

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2005**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>- Lyndsay Poaps</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Heather Deal</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning and Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Lori MacKay</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Manager of Recreation Services –</b>	
	<b>Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Diane Murphy</b>
	<b>Recreation Supervisor – Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Garry Lum</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 27, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair advised the Board on the following:

- there will be two guided walks as part of the Canada's Parks Day celebration at Queen Elizabeth Park on Saturday, July 16, 2005.
- staff are testing a new software program which allows reservations for golf tee times up to thirty days in advance for a nominal fee.

Culture and Recreation Committee: at the last meeting the committee heard presentations from the Musqueam Ecology Society and a resident from the West End requesting more dog off-leash areas in the West End. The committee also received an update on the rink twinning program.

Planning and Environment Committee: the committee heard delegations regarding improvements to Nelson Park at their last meeting. The next meeting will be on September 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee: the next meeting will be on July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will be discussing the operating budget statement as of June and purchasing a miniature train.

### Council Report

Council amended the resolution on the 2006-08 Capital Plan to include a question during the consultation process on whether the Mount Pleasant Pool should be retained. Staff will be reporting on this in September.

Council will be receiving reports on Sunset Community Centre and a by-law on Records Management, and the Planning and Environment Committee will be receiving a report on the Land Use Study for Plaza of Nations and a report regarding Animal Control by-law changes.

### **Falaise Park Wetland Concept Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed Falaise Park Wetland Garden as described in the report.

Staff advised the Board that there has been interest in the community to daylight an existing stream in Falaise Park. After investigation, the City Engineering Department recommended that due to water volume fluctuation, a wetland project would be more appropriate. The community participated in the development of a wetland garden concept plan. The proposed plan will address the community's desire to increase the use and enjoyment of the park.

Margaret Johnston appeared before the Board and stated that staff should consider working with the Stream of Dreams Society on this project. Staff should also consider signing the area with signs similar to the ones at the Still Creek project to bring awareness to the people in the area.

Board members discussed the issue and thanked the community and staff for staying committed to this project. This is an opportunity to create habitat and bring water to the surface in the right manner.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

**THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed Falaise Park Wetland Garden Concept Plan as described in the staff report dated June 23, 2005 and illustrated in Appendix 2 of the report.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Pandora Park and Playground Update**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed upgrade of Pandora Park and Playground as described in the report.

Staff advised the Board that the proposed concept plan for Pandora Park addresses the desire to increase the community's use of the park. The plan will focus on redesigning the centre of the park which will include replacement and relocation of the playground, additional picnic and seating areas and a reduction of hard surface area.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Carol Wood
- Rachel Scott
- Michael Rozen
- Harald Jauk

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

- planning process began in 2000 with extensive consultation
- extensive community consultation done;
- park is bleak and needs renewal;
- lots of excitement and anticipation in the neighbourhood;
- put in a plaque in remembrance of the old Hastings Township;
- disappointed with the focus on improving park appearance;
- main users of the park in the summer are young people;
- there needs to be a youth focus, such as a skatepark and extension of the basketball court;
- this park is the backyard local residents who live in apartments, any improvement is a good step forward;
- the curb surrounding the park needs to be fixed.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that the community's enthusiasm for an improved park was apparent. A member of the Board expressed disappointment that there was not a youth components such as a skate park in the plan and asked staff to ensure that youth are included in future plans.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed upgrade of Pandora Park and Playground as described in the staff report dated June 23, 2005 and illustrated in Appendix 1.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Sunset Community Centre Cost Escalation**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 6, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board on the details of how cost escalation has increased the cost of developing the new Sunset Community Centre. The report to Council is to request allocation of an additional \$3 million which will increase the City funding to \$6 million. Sunset Community Centre Association also contributed \$500,000 to this project.

Board members stated that they are looking forward to the commencement of the project and are appreciative of the donation from Sunset Community Centre Association. A member of the Board suggested that there should be a recognition of the Indo-Canadian community in the new community centre building.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached report to City Council, dated June 30, 2005.**
- B. THAT the Board gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution of \$500,000 from the Sunset Community Centre Association and recognize the Association's role in securing senior government funding for this project.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Operating Statements as at May 31, 2005**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 13, 2005 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that as at May 31, 2005, there is a shortfall in revenue mostly due to the inclement weather which affects golf, concessions and parking revenues. Staff are monitoring the situation closely and initiatives which do not affect service levels have been implemented to address the project revenue shortfall.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board receive this report for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Lawn Bowling Clubs – Lease Renewals**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 24, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the renewal of leases with the Dunbar, Kerrisdale, Granville Park, West Point Grey, Vancouver, Stanley Park and Vancouver South Lawn Bowling Clubs for a further five year term commencing May 18, 2005.

Staff advised the Board that the lawn bowling clubs have not asked for any changes and they provide a good service at a minimum cost to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT the Board approve the renewal of leases with the Dunbar, Kerrisdale, Granville Park, West Point Grey, Vancouver, Stanley Park and Vancouver South Bowling Clubs for a further five (5) year term commencing May 18, 2005.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Oppenheimer Park**

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

Staff advised the Board that a memorandum of understanding is being developed between the Park Board and the Carnegie Centre on the use and programs in Oppenheimer Park.

Board members thanked Park Board and Carnegie staff for working on this document which will clarify the roles of each organization.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

**THAT the Board receive this report for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Eva Riccius  
Chair