

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT DOUGLAS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	Acting General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Child and Youth Services Coordinator	- Booth Palmer
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paragraph 1 on page 5 of the minutes of the Board held on Monday, September 25, 2006 was amended to reflect that staff was directed to review the use and access to the changerooms and that Commissioners encouraged staff to bring the Engineering report to the Board's attention when it becomes available.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 25, 2006 were adopted as amended.

City Council Report

The Acting General Manager advised the Board that Council approved the Active Communities report. The Planning and Environment Committee will be receiving a report on Get Out! Youth Legacy Program – Evaluation and Next Steps.

Killarney Rink Design

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 22, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the development permit schematic design plans for the Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby.

Staff advised the Board that the replacement lobby will join together the pool, community centre and the new ice rink. The architect reviewed the schematic design for the project.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre Association appeared before the Board and stated that they were happy with the design. He was concerned that there might be resistance from some community members to return the rink to NHL size, which would then create a seating problem.

Board members congratulated the Association and staff on coming up with a good design.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the development permit schematic design plans for the Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby.

- Carried Unanimously.

YouthPolitik Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 20, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the YouthPolitik Program will provide an opportunity for youth to learn about municipal government and how it works. Participants will take part in a series of eight workshops where they will learn about civic government and identify issues that are important to them.

Board members stated that this was an excellent program to encourage youth to get involved in their communities.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

A. THAT the Board endorse the City's YouthPolitik Program for 2006, as outlined in the attached Council report, and;

- B. THAT the Board appoint Commissioners to participate in YouthPolitik program events scheduled for November 2006.**

- Carried Unanimously.

GetOut! Youth Legacy Program – Evaluation and Next Steps

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 21, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the GetOut! pilot program was an effective method of reaching out to youth who previously did not participate in sport, culture, recreation and community activities. The GetOut! program has enabled the Park Board to develop new recreation opportunities for young people through grants, new recreation programs, Youth Action Teams and other youth development activities.

Board members thanked the young people and staff for their energy and enthusiasm. A member of the Board questioned the source of funding for this long term program and staff advised that grants are identified by the Social Planning Department and Cultural Affairs at the city.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT the Board receive GetOut! the Pilot Year 2005/06 Evaluation Report for information;**
- B. THAT the Board approve the GetOut! program principles and objectives, continue to endorse staff participation in the interdepartmental Steering and Technical Committees and seek external funding partners as outlined in the attached joint report to Council.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Commemorative Donation at Ceperley Playground

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 28, 2006 presenting options A or B for the consideration of the Board.

Staff referred to the two options in the staff report for the Board's consideration and explained the differences between a commemorative donation versus a memorial in terms of the nature of the project, applicable policy and public process.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the original concept of a commemorative donation for the refurbishment of Ceperley Playground in Stanley Park dedicated to the victims of the Air India tragedy without listing the individual victims' names on the commemorative feature, and allow the planning and the public process to proceed accordingly;

OR

- B. THAT the Board support a review of the concept for a memorial in Stanley Park that includes the victims' names, in accordance with the Park Board Review Guidelines for the Donation of Public Art or Memorials.

Board members discussed the options and were concerned that the public consultation process according to the Review Guidelines for the Donation of Public Art or Memorials may delay the redevelopment of the playground and increase the cost for the project. A member of the Board stated that it was important of have the names of the victims listed and staff should bring back plans that reflect this direction. An amendment to Consideration B was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the words “support a review of the concept for” in recommendation B be deleted and replaced with “recommend”.

- Carried Unanimously.

A member of the Board stated that it was important to continue to work on the playground and staff should be directed to seek external funding for the public consultation process, an amendment motion to include this direction was suggested. A member of the Board stated that the families of the victims want the project to proceed knowing that it will affect the construction costs. He did not agree that additional fundraising should be done.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the following phrase be added at the end of the sentence after the word ‘Memorials’:
“and, that staff seek external funding for the public consultation process”**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Zlotnik contrary)

A member of the Board stated that it was fair to seek external funding due to the change in direction for this project and he was also concerned with cost escalation and would like to add an amendment to previous amendment motion.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

**THAT the following be added after the word ‘process’ in the amendment motion:
‘to replenish spent funds from the original budget’**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Holden and Zlotnik contrary)

After further discussions on the recommendation for a memorial in Stanley Park for the victims of Air India Flight 182, a member of the Board stated that the focus remain that the commemoration is a celebration of life and would like to direct staff to set aside a budget of a minimum of 80% of the \$800,000 donation on the playground and landscaping.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

**THAT the following be added to the amended consideration B:
‘and, staff budget a minimum of 80% of the \$800,000 on landscaping and playground.’**

- Carried Unanimously.

The amended Consideration B was put forward:

THAT the Board recommend a memorial in Stanley Park that includes the victims’ names, in accordance with the Park Board Review Guidelines for the Donation of Public Art or Memorials; and,

THAT staff seek external funding for the public consultation process to replenish spent funds from the original budget; and,

THAT staff budget a minimum of 80% of the \$800,000 on landscaping and playground.

-Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

There was an enquiry on the following :
Timeline for Arbutus Right of Way report;
Science World Proposal;
Further negotiations with UBC and allocating additional funds for the Hillcrest pool complex;
MoreSports.

The Acting General Manager advised the Board that the Arbutus Right of Way report was scheduled for the meeting of the Board on October 30. Staff is meeting with representatives of Science World, as there are other departments in the city involved in this proposal, there is no definite date when the report will be ready. Staff have contacted with UBC representatives regarding the pool complex and anticipate to report back to the Board at the end of October. MoreSports is scheduled for the October 17 Planning Committee meeting.

Jim Lehto, Park Improvement Committee, Douglas Park Community Centre asked the Board to consider improvements to the east field at Douglas Park. The Chair asked Mr. Lehto to bring his request to the President of Douglas Park Community Centre who will present the issue at the Presidents' meeting.

Joyce Saben, President, Douglas Park Community Centre thanked the Board for visiting Douglas Park Community Centre.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Piet Rutgers
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair