

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Emergency Social Services Coordinator	- Janine Aussem
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Zlotnik was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 30, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the following events:

- a luncheon was held to recognise retirees and 25 year service employees of the Park Board on February 24;
- Mayor Sullivan received the Olympic flag during the closing ceremonies in Torino on February 26;
- a flag raising ceremony will be held at City Hall on February 28 and the lighting of the Inukshuk on March 1 as part of the week long Olympic celebrations;

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee

The Parks and Recreation Planning Committee reported on two meetings held on February 7 and 21. Issues discussed were the Concession Strategy, Hillcrest Design, Senior's Arts for Life Project, China Creek South redevelopment, Heron Management Plan, an update on Pigeon Park, John Hendry Park Master Plan and Active Communities.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee

The Parks and Recreation Finance Committee reviewed the operating budget and turned down the proposal to install a cell tower at Fraserview Golf Course.

PRESENTATIONS

Burn Fund Cheque Presentation

Ray Boucher, BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Director and Chair advised the Board that the funds raised during the Bright Nights event in Stanley Park are used in various programs to assist burn victims. They are also building a house similar to Ronald McDonald house for families of burn victims to stay in. The house is expected to be completed by 2009 to coincide with the World Police and Fire Games. A cheque in the amount of \$205,208 was presented to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

Heritage Award

The Chair on behalf of the Board, received the 2006 City of Vancouver Heritage Award of Recognition for the restoration of the exterior of the Rose Garden Cottage in Stanley Park.

Convention Centre

Staff provided a summary on the events related to the Vancouver Convention Centre project. Staff worked with the developer and the community to minimize the impact to Harbour Green Park in relation to waterfront walkways and the location of the float plane terminal.

Russ Anthony, President and Project Manager, Vancouver Convention Centre provided an update on the project to the Board. The new convention centre is designed to maximise the benefit of the waterfront view and will be sustainable with recycled water and a living roof. The facility will be build to LEED gold standard. The community have been involved in every stage of the construction. The float plane terminal will be located north of the convention centre, to the east of its present location and will not be located north of Harbour Green Park. The exact location will be processed through a public consultation.

STAFF REPORT

Emergency Social Services Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 15, 2006 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff provided a summary of the emergency social services plan developed for the Park Board. The emergency service plan provides assistance to people in the event of an emergency or disaster by providing them basic survival needs and assisting with reuniting families. Park Board community centres are designated as Reception Centres for evacuees. The Park Board's Emergency Plan includes roles and responsibilities of Commissioners and staff during an emergency response and recovery initiatives.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that public meetings should be held to advise the public of the Park Board's emergency plan.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Notice of Motion

Commissioner Herbert put forward the following notice of motion.

Whereas the Park Board currently advises Vancouver residents about public consultations, and motions coming to the board through websites, advertisements in the media, emails to stakeholder lists, signage, and posters;

Whereas we often hear from people who say they have not seen any of these forms of advertising, or who have limited time to stay up to date with the Park Board website;

Whereas we want to ensure a broad range of opinion is involved in the creation of Park Board policy;

Whereas email technology has opened up a whole new range of consultation possibilities;

Whereas we want to 'personalise notification', and widen the scope of public awareness of Park Board business;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Park Board investigate, and report back on establishing an email system whereby the public can sign up on the park board website to receive email notification specific to neighbourhood, stakeholder group, or other criteria as the case may be, when motions are coming to a committee or the board, or public consultation is happening on issues that affect those groups.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

There was an enquiry on the status on the planning for two new artificial fields approved in the capital plan. Staff will investigate and report back to the Board.

A request was made from Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association to provide ice time in alternate rinks while the rinks at UBC are closed for renovations. Park Board staff will hold a meeting with all hockey and skating user groups in April to determine ice allocation and Thunderbird's request will be considered at the meeting.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair