

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Ian Robertson
		- Martin Zlotnik
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Diane Murphy
	Acting Dir. of Queen Elizabeth District	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager of Facility Development	- Bill Stephen
	Urban Forestry Technician	- Jim McKenzie
	Recreation Coordinator, Van East District	- Linda Brindley
	Recorder	

Commissioner Woodcock was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 12, 2008 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that School Trustee and community leader Don Lee had passed away. Mr. Lee was a City Councillor from 1996 to 2002.

The Chair reported on the Board's participation in various community events including the Volunteer Recognition awards ceremony held at the Italian Community Centre and an opera by the Opera Passionata held in the Sunset greenhouse.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council will be reviewing the draft Capital Plan for 2009 – 2011. There are concerns with the report in that two items have not been included and those are the Trout Lake Community Centre and the funding for cost escalation for the curling venue, Percy Norman Aquatic Centre and the Killarney and Trout Lake rinks. Council will hear from

staff regarding the Capital Plan, with public consultation to follow. The Park Board's submission has been reduced from \$107 million to \$53.6 million.

There are no Committee meetings scheduled for this week.

PRESENTATION

Jim McKenzie presented "The Best Walking City in Canada 2008" Award to the Board. He stated the City of Vancouver is the recipient of the award by the Canadian Federation of Podiatric Medicine.

STAFF REPORTS

Roundhouse Turntable Plaza

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the design concept for the redevelopment of the Roundhouse Turntable Plaza.

Staff advised the Board that Park Board staff have worked closely with the Roundhouse Community Centre Association to improve the existing Roundhouse Turntable Plaza. There are challenges associated with the project which are the requirement for weather protection and the fact that the turntable is a heritage structure.

The space is currently under-utilized and the plan is that the design will provide multifunctional weather protection in the form of a movable tent in the middle of the plaza and a canopy along the community centre building. The projected capacity of the plaza is 500 to 750 people. A public open house was held and great interest was expressed with an overall positive feedback.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Elizabeth Snow, President of the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society
- Eleanor Hadley

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

The Roundhouse Community Association has:

- many volunteers that have put in long hours
- is very excited about the project
- has great potential for a gathering space
- and hopes Park Board will support the project

- feels it is not the Park Board who should be deciding on the plaza use because it has a heritage designation
- wants the plaza left uncovered for everyone's view

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and stated it is an exciting project with a creative design and they are confident that staff will work with the community to resolve any problems. They are hopeful the funds will be raised for the project and commend the Architect for the design and the community for their involvement.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board approve the attached design concept for the redevelopment of the Roundhouse Turntable Plaza described in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

- Carried Unanimously.

Mobility Telecommunications Proposal at Hillcrest Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the recommendation is that the Board enter into a license agreement with Bell Mobility for the installation of telecommunications equipment in Hillcrest Park. The industry standards are governed by Industry Canada and Health Canada has developed standards to protect human health. In 1998, the Park Board granted a license to Microcell for the installation of antennas on a field light post in Hillcrest Park. That license agreement has now been assigned to Telus Communications and currently generates \$29,000 a year for the Board. This proposal is in response for an increase in service in that area. The actual license agreement is for six antennae to be mounted on a light pole for an initial term of five years, with an option for three additional five year terms. Although the annual fee for use is \$30,000 per year, Bell will assume responsibility for the capital costs of a new pole and will be rebated \$10,000 per year for the first ten years as our contribution.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and stated that initially he was opposed to the proposal, but now supports the proposal because it supports both the Olympics and baseball.

Board members discussed the report and are in favour of proceeding.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. **THAT the Board enters into a license agreement with Bell Mobility for telecommunications equipment in Hillcrest Park as outlined in the staff report.**
- B. **THAT once the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**
- C. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated agreement. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated agreement.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Forest Management Plan – Consultative Agreement with the University of British Columbia

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the expenditure to retain the services of UBC's faculty of Forestry to assist with the preparation of a Forest Management Plan for Stanley Park.

Staff stated that one of the legacies that grew out of the Stanley Park Restoration report is a new approach to forest management. We have identified that there are many more components to the forest that need to be considered other than just the trees. There are a series of inter-relationships among the animals, bugs, soil, the under-storey, and the water patterns and previously there has not been a plan that recognizes the inter-dependencies. There is an opportunity to develop a plan in conjunction with UBC and Bill Stephen, staff at the Park Board, will be heading up the project.

Board members discussed the report and would like to thank the UBC Faculty of Forestry for the work done to date and they look forward to receiving the plan.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board approve the expenditure of \$62,000 to retain the consultative and data collection services of the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry, to assist with the preparation of a Forest Management Plan for Stanley Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Emery Barnes Park Phase 2

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 8, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Jonathan Losee Ltd. in the amount of \$111,500.00 plus GST, for landscape architectural design services for Phase II of Emery Barnes Park as detailed in this report;**
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;**
- C. THAT upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board;**
- E. THAT the temporary source of funding for this consultancy be the Park Board Land Acquisition Fund, which is to be refunded upon Council approving the entire Emery Barnes Park Phase 2 funding package.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Prospect Point Parking Lot & Road Relocation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. in the amount of \$965,000 plus GST, for Prospect Point re-landscaping project as detailed in this report;**
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;**
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

In Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph;

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**Park Board Capital Plan**

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

WHEREAS: the Draft 2009-2011 Capital Plan is scheduled to be received by City Council at its meeting on May 27, 2008;

THAT the Park Board advises City Council that we are very concerned that the Park Board Capital Plan (2009-11) submission has decreased from just over \$100 million to \$53.6 million and that two major projects have not been included:

- **the funding for cost escalation for the Curling Venue, Percy Norman Aquatic Centre and Killarney and Trout Lake Rinks (\$18.4 million)**
- **the Trout Lake Community Centre (\$20 million)**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Korina Houghton
Chair