

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT KILLARNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Manager of Recreation – Stanley District	- Greg Eng
	Supervisor Recreation Services	- Garry Lum
	Coordinator Special Events and Filming	- Daisy Chin
	Engineering Assistant	- Tim Chow
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A member of the Board referred to page 4 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 30 with regard to the Award of Soft Drink Supply and Sponsorship Contract. She would like to insert the following after the first sentence of the last paragraph *A Board member referred to Coke's reputation internationally in some countries around questionable human rights and labour relation practices.* The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 30, 2006 were adopted as amended.

The Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2006 was conducted by the Vice-Chair, as the Chair was not present at the meeting.

A member of the Board requested that the first paragraph on page 8 of the minutes be revised to read as follows:

A member of the Board stated that he would like the Aquarium to provide free passes of all categories of children and adults to be distributed through the community centres.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 27, 2006 were adopted as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the committee discussed the plans for Victoria Park and China Creek Park.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that Council will be receiving reports on Childcare Capital Allocation for Pooh Corner Daycare Playground Improvements and Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Venue Agreement.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the 2006 accomplishments guided by the Strategic Plan. Some of the highlights were the development of new and creative ways to raise additional funding to augment our core business and provide better service such as the implementation of the Go Play! marketing campaign to increase resident participation in parks and recreation programs and increase revenues. Plans to increase the number of artificial turf fields are in process. The Active Communities Vancouver initiative was launched to inspire and encourage residents to meet or exceed the Premier's target of becoming 20% more active by 2010. The Board developed a funding strategy for the 2010 Olympic Games Legacy projects, the Hillcrest Curling Venue which will be converted to a community centre, ice rink, curling club and pool, and the Trout Lake and Killarney ice rinks. An effective public consultation process was implemented by expanding the number of community Park Board meetings and the establishment of a dog strategy task force.

Last year the new Killarney Pool was opened and the ground breaking for the Air India memorial was celebrated. This memorial will provide a refurbished children's playground at Ceperley Meadows in Stanley Park.

The Chair thanked the Board and staff for their hard work and contributions during the last year.

Election of Chair

As set forth in the Board's Procedure By-law, the General Manager acting as Chair pro-tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for Year 2007.

Commissioner Zlotnik nominated Commissioner Robertson as Chair.

Ballots were provided to the Commissioners for completion. The ballots were counted and Commissioner Robertson was declared Chair of the Board for Year 2007.

Election of Vice Chair

Commissioner Holden nominated Commissioner Houghton as Vice-Chair.

Ballots were provided to the Commissioners for completion. The ballots were counted and Commissioner Houghton was declared Vice-Chair of the Board for Year 2007.

Year 2007 Board Meeting Dates

Board members received a list of the proposed 2007 Board meeting dates.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board approve the 2007 Board Meeting dates.

- Carried Unanimously.

Presentation

Kate Davis Johnson, Manager of Park Development and Tim Chow, Engineering Assistant advised the Board that the Park Board received the BC Landscape and Nursery Association 2006 Environmental Award for remediation work done on the shoreline of Spanish Bank, Jericho Beach and Kitsilano Beach. The goal of the English Bay Shoreline Protection Project was to protect and enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the park areas and reinforce their natural ecological processes. This was done by finding a sustainable approach to erosion control that incorporated use of salvaged construction materials and plants that support the natural coastal ecology.

Board members commended staff on their innovation and thanked them for their hard work.

The Chair recognized former Chair Commissioner Holden for her dedication and leadership in the first term of the Board.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

John McBryde, a resident of Champlain Heights commended the Board for supporting the plan to include an artificial turf field at East Fraserlands. Mr. McBryde suggested that a task force be struck to review the artificial turf field situation in Vancouver.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre Society welcomed the Board to Killarney Community Centre and asked the Board to support their motion to council for a seniors centre in East Fraserlands.

Bert, a resident of Killarney, asked the Board to support a seniors centre in the Killarney area which is well served by transit.

Rick Evans stated that the bleachers planned for the new Killarney ice rink needed improvement.

David Crinnell stated that the recent increase to the Burrard Marina moorage fees was too high and wanted to know the rationale behind this increase. He asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

Katherine Thomas resident of Fraserview supports the plan for a seniors centre in Killarney.

STAFF REPORTS

Jericho Arts Centre – Lease Agreement

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

Staff provided an overview of the proposal received from the Friends of Jericho Arts Centre who are interested in running the centre. The group will lease the facility at a nominal fee and will take care of the day to day maintenance.

Richard Strachan and Andree Karas, Jericho Arts Centre, thanked the Board and staff for considering their proposal. Their plan is to expand the opportunity for both performing and visual artists to exhibit their talents.

Board members thanked the delegations and when a question regarding providing opportunities for low income people was raised by a member of the Board, the Board was advised that the United Players provide complimentary tickets to seniors and various other groups. A member of the Board suggested that they might want to contact staff to see if free entrance could be incorporated into the leisure access program.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. **THAT the Board enters into an agreement with the Friends of Jericho Arts Centre Society to lease the Jericho Arts Centre for a five year period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011 under the terms and conditions described in this report;**
- B. **THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

-Carried Unanimously.

MoreSports Sustainability Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 30, 2006 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that representatives from the MoreSports Advisory Committee, Vancouver School Board, Ray Cam Community Centre, Sports BC and the Park Board have met to discuss the long term sustainability plan for the program which has grown in popularity and is dependant on grant funding. A proposal which has Sport BC administering MoreSports on a pilot basis is being developed.

Board members recognised Dick Woldring for his work with MoreSports. The Board is supportive of staff's effort to maintain the long term sustainability of this organization. A member of the Board expressed concern on what would happen to MoreSports should Sport BC reject the proposal. Staff advised the Board that they are looking at alternatives should the deal fall through.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Showboat Lease Renewal

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

Staff advised the Board that the Kitsilano Showboat Society have for over fifty years been staging performances for public enjoyment from June until August at the Kitsilano Showboat Outdoor Amphitheatre in Kitsilano Park. The current five year lease with the Kitsilano Showboat Society expires on December 31, 2006 and the Society has requested a renewal of the lease on similar terms to those in the existing lease.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the lease between the Park Board and the Kitsilano Showboat Society for a further five year term commencing January 1, 2007;**
- B. THAT once the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Percy Norman Aquatic Centre – Contract Awards

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 28, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the construction of the Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre will be undertaken by way of contract management. The construction will be guided by the Capital Works Committee, the General Manager is a member of this committee. Since these construction contracts will cover work on the Hillcrest Curling Venue and the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, it is important that the General Manager has the authority to approve all the trade contracts to ensure a timely and cost effective delivery of the Hillcrest Curling Venue and Percy Norman Pool. The Board will be updated on the project budget schedule with a six monthly report back schedule.

Board members discussed the construction timelines and they look forward to the ground breaking ceremony next year.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board delegate its contract award authority to the General Manager in regard to the development of the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, which will be built through jointly funded contracts to be awarded by VANOC;**

- B. THAT the Board endorse recommendations A, B and C of the attached City Council Report entitled Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Agreement.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2007 Special Events

Board members received copies of a report dated December 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff reviewed the special events policy noting that any major change of an existing event require the Board's approval. Staff advised the Board that the Scotia Bank Half Marathon organizers have requested a change in location and road closure.

Board members discussed the request and were concerned about possible revenue loss from parking. Staff advised the Board that the event organizers pay for parking and staff time.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. That the Board approve the following existing major event with significant changes for the first three years of its operation (see appendix A): Scotia Bank ½ Marathon June 24, 2007. All arrangements will be to the satisfaction of the General Manager;**
- B. That the Board receive the 2007 Calendar of Major Events as information (see Appendix B).**

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board reconsider the October 30, 2006 Park Board resolution to eliminate the senior discount for moorage fees at Burrard Marina.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jordan Dobrikin
- Robert McBurney
- Sean Smith
- Nicholas Lourotos

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

- Park Board is to make available sports and recreational activities at reasonable rates;
- Park Board should not be in competition with for profit organizations;
- ask the Board to re-evaluate the mandate and objectives of marina management;
- suggest a rate structure based on the space being used;
- Burrard marina is a multi-use and multi- activity area;
- establishing market rates is insulting to average people who want to enjoy the water;
- there was no input from stakeholders, the notice was posted outside the marina gates;
- Park Board is making a profit and that money goes to subsidise other programs, boaters are aware of this and have accepted this;
- boaters were not notified of this change;
- 15% increase for everyone is wrong, there are different level of boaters;
- this increase affects seniors and young people, Board should meet with the boating community;
- people on fixed income cannot afford price increases.

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board stated that there were maintenance issues which needed to be addressed at Burrard Marina and questioned the increase to the moorage fees. A member of the Board stated that perhaps money could be allocated for the Burrard Marina maintenance in the 2007 operating budget. The Chair advised the Board that a motion to reconsider would require 5 votes to carry.

The motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

The Chair asked staff to report back on the fee structure including moorage fees for the Board's consideration.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested a staff memo on maintenance at the Burrard Civic Marina.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

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 paragraph:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonable be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair