

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT KITSILANO COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Eva Riccius
	Vice Chair	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Anita Romaniuk
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Julie Casanova
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 13, 2005 were adopted with amendments to pages 5 and 6. On page 5 the word *strategies* in motion G should be replaced with 'shortages'. On page 6 the amendment motion should be numbered B. vi).

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Kitsilano Community Association Board for their hospitality and for hosting the Board meeting.

The Chair advised that members of the Board attended:

- Rosemary Brown Park Opening
- Rain or Shine Festival at Stanley Park
- Official Naming of Sahalli Park at Fraser and 7th Avenue
- Seniors' Tea Dance at Roundhouse Community Centre

The Chair extended an invitation to the International Jazz Festival at Roundhouse Community Centre, this is a free event.

The Chair announced that the Park Board website received a national award of merit. She congratulated staff for creating and updating the website.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting is on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 pm. On the agenda are the Rink Twinning Update and a delegation from the Musqueam Ecology Society.

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting is on Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 pm, the Committee will be discussing the Nelson Park Concept Plan.

Finance Committee: the next meeting is on Monday, July 18, please check the website for agenda items.

Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on the 2006-08 Capital Plan, the Queen Elizabeth Park Road Dedication, Mosquito Control By-law, Award of tender for the supply of four Ice Conditioners and a 2004 report highlighting achievements and accomplishments of the PNE.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Glen Swain asked the Board to provide more off-leash areas in Kitsilano. Ms. Swain suggested that the Board should consider making a portion of Connaught Park an off-leash area.

Val Anderson asked the Board to consider naming a park related to the historical aspects of the area around Marine Drive, 72nd Avenue and Selkirk Street.

2006-2008 Capital Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 2005 recommending that the Board receive for information this report and the Council report dated June 20, 2005 on the 2006-2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation attached to the report as Appendix A.

Staff provided the background on the development of the 2006-08 Capital Plan. The draft Capital Plan identifies two proposed allocations for parks and recreation. The first addresses the primary categories of the Park Board Capital Plan such as land acquisition, park development, facility development and street trees. The second is a proposed commitment to community legacy facilities associated with the development of 2010 Olympic Games venues. The draft plan will be released for further public review and comment prior to Council's decision in early Fall.

Keith Jacobson thanked the Board and planning staff for developing an innovative plan to include both Killarney and Trout Lake rinks in the Capital Plan.

Gail Uthoff advised the Board that Renfrew Community Association are disappointed that the completion of the change rooms at Renfrew Pool were not included in the draft Capital Plan. She asked the Board to consider adding the renovation of the change rooms to the capital plan.

Board members thanked staff for their hard work and hoped that Council will support the report on the 2006-08 Capital Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board receive for information this report and the Council report dated June 20, 2005 on the 2006-2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation (Appendix A).

- Carried Unanimously.

Strategic Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 17, 2005 recommending that the Board endorse the Strategic Plan 2005-2010 attached to the report.

The General Manager advised the Board that a new Strategic Plan 2005-2010 has been developed to guide the delivery of services and programs. The new Strategic Plan has a revised mission statement and five guiding principles, Greening the Park Board, Engaging People, Working Together, Managing Resources and Meeting Future Challenges. The General Manager thanked the staff who worked on the development of the plan.

Board members discussed the directions in the new Strategic Plan and requested some wording additions such as volunteerism, core services review, stronger language in relation to arts and culture and the sustainable purchasing policy. The General Manager advised the Board that staff will incorporate the Board's suggestions in the final document.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board endorse the Strategic Plan 2005-2010, attached as an appendix to the staff report dated June 20, 2005.

- Carried Unanimously.

Queen Elizabeth Park: Dedication for Road Purposes and Registration of Right-of-Ways

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 17, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A (i) to (iv).

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

A. THAT the Board:

- i. revoke the designation of Queen Elizabeth Park (legally described as Block 807, District Lot 526, Plan 19375) as a “permanent park”;**
- ii. support the dedication of a strip of land (0.11 hectares or 0.27 acres) along the western edge of Queen Elizabeth Park near Cambie Street and 31st Avenue for road purposes, as described in this report and shown in Appendix A;**
- iii. support the designation of the remaining portion of Queen Elizabeth Park as a “permanent park”, as described in this report and shown in Appendix B; and**
- iv. support the registration of five (5) right-of-ways in Queen Elizabeth Park in favour of the City of Vancouver, as described in this report and shown in Appendix C;**

all subject to City Council approving Recommendations A, B, C and D of the report dated June 13, 2005, attached as Appendix D.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

WHEREAS #1 Kingsway building will be a major new city facility providing a community centre, library, childcare and housing;

WHEREAS the Mount Pleasant area is experiencing rapid redevelopment which is expected to continue;

WHEREAS the City is working with TransLink and the Federal Government in the Showcase Project to significantly improve Main Street to provide priority to pedestrians and transit users and to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions;

WHEREAS the intersection at Main and Kingsway is not friendly to pedestrians, cyclists or transit users and is a significant barrier for the new building and the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood;

WHEREAS the pedestrian improvement proposed by the project for the intersection is welcome but will not make significant improvements to reducing the barriers created by the intersection;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board requests Council to ask city staff to develop a better solution, including a pedestrian crossing at 7th Avenue, as part of the Showcase Project for the intersection of Main and Kingsway that recognizes the importance of #1 Kingsway as an important community facility and provides a higher level of safety, comfort and access to pedestrians, transit users and cyclists.

Board members discussed the need for safe access to the community centre at #1 Kingsway and would like Council to direct engineering staff to develop a solution. A member of the Board did not agree that the Board should be specifying the location of the pedestrian crosswalk, city engineering is aware that a safe pedestrian crossing is needed.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Anton contrary)

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair