the new RAV line is held.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair