

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT RILEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	A/ Director of Planning and Operations	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Strategic Planner	- Tilo Driessen
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair thanked the Riley Park Community Centre Association for their hospitality and for hosting the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 12, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report

Council's City Services and Budget Committee will be receiving a report on the Capital Plan Status Review – December 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the committee received presentations from the Coalition of HandiDart Users, and Art in the Garden, also on the agenda were issues relating to the Strathcona Community Gardens Westland, Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale and the technical review and consultation process for the Vancouver Aquarium.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the committee discussed the revised fees and charges and the capital plan status review report.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Jeff Newton, Friends of Robson Park stated that he sent his questions on what the Board plans to do with the vacant fieldhouse to the Director Vancouver East District. Mr. Newton stated that there has always been a resident caretaker who maintains the park and would like this arrangement to continue. Board members advised Mr. Newton that the Board is reviewing the use of fieldhouses and Mr. Newton's questions will be addressed.

STAFF REPORTS

Stanley Park Commemorative Donation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Federal Government approached the Park Board with the idea to create a site for the commemoration of the terrorist attack on Air India flight 182 on June 23, 1985. Staff developed a number of criteria for an appropriate process to consider this request which included the involvement of the general public, creating a positive impact on the park environment, not displacing any existing uses or users of the park and creating a benefit for the general public coming to the park for enjoyment and recreation. With this concept it was suggested that the children's play area at Ceperley be redeveloped in memory of the victims of the bombing.

Bonnie Cooke appeared before the Board and stated that to have cultural diversity is the key for progress. She asked the Board to create a world class healing garden with state of the art healing programs.

Board members discussed the donation from the Federal Government and stated that this will allow a commemoration of a tragic event and leave a legacy for many generations. Ceperley Park is an appropriate location as many children come to enjoy the park.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board accept a donation of \$800,000 from the Government of Canada for the creation of a children's playground and other improvements in Stanley Park dedicated to the memory of the victims of the bombing of Air India flight 182;**

- B. THAT the Board appoint Lees and Associates Consulting Ltd. as the landscape architecture consultants to conceptualise, design and manage the project including a public consultation process;**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 9, 2006 recommending that the Board endorse the attached Council report entitled Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy dated June 8, 2006.

Staff reviewed the Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy report regarding the expanding of civic support for sporting events and outlined the recommendations to continue the partnership with 2010 LegaciesNow/HostingBC for a further two year period, to establish a Sport Hosting Policy and Grant Programme with annual funding to support events not eligible under the HostingBC programme; and to develop a comprehensive Vancouver Sport Strategy.

Gail Uthoff and Nancy O'Toole, Vancouver Aquatic Sport Federation, appeared before the Board and stated that this was a good report and they would like to be part of the bidding process. Vancouver have missed several opportunities to host swim meets as the facilities are not large enough for international meets.

Board members stated that the report was a good step in the right direction, and there are many good community programs which need support.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board endorse the attached Council report entitled Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy dated June 8, 2006.

- Carried Unanimously.

New Park for Marpole at West 72nd Avenue and Osler Street and Selkirk Street: Construction

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff reviewed the features of the design of the park which incorporated the feedback received during the public process. The tender has come in under budget which will provide for a considerable contingency for unanticipated issues.

Board members stated that they are looking forward to the start of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to Cedar Crest Lands B.C. Ltd. for the construction of the proposed new park at West 72nd Avenue and Osler Street at a price not to exceed \$441,582;**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Convention Centre Restaurant Consultant

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 9, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff reviewed the site plan of the proposed restaurant location for Harbour Green Park. It is intended that this project be done through a public private partnership arrangement. In an attempt to attract qualified bidders to bid on the restaurant operation, architect's services to develop a schematic design and bring the project to the Development Permit stage is being established to provide certainty regarding the regulatory approvals required for this project.

Board members commended staff on moving forward with the Concession Strategy and look forward to the commencement of this project. A member of the Board noted that the Board could increase its revenues by running the restaurant ourselves.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A) THAT the Board award a contract for architectural services, up to and including all submissions required for approval of a Development Permit, to Acton Ostry Architects Inc. for a fixed fee of \$80,000, plus GST and disbursements for the new Harbour Green Restaurant;**

- 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.

December 31, 2005 Capital Status Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 15, 2006 recommending that the Board endorse the recommendation in the City Council Administrative Report “Capital Program Status Review – December 2005”.

Staff advised the Board that periodic review of the capital projects improves the monitoring of project costs and ensures that funds are available for all capital projects. Council will be receiving a report explaining the city-wide capital project status as of December 31, 2005. At present there are three Capital Plans being monitored, 2000 – 2002, 2003 – 2005 and 2006-2008.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board endorse the recommendation in the City Council Administrative Report “Capital Program Status Review – December 2005”.

- Carried Unanimously.

Changes in Fees and Charges for 1% GST Reduction Effective July 1, 2006

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 20, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the revised Fees and Charges schedule as attached.

Staff advised the Board that the revision to the fees and charges schedule was a result of the reduction of the GST effective July 1, 2006, as announced by the Federal Government.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board approve the revised Fees and Charges schedule as attached.

- Carried Unanimously.

Notice of Motion

The following motion was put forward by Commissioner Robertson:

Whereas the Park Board is committed to increasing accessibility to our parks and open spaces, and,

Whereas all residents and visitors deserve to feel safe when spending time in our parks, and open spaces,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on initiatives that staff are taking to make our parks and open spaces safe and secure and identify opportunities to partner with other agencies i.e. Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Police Department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair