

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 02, 2007**

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 Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Special Projects	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 12, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that he gave a presentation to the Association of Travel Guides on Stanley Park on the recent devastation caused by the storm and the next steps. Tourism through the park has increased as many people want to see the effects of the storm.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised Council will be receiving a progress report on the Civil City Project and a report back on Child Care Capital Projects – Simon Fraser/Mount Pleasant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the Committee discussed the Mount Pleasant Community Centre childcare and pool and the Park Naming Policy.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the committee has not met since the last regular Board meeting.

PRESENTATION

The Chair advised the Board that representatives from several organizations were in attendance to make a presentation to the Board for the Stanley Park Restoration Fund.

Brenda Plowman, Director of Marketing, Fasken Martineau DuMoullin, advised the Board that members of their staff and partners together ran a number of fund raising events such as jeans day, silent auction and 50/50 draws to raise funds for the restoration of Stanley Park. On behalf of Fasken Martineau DuMoullin, Ms. Plowman presented a cheque in the amount of \$50,117.73 to the Board.

The Chair thanked the staff and partners of Fasken Martineau DuMoullin for their generous contribution.

Susan Hall, Director of Communications and Maureen Kirkbride, Senior Government Relations Advisor of Telus Communications presented a cheque in the amount of \$125,000 which was from pledges received through the call centre and funds raised through employees and customers.

The Chair thanked Telus employees and customers for their involvement in the restoration of Stanley Park.

Deborah Tucker, Senior Manager, Community Investment, Coast Capital Savings advised the Board that their employees volunteered hundreds of hours during the Global Telethon in addition to their fundraising efforts. Ms. Tucker presented a cheque in the amount of \$42,406.35 on behalf of Coast Capital Savings towards the restoration of Stanley Park.

The Chair thanked the staff and customers of Coast Capital Savings for their generous contribution.

The Chair welcomed Roy Gardner, General Manager, Clive Jackson, Managing Editor and Chris Gailus, Anchor from Global TV and thanked them for their efforts in bringing the storm-hit Stanley Park to British Columbians through their news casts and for providing updates on the work that was being done to open the park to the public.

Roy Gardner stated British Columbians have always been generous in offering their help. Mr. Gardner commended Clive Jackson for his energy and hard work for the success of the telethon. We also have good corporate citizens led by Jim Pattison who matched every dollar pledged up to one million dollars. A cheque in the amount \$2,700,000 in pledged donations was presented to the Board.

The Chair thanked Global TV and the people of British Columbia for their generous support towards the restoration of Stanley Park.

STAFF REPORTS

Park Board 2007 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 23, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that we have recently been informed that an additional \$60,000 from the government was available for the Air India Memorial project. A recommendation D has been added to the report. Staff then provided the highlights of the 2006 Capital Budget program and listed specific projects for funding in the 2007 Capital Budget. The Board was also advised that Council is being requested to allocate additional citywide DCL funds for park development.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jeff Malmgren, President, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- support recommendation C;
- have a pilot project with MoreSports to start ultimate league for youth;
- request Board to support the need for more fields to be built;
- Stanley Park has not been addressed in the Capital Plan;
- money has been transferred out of Stanley Park but does not indicate to which project;
- the Board should address the security in Stanley Park;
- should return Stanley Park to its natural state.

Board members discussed the report and stated that they look forward to the commencement of the various projects.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board approve the 2007 Capital Budget of \$64,629,800, has described in this report and outlined in Appendix A, from the following funding sources:**
- **Capital from borrowing authority: \$37,875,000;**
 - **City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL): \$4,500,000;**
 - **Park Payment-in-lieu from Bayshore development: \$400,000;**
 - **External funding from senior governments, non-profit partners and donations: \$6,894,800; and**
 - **Other City of Vancouver Funding: \$14,960,000;**
- B. THAT the Board request that Council allocate \$1,362,000 of additional City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL) for park development associated with the renewal of Trout Lake and Killarney ice rinks, and replacement of Percy Norman Pool;**
- C. THAT the Board request that Council allocate \$4,500,000 of additional City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL) for development of the “Trillium” park site.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- D. THAT the Board accept an additional \$60,000 for Air India Memorial from senior government.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park – Air India Commemorative Playground and Memorial

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 21, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed playground and memorial as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix I.

Staff advised the Board that a design has been completed in accordance to the Board’s request of a minimum of 80% of the budget be directed to the playground and landscaping. Eric Lees, consultant for the project, presented a detailed design for Ceperley Park with the playground development being the key part of the commemoration. Close to the water built, into the embankment, will be a stone wall in the shape of the flight path of Flight 182. The names of the victims will be inscribed on a stone cap. A dove tree will be planted nearby as a symbol of peace.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that Ceperley Park is for children to visit and play, and, not for mourners. The playground seems to be tucked into a corner. This is not the place for a memorial. Ceperley Park was donated to the Board for a children's park. The Board should read up on the history of Ceperley Park before making their decision.

Board members discussed the report and were pleased that the Federal Government provided the funds for the playground revitalization. A member of the Board suggested that instead of the dove tree, the consultant explore the option of a local species which may be a First Nations symbolic tree. Stanley Park has an extensive history and it is interesting to see the different commemorations. The commemorative wall seems to be discreet and elegant. Staff were commended on addressing the motion from the Board's meeting of October 2, 2006.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed playground and memorial as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statement for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 27, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reported on the preliminary 2006 Year End financial position. Some of the challenges in 2006 were the opening of the first leisure pool at Killarney, managing new and redeveloped parks and a significant wind and snow storms in November and December. The 2006 revenues met or exceeded budget except for golf and indoor pools, however, the Board spent more than its budget on expenditures with the net effect being a 0.5% deficit.

Board members discussed the report and were impressed with staff on their management of the budget.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Accomplishments Report 2006

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 19, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

The General Manager presented the accomplishments report for 2006 and stated that this information will be the base for the Board's annual report. She acknowledged the work of the senior management team in developing and executing their business plans in accordance to the Board's strategic plan. The General Manager stated that this was the first year that a performance measure was being used for our services and programs. The General Manager highlighted the range of achievements in the past year such as the launch of the Active Communities program, the opening of the first leisure pool at Killarney, the addition of artificial turf fields to our field inventory, expanding funding opportunities, securing major corporate sponsorships, planning for infrastructure renewal such as the new Hillcrest Curling and Aquatic centre, Sunset Community Centre, working with stakeholders to provide safer parks, establishing sustainability initiatives such as the greenhouse gas reduction program and the restriction of use of pesticides on private property. It is evident from the swift public response to the recent crises in Stanley Park that the public enjoy the programs and hold us in high regard.

Board members thanked staff for a good report and a successful year.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

2007 Operating Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 14, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the 2007 Park Board Global Budget, including costs for Added Basic and the NNR budget.

Staff advised the Board that the Park Board Global Operating Budget has three components, Basic Budget, Added Basic Budget and New and Non-Recurring (NNR) Budget. The Basic Budget represents the 2006 approved operating budgets inflated to reflect 2007 dollar equivalents. It also includes adjustments for any Council approved programs. In making adjustments to the Board's budget, Council at its meeting in February eliminated the Park Board reduction target of \$440,800. The Added Basic Budget represents the net new operating costs for new or expanded capital additions to the parks and recreation system and one year adjustments. The NNR budget for replacement of equipment or other one time new and non-recurring item is requested separately from the Basic Budget. The Park Board Global Operating Budget for 2007 is \$55,809,900.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board approve the 2007 Park Board Global Budget of \$55,809,900, including \$442,100 for Added Basic costs and one-time adjustments and the New and Non-Recurring (NRR) budget of \$296,000.

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Yacht Club – Renewal of Operating Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 27, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Kitsilano Yacht Club has requested to renew their Operating Agreement. The Club has requested that the agreement be updated to reflect the recent interest of their members in outrigger canoes and kayaks. The Club has provided a maintenance program for the existing pier and has submitted a work plan for the repairs to be undertaken in 2007.

Board members discussed the report and stated that they were happy there will be more boating activity and a commitment from the Club to repair the deteriorating deck.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Operating Agreement with the Kitsilano Yacht Club for a further five years from May 17, 2007 - May 16, 2012 modified to reflect the use of aquatic non-motorized boating activities as requested by the Club;**
- B. THAT once the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board;**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Whereas the Vancouver Park Board is committed to protecting the natural environment by promoting and adhering to principles of urban sustainability which include identifying recyclable materials and pursuing opportunities to minimize disposal of such materials in landfills;

Whereas park users often throw recyclable cans and bottles into garbage cans in the majority of Vancouver's 221 parks where there are no recycling receptacles available;

Whereas there are no recycling receptacles in the vast majority of Vancouver's parks;

Whereas people scavenge through garbage to locate recyclables, which is unsanitary and a potential health hazard to them;

Whereas the City of Vancouver's installation of recycling racks to litter cans throughout the city and subsequent 2006 litter can audit report has proven this to be a successful program, encouraging the public to leave their recyclable cans and bottles while people who collect the containers for refunds have easier access;

Therefore be it resolved that Park Board staff be directed to review and report to the Planning Committee the feasibility of attaching recyclable racks to garbage cans throughout the City's park system.

A member of the Board proposed an amendment to direct staff to report to the Board instead of the Planning Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the "Planning Committee" in the therefore be it resolved paragraph be deleted and replaced with the 'Board'

- Carried Unanimously.

The motion as amended was put forward as follows:

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- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board stated that he supports receiving input from the public, however, recently a member of the delegation has continuously been rude to the Board and have disrupted the decorum of the Board meeting. He suggested that the Board stop her from signing up as a speaker. Members of the Board discussed the issue and a number of Board members felt that the delegation should be allowed to continue to address the Board, however, when she becomes abusive and disruptive, a point of order or recess could be called to address the situation.

A member of the Board enquired how the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement – British Columbia and Alberta might affect the tendering process at the Park Board. The General Manager stated that she was not aware of this agreement and requested the Board member to forward a copy of the document.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair