

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 09, 2005**

PRESENT: Chair
Vice Chair
Commissioners

General Manager
Director of Planning and Operations
Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Manager of Research and Planning
Manager of Revenue Services
Manager of Communications
Recorder

- Eva Riccius
- Lyndsay Poaps
- Suzanne Anton
- Heather Deal
- Allan De Genova
- Anita Romaniuk
- Loretta Woodcock
- Susan Mundick
- Piet Rutgers
- Liane McKenna
- Mark Vulliamy
- Philip Josephs
- Joyce Courtney
- Julie Casanova

A member of the Board referred to page 2 of the minutes and stated that comments by Karen Cooke, Vancouver Olympic Club should be amended to indicate that she had invited the Board to attend the track and field event at Eric Hamber Field.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 25, 2005 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board that three public meetings to discuss the Draft Capital Plan have been planned. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, 7:00 pm at Kensington Community Centre, Thursday, May 12, 2005, 7:00 pm at Kerrisdale Community Centre, and Monday, May 16, 2005, 7:00 pm at West End Community Centre.

On Tuesday, May 10 the Mayor, who has been challenged by the Mayors from Fort St. John and Kelowna to see who can get more of their staff moving on Move for Health Day, will be leading a half hour walk around City Hall.

A fundraiser for the Tai Chi Arbours will be held on Wednesday, May 11, in the Bloedel Conservatory at 10:00 am.

Renfrew Pool was officially opened on April 29, 2005. The Chair thanked everyone who worked on the project.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the committee discussed the Leisure Access Card program at its last meeting. The June meeting may be rescheduled, check the website for date and agenda for the meeting.

Planning and Environment Committee: the committee discussed the results of the consultation regarding the future of Mount Pleasant Park and the Stanley Park off-leash dog community consultation. We received a presentation from the Stanley Park Ecology Society and about Arbour Week. The meeting in June is rescheduled to June 14.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be hearing a follow up report on Homelessness. The Kerrisdale and Point Grey License Agreement report are on Council's agenda. The 2005 Park Board Capital Budget is on the City Services and Budgets Committee's agenda.

Brockton Totem Poles Gift Shop – Licence Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 28, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the performance of the present operator for the Brockton Totem Poles Gift Shop has been good.

Stuart Colquhoun, operator of the Brockton Totem Poles Gift Shop, thanked the Board for the opportunity to manage the gift shop. He has learned a lot and would like to continue to work with the Board and be a good ambassador of Stanley Park.

Board members discussed the request to extend the license and stated that the operator has been a good tenant and the rent review means additional revenue for the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve a five year licence extension to Destination Canada Gifts Inc., from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2011 to operate the Gift Shop at the Brockton Totem Poles site in Stanley Park under a revised rent formula of the higher of \$120,000 or 10% of gross sales up to \$1,000,000, 15% of gross sales between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 and 20% of gross sales over \$2,000,000.**

- 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 all legal documentation 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 deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Old Hastings Mill Store Museum – License Agreement Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 28, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum building was originally part of the Hastings Sawmill Complex which survived the great fire of June 1886. The Native Daughters of BC Post #1 are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair costs for the building. A lease for the use of the land at Hastings Mill Park on which the museum sits expired in July 2004.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Lillian Hornibrook
2. Eileen McRae
3. Dana Bowman, Chief Factor of Native Daughters of BC Post No. 1

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

- asking for a renewal of the lease and want to confirm that the building is owned by the Native Daughters;
- aim of the society is to cherish memories of pioneers;
- the building houses a number of treasures from the early days of Vancouver;
- license was never mentioned during meetings and discussions;
- discussion was always related to lease until the staff report indicated a licence;
- have negotiated in good faith, worried if agreed to a licence, it could be revoked;
- prefer to have a lease rather than a licence.

Board members thanked the delegations for doing a good job in providing an excellent opportunity for people to learn Vancouver's history. The delegation was advised that the licence was a legal document and they had nothing to worry about as the terms were similar.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the Board approve the extension of the license agreement with the Native Daughters of BC Post #1 for the use of a portion of Hastings Mill Park for the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum for an additional 20 years from July 9, 2004 to July 8, 2024 under the terms and conditions identified in the report.**
- B. THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Riley, Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks Master Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 5, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff reviewed the proposed master plan for Riley, Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks and stated that the plan responded to the community centre and pool renewal strategies and an opportunity to work in partnership with the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) to create an Olympic Legacy. The master plan has gone through various public consultations and open houses, and inputs from those discussions are reflected in the plan presented.

Daryl Condon, Consultant, stated that they worked on a set of guiding principles in developing the plan. The master plan will address the need for sustainability, community values, parking strategy and building sites. A traffic consultant will work with City Engineering to reduce traffic impacts on the neighbourhood.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Riley, Hillcrest, Nat Bailey Stadium Park Master Plan as illustrated in Appendix A be approved;**

- B. THAT the Board confirm the location of the Olympic Curling Venue as shown in Appendix A and that the City and VANOC be so advised;
- C. THAT the Board establish a stakeholder/community working committee that will work with staff and representatives from the City Engineering Department to address:
 - a. the detailed location of onsite and offsite parking
 - b. the details of the proposed controlled intersection at Ontario Street/30th Avenue
 - c. the identification of further traffic control and parking measures in the adjacent residential neighbourhood
 - d. the preparation of a transportation management plan for Nat Bailey Stadium

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Allan Buium, Riley Park Community Association, Strategic Planning Committee
2. Stan Jang
3. Philip Moses
4. Bryan Mathews, Vancouver Curling Club
5. Linda Moore, Curl BC
6. Delany Dunn, Vancouver Canadians
7. Louise Longridge
8. David Mumford
9. Donna Brown
10. Eric Dagenas
11. Bruce Turner
12. Evan Sahmet
13. Mark Lee
14. Carol Bomke
15. Richard Campbell, BEST
16. Danielle Horwitz
17. Anita Pollard
18. Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Ultimate League
19. Lisa Schwabe
20. Jim Tivy

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

- current proposed plan does not fulfill objectives for the community;

- parking arrangement is inadequate;
- provide additional funding for underground parking;
- the greenway and bikeway must not be compromised;
- would like to have a plaza so that families can socialize;
- put focus on community;
- current proposed plan does not meet Riley Park community needs;
- Board should table the recommendations;
- increased traffic will be going through the neighbourhood;
- traffic calming will not solve traffic problem on Ontario Street;
- access to a destination facility should be from a major street;
- the buildings will be the destination of millions of visitors;
- parking availability information is false;
- downsize the aquatic centre to a neighbourhood pool;
- the Vancouver Curling Club offers affordable curling to everyone and the club has been included in each step of the process;
- the proposal meets the need of the Curling Club and they encourage the Board to adopt the master plan;
- the Canadian Curling Association accepts the smaller size building;
- recent planning process has been excellent;
- the Vancouver Canadians support the master plan;
- appreciate the planning committee's response to their concerns regarding parking and traffic;
- move the aquatic centre to Midlothian;
- if parking lot is lit, it will have negative impact on the neighbourhood;
- take overflow parking to Queen Elizabeth Park;
- concerned with parking and traffic and location of the buildings;
- this does not meet the community plan;
- the facility is a downtown type, not for a small town neighbourhood;
- downsize the buildings or relocate;
- there is not space for all the buildings;
- the aquatic centre should be located along a transit route;
- the neighbourhood was not involved in the planning process like other stakeholders, only had two months to see the plan;
- the proposed master plan is in conflict with the plan done in 2000;
- it conflicts with the greenway initiative;
- there is no contractual agreement with the Olympics;
- Park Board is putting itself into legal exposure;
- this master plan takes away the greenspace;
- it will create pollution and safety issues;
- the parking lot is too close to the neighbourhood;
- the north east part of the stadium should be turned into green space;

- Hillcrest Park should be left alone;
- do not need to make a decision until the end of July;
- need a neighbourhood pool not a citywide destination facility;
- Ontario greenway is an important bikeroute, it provides a direct connection to downtown;
- use this opportunity to improve the Ontario greenway;
- unfair to ask the neighbourhood to host a super-sized facility;
- return the plan to the drawing board to explore other options;
- urge Board to reject the plan to address the neighbourhood concerns;
- the Vancouver Field Sports Federation supports the master plan;
- the library in the legacy building is not accessible for seniors and children;
- need to put the library on a transit route.

Commissioner Romaniuk arrived at 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner De Genova left the meeting during delegations.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation. A member of the Board requested that the recommendations be voted on separately.

Motion A was put forward for discussion. A member of the Board requested that the motion should be amended to indicate where the buildings will sit.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT Motion A be amended to add “for building massing and siting only” after the word ‘approved’.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motion A as amended was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Motion B was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Motion C was put forward and a member of the Board requested that Section a. under Motion C be amended to ask the Engineering Department to look at relocating parking from Ontario to Midlothian.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the following be added to Section a. in Motion C :

- a. **specifically including on street parking on Midlothian Avenue and relocating parking from Ontario Street and Peveril Street to Midlothian Street.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT Motion D be added as follows:

- D. THAT the Board request City Council to make a significant improvement to the Ontario Street Greenway by restricting vehicle traffic on Ontario Street between Peveril Street and East 33rd Avenue through such means as closing off the street to traffic or narrowing the street.**

Board members discussed Motion D and stated that it was important to put improvements on the Ontario Street greenway and make it user friendly. A member of the Board indicated that it was premature to request Council consider this action at this time.

A vote was taken on motion D and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

Request to Temporarily Close the Science World Walkway

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 22, 2005 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Employee Health and Safety (EF&S) – Accomplishment Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 28, 2005 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff advised the Board that 2004 was another good year for employee health and safety. This achievement is a result of efforts by all staff to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Board members congratulated staff on reducing time loss claims and working towards a healthy and safe workplace.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Architect for Kerrisdale Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 3, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board award a contract for architectural services for the Phase Three renovations to Kerrisdale Community Centre to Chernoff Thompson Architects, for a fixed fee of \$24,545, plus GST and disbursements, as detailed in this report.**
- B. 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.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

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:

- (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.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 am.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair