

Susan Rybar, Publication Director and General Manager, *British Columbia Magazine* advised the Board that when the storm passed through Stanley Park in December 2006 staff at the magazine wanted to be part of the restoration program by producing a magazine dedicated to the park and related activities. A Collector's Issue on Stanley Park was published and the proceeds of \$10,000 from the sale is being donated to the restoration work at Stanley Park.

The Chair thanked *British Columbia Magazine* for their generous donation to Stanley Park and conveyed the Board's appreciation for their support of this project.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on the 2008 Operating Budget interim estimates, Heather Marina moorage fees, International Village cash in lieu, and 2007 work stoppage financial impact.

STAFF REPORTS

International Village Payment in Lieu

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 31, 2008 recommending that the Board endorse the recommendation in the attached City Council report, entitled International Village – Payment in Lieu, dated January 28, 2008.

Staff advised the Board that when Council approved the rezoning of the lands at International Village, an agreement was made with the developer regarding community space, childcare and a school. This agreement provided a completed community space and a childcare centre, however, there was a caveat that a payment in lieu could be made instead. With the proximity of the Community Centre/Boating Centre at Southeast False Creek to International Village the need for a community centre at the International Village site is no longer a priority. A payment in lieu has been negotiated with the developer and the funds will be allocated for the restoration of the artificial fields at Andy Livingstone Park and the extra funding for spaces at the childcare centre.

Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Field Sport Federation, appeared before the Board and stated that they were glad to hear about funding for the restoration of the fields at Andy Livingstone Park and hope the Board will overcome whatever obstacles there might be to rebuild the field. Mr. Malmgren hoped the 2010 Winter Olympics will not delay the restoration of the field.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board encouraged staff to work through whatever hurdles there might be to have the fields ready for play this fall.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board endorse the recommendation in the attached City Council report entitled International Village – Payment in Lieu, dated January 28, 2008.

- Carried Unanimously.

2009-2011 Park Capital Plan Preparation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 30, 2008 recommending that the process outlined in this report for the development of the 2009-2011 Parks Capital Plan be received for information.

Staff provided an overview of the process for developing the 2009-2011 Capital Plan. Park Board staff will be represented on both the Staff Review Group and Corporate Management Team. A 2009-2011 Capital Plan page has been set up on the website to receive input from the public partners and stakeholders. Staff will review this information and together with the previously approved plans and policies will develop a draft Parks Capital Plan to be presented to the Board in early March.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Chris Roine, Treasurer, Grandview Community Association
- Nicholas Foxcroft
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- need a new community centre at Trout Lake;
- the community is happy with the new rink, but would like the community centre rebuilt;
- create an infrastructure for runners and walkers, add this project to the Capital Plan;
- provide security in Stanley Park;
- need more swimming pools;
- need more lifeguards on the beaches;
- continue to provide parks to the people, do not embark on private public partnerships;
- no need to provide parks for the dogs and dogs should have a license.

Board members discussed the report and look forward to the process and allocating priorities by listening to the community.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the process outlined in this report for the development of the 2009-2011 Parks Capital Plan be received for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Award of Non-Motorized Water Sports Concession at English Bay

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 29, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that a Request for Proposal was issued for an operator to run the non-motorized water sports concession at English Bay. The terms of the contract will be for three years with an option to renew for an additional three years, this will allow the successful proponent the opportunity to properly develop and promote its services and programs.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. THAT Ecomarine Products Ltd. be granted approval to operate a non-motorized water sports concession at English Bay Beach for 2008-2010, with an option to renew for up to a further three years.**
- B. 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.**
- C. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and 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.

First Tee Youth Golf

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 25, 2008 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the First Tee is a successful developmental program that teaches life skills and values to youth through the game of golf. An update on the First Tee Youth Golf program and the requirements for the establishment of this program was provided to the Board. A foundation has been established and a letter of intent forwarded to the First Tee organization. The next step in the process is the development of a business plan and a fundraising by the foundation.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that the a more structured and organized program is required to enhance the work done by the two golf professionals, Muncie Booth and Earl Francis with inner city kids. This program will be open to youth from all over the city to participate. A member of the Board stated that she looked forward to the business plan.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board receive the First Tee Youth Golf Report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

2007 Work Stoppage Financial Analysis

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 7, 2008 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the 12-week work stoppage in 2007 resulted in the closure of facilities and reduction of services with the exception of leased restaurant properties and concessions and access to public parks. A report with a complete analysis of city spending on operations and services during the work stoppage was requested by Council. This report concluded a total work stoppage savings of \$11.8 million with the Park Board contributing \$3.4 million to the total. Council will determine the 2008 Operating Budget by incorporating the results of public consultation, impact of budget requests and inflationary increases and the assessment of the work stoppage savings.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board receive for information the 2007 Work Stoppage Financial Analysis.

A member of the Board requested to put forward an amendment that would ask Council to allocate the Park Board savings from the work stoppage to be applied to its current loans.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

And, given that \$3.4 million of the \$11.8 million savings is attributable to the Park Board, that City Council consider returning all or a portion of that \$3.4 million to the Park Board to be applied against current loans.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and a member of the Board stated that it was important to send a message to Council that the savings do not go into the city account.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put forward as follows:

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- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

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 Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Korina Houghton
Chair