

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT VANDUSEN BOTANICAL GARDENS
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair thanked the Board of Governors of VanDusen Botanical Gardens for their hospitality and for hosting the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 17, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed the Board back from the summer break and reported that due to the warm summer all facilities were well used and due to staff's diligence there were no major fires. A number of Board members attended the Quilchena Park Opening last weekend. This week the Board will be participating in the dedication of the Khenko Sculpture in George Wainborn Park.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving a report on the installation of eight automated toilets, one of which is scheduled to be located in Pigeon Park. Council will also be asked to approve the Youth Politik Program formerly known as Youth Days in Council.

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the Committee discussed the Creekside Park development and the Ceperley Park commemoration.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the Committee discussed the progress of the sponsorship program which seeks donations for several board initiatives.

PRESENTATIONS

Margot Long of PWL Partnership presented the Board with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National Merit for Design Award for Stanley Park Salmon Stream, George Wainborn Park and Harbour Green Park Phase 2.

Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal, Technical Review, and Public Consultation Process

Commissioner Heather Holden declared a conflict of interest in respect to the next two agenda items and left the room at this time.

Commissioner Robertson chaired the meeting.

The first report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 10, 2006. Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 5, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C. The Board agreed to refer the first report to be considered with the second report.

A joint presentation by staff, the Vancouver Aquarium (the Aquarium) and Kirk & Co, Communication Consultants was provided to the Board on the revitalization and expansion proposal, the technical review which analyzed the impacts the expansion would have on the park and the public consultation process to be conducted to gather community input on the project.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Eleanor Hadley
2. Denis Howarth, Legal Advisor, No Whales in Captivity
3. Janos Mate, WhaleFriends
4. John Nightingale, Vancouver Aquarium
5. Mike Satterfield, Vancouver Aquarium
6. Sandy Martin
7. Tanya Bell
8. Stephen Regan, Tourism Vancouver
9. Sherman Lee
10. Walter Coates
11. James Scott

12. Simon Woo
13. David Anderson
14. Stuart Mackinnon, Green Party of Vancouver
15. Brent Granby, West End Residents Association
16. Janet Landucci, Vancouver Aquarium

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

- Stanley Park belong to the taxpayers of Vancouver;
- Aquarium has been using the park for free and they continue to ask for more;
- recommendation C relates to the ethics of the issue;
- Park Board strategic plan commits to an open and transparent decision making process;
- an elected government is being asked to hand over land to a private entity;
- Aquarium is asking for a privilege not granted to any other organization;
- consultation process is paid by the Aquarium, take Park Board name and logo off their document;
- expanded pool will allow the Aquarium to bring in more animals;
- need to change the by-law to phase out cetacean captive program;
- would like to know the dollar value for 1.5 acres of land in downtown Vancouver;
- all citizens should have easy access to all information;
- the public should be allowed to express their opinion through the ballot box;
- the proposal was brought forward to the Planning Committee and was told that a public consultation process needed to take place before the Board will consider the proposal;
- need to begin work immediately in order to have the facility finished by the fall of 2009;
- need to find ways to maximise the Aquarium's role in educating the next generation;
- Aquarium has done an excellent job to elicit feedback;
- delaying the process will harm the project;
- the Aquarium staff are dedicated and volunteers are always ready to help;
- Aquarium is a facet of the jewel which is Stanley Park;
- Aquarium contributes alot to children in marine education, an expanded facility will benefit more members of society;
- enthusiastic about consultation process;
- the expansion is more than a building, it shapes our attitude about the environment;
- most people are excited about what is happening ;
- Aquarium is a great place to engage students;

- experiences encountered by people at the Aquarium are mostly positive;
- there are a lot of teachers who want to utilise the program offered at the Aquarium;
- shocked at the non democratic process, the Board is putting the cart before the horse;
- the process is not transparent, a predetermined outcome is forthcoming;
- have worked with the Park Board on several projects, took great care in community consultation, accomplished public engagement successfully;
- the Board is giving the impression that it is giving too much to the Aquarium;
- concerned with the quality of the public consultation process;
- the Board is the steward of public spaces;
- the Aquarium contribute to the economy of Vancouver;

The Chair thanked the delegations for providing their input to the proposal.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board receive for information the proposal by the Vancouver Aquarium to revitalize and expand the Aquarium in Stanley Park, as described in this report and shown in Appendix 1;
- B. THAT the Board receive for information the technical review prepared by Park Board staff on the impacts of the Aquarium's proposal on Stanley Park, attached as Appendix 2;
- C. THAT the Board endorse the public consultation process, as outlined in this report, to gather public input on the proposal by the Vancouver Aquarium to revitalize and expand the Aquarium in Stanley Park.

Board members discussed the issue and a member of the Board stated that he now has a better understanding of the process. A member of the Board stated that the discussion guide which will be used as part of the consultation process was biased and that he would like to see the Board distance itself from the consultation process. There is not enough transparency in the process, and the community should have the opportunity to make its own decision. The Aquarium has been a good tenant, and they are no different than the other tenants in the park.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board distance itself from this process by not being a co-sponsor but allow the Vancouver Aquarium to go forward to convince the community that what they are doing is the right thing.

Board members discussed the motion and a recess was requested.

The Board recessed at 9:18 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Board members reviewed the motion and a few members of the Board stated that in the interest of moving the project forward and the understanding that it will remove bias by removing our logo they will support the motion.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Robertson contrary)

The recommendation in the main motion was voted on separately.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

Recommendation A:

THAT the Board receive for information the proposal by the Vancouver Aquarium to revitalize and expand the Aquarium in Stanley Park, as described in this report and shown in Appendix 1.

- Carried

(Commissioners De Genova and Herbert contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

Recommendation B:

THAT the Board receive for information the technical review prepared by Park Board staff on the impacts of the Aquarium's proposal on Stanley Park, attached as Appendix 2;

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Commissioner Holden returned to the meeting at this time.

Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Project: Consultant Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 30, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the consultant selection included criteria such as experience in artificial turf projects, project team, methodology, reference and costs. After reviewing the submissions and making necessary reference checks, R.F. Binnie & Associates is being recommended to be the design consultant on the project.

Board members stated that this was a good step towards providing more artificial turf fields in Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Vancouver Technical Secondary School artificial turf project to R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd., for the sum of \$95,550 (fees and disbursements) plus GST;**
- 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.

West End Community Centre – Lobby Improvements

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 23, 2006 recommending that the Board accept the donation of \$164,500 from the West End Community Centre Association for renovations to the lobbies on the main and upper floors of the centre at no cost to the Board.

Staff advised the Board that due to heavy and consistent use the lobbies require updating. The Association has offered to donate funding to make the lobbies more efficient and inviting. Staff have reviewed the proposals and will continue to work with the Association, the consultant and contractor to ensure the project is consistent with Board standards of design construction.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Park Board accept the donation of \$164,500 from the West End Community Centre Association for the project to carry out renovations to the lobbies on both the main and upper floors at the West End Community Centre, at no cost to the Park Board.

- Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Architect for Kitsilano Arena Kitchen

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 8, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that at its meeting in July approval was given to increase the capital budget by \$294,000 donated by the Kitsilano Community Centre Association for renovations to Snowy's Lounge and kitchen in the Kisilano Arena. The Building Committee recommend the appointment of the architect to provide full architectural services for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award a contract for architectural services for the renovations to Kitsilano Community Centre: Snowy's Lounge and Kitchen to Gomberoff Bell Lyon Architects Group Inc., for a fixed fee of \$36,100, including disbursements, plus GST, 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.

Procedure By-Law Amendment By-Law

Board members to enact a by-law to amend the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Procedure By-law regarding issues of procedure.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the by-law to amend the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Procedure By-law regarding issues of procedure be given first reading.

- 1 The Park Board repeals section 2 of the Procedure By-law enacted by the Board of Parks and Recreation on September 25, 1995, and substitutes:
 - “2. If this By-law does not address a procedure:
 - (a) the Procedure By-Law of the city, except for Section 7, is to apply to proceedings of the Board in respect of that procedure; or**
 - (b) if the Procedure By-Law of the city does not address a procedure, the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order is to apply to proceedings of the Board in respect of that procedure.”******
- 2. This By-Law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the by-law to amend the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Procedure By-law regarding issues of procedure be given second and third readings.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

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 paragraphs:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session

The Board reconvened the regular meeting of the Board.

Dog Strategy Task Force

The Chair announced the members appointed to the Dog Strategy Task Force.

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Rebecca Sharp
Erik Whiteway
Sherrill Sirrs
Anne Pepper
Tristan Jackson
Peter Fry (alternate)

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Notice of Motion

Commissioner Herbert put forward the following notice of motion :

Whereas Mayor Sullivan has declared September Wild Salmon Month;

Whereas according to the Vancouver Aquarium the world's marine life is quickly being depleted, and an estimated 90% of all large fish are already gone from the world's oceans;

Whereas the Vancouver Park Board has restaurants, clubhouses, and concessions, 26 in total operating under its purview;

Whereas Park Board food services partners serve a wide variety of seafood from the popular fish and chips to more exotic menu items;

Whereas the Park Board Strategic Plan states the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment is a core responsibility and that the Park Board will develop sustainable policies and practices that achieve environmental objectives while meeting the needs of the community;

Whereas the Vancouver Aquarium operates Ocean Wise, a conservation program that is successfully working with restaurants and their customers in making environmentally sustainable seafood choices, at the level they are able to manage;

Whereas a number of restaurants within Stanley Park are already enthusiastic Ocean Wise participants;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation seek a partnership with the Vancouver Aquarium's Ocean Wise conservation program through incorporating Ocean Wise provisions into future park board leases, or license agreements, ensuring Park Board run facilities are Ocean Wise and through encouraging our concessionaires, and restaurateurs to participate in the program before their licenses come up for renewal.

A member of Board enquired when the public consultation process report would be available. The General Manager advised the Board that this was an item scheduled for the fall agenda.

A member of the Board enquired on the status of the leisure access program. The General Manager advised the Board that this was scheduled on the fall agenda as well.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair