

Services that is being presented tonight to the Park Board, an update on the progress of the 311 installation, an expression of interest for a property management company for the City-owned tower at 228 East 7th Avenue, and a very comprehensive report regarding Sign By-law amendments. There will be work to follow on the Park Board Sign By-law to ensure consistency.

At City Services and Budgets later in the week, they are dealing with a range of Culture Plans including the Phase 1 Implementation of the Culture Plan 2008-2018, a review of the Grant Programs, Public Art Program Revisions, Phase 1 of the 2008-2023 Cultural Facilities Priorities Plan and a Cultural Tourism Strategy.

The Chair introduced Harry Jongerden, the new Garden Director of the VanDusen Botanical Garden, to the Board.

The Chair advised that the Board had learned that some people in the community believe that the Trout Lake Community Centre funding in 2009-2011 Capital Plan was not included because of funding issues for the 2010 Winter Games and that is not correct. The exclusion of Trout Lake is not related to the 2010 Winter Games, but is a result of having more requests than there is money available and having to set priorities. In September after hearing from the public, Council will decide how much money to provide to Park Board for its 2009-2011 Capital Plan and Park Board will then decide how to allocate those funds.

The Chair reported that the Board unanimously passed a motion on May 26, 2008 advising Council that they were very concerned that the Park Board Capital Plan (2009-2011) submission was decreased and that two major projects (one being the Trout Lake Community Centre) had not been included.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

A resident questioned the dates for public consultation regarding the Capital Plan. The General Manager responded that a public meeting will be held in September and as soon as the information is available, it will be provided to all the stakeholders.

Allan McDonald stated he would like to express serious concerns regarding the legacy effects the Olympics are having on the Community Centre. He stated he was not surprised by the reduction in the Capital Plan. Many residents were concerned that the rink was being built first with the community centre to follow. He questions what the Park Board is doing to ensure that the Olympics will cover all the costs.

Tony Marc stated he would like to promote a bike park in Vancouver, as most of the other neighbouring communities have bike parks. He would like to see the Park Board seek more public input and engage the public for renovations of existing parks. He encourages the Park Board to look at new concepts for parks. Mr. Marc stated that an excellent example is Taylor Park in Burnaby.

Chris Payne requested that the Park Board convince City Council to include the money for the Trout Lake Community Centre on the Capital Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Zlotnik reported that a Committee meeting was held June 16th and the items on the agenda included a proposal to remove the Jericho Marginal Wharf and bring the foreshore back to its natural state, the use of timber from Stanley Park, an update on the Joint Operating agreements with the Community Centres, an update on the QE Park Celebration Pavilion, discussion about the Aquatic Study, and requests for beer gardens.

STAFF REPORTS

VanDusen Design Concept

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 2008 recommending the Board approve the concept design for the VanDusen Botanical Garden Facilities Renewal Project.

Staff advised the Board that the project started in 2001 when the Board and the Association developed a strategic plan. In 2007, the Board retained Busby, Perkins & Will, along with Cornelia Oberlander, Landscape Architect, for the project. They have come up with an extraordinary building which combines iconic architecture and environment performance. There are two phases to the project with Phase 1 having a projected cost of \$23 million and Phase 2 a projected cost of \$8 million. There is a Fundraising Committee and \$9 million has been raised.

The schedule is dependent upon commitments to funding being made. A Development Permit application will be submitted in 2008 with approval anticipated in March of 2009. Mr. Busby, of Busby, Perkins & Mill, and Ms. Oberlander, Landscape Architect, were introduced to the Board.

Mr. Busby described the design process and stated that a flower was used as a metaphor as an idea for the building. He wanted to build a building that was part of nature and one that was based around ecological and environmental goals. Workshops were held with the public to determine the goals of the project. The emerging goals were education, demonstration, performance and identity. The aim is to attract 300,000 visitors annually.

He stated they began by studying ecological systems and it was determined that there were several including meadows, water systems and the forest system. They determined that the building would be enhanced if there was an entrance from Oak Street. The existing parking would be maintained.

Ms. Oberlander stated that they are trying to give joy to visitors, attract more visitors with new display gardens and also make an entrance from Oak Street that gives visitors a feeling that they are travelling through a landscape to a new building. The plan is to teach about watering and irrigation while providing a place to enjoy nature.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Nancy Dickson, Chair, Capital Campaign
- Rolly McLeod, Past President, VanDusen Garden Association

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

- very excited and wholeheartedly support proceeding with the concept design
- will elevate the profile of VanDusen
- thanks the Park Board for being partners with funding through Capital Plans
- will allow VanDusen to become a cultural amenity

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and stated that the design is a world class and they certainly support the concept design. They thanked the Committee members of the VanDusen for the funds raised to get to this stage.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board approve the concept design for the VanDusen Botanical Garden Facilities Renewal Project, as detailed in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event – Beer Garden Request (2)

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 17, 2008 recommending that the Board grant permission for a 750 capacity Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2008 Vancouver Pride Society Festival on August 3 and a 500 capacity Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2008 Vancouver Folk Festival July 18 to July 20.

Staff presented the two requests for a beer garden. The first request is for a 1000 capacity beer garden for the Vancouver Pride Society and the second request is for a 500 capacity beer garden for the Vancouver Folk Festival. In 2007, the Pride Society obtained a 200 capacity beer garden and prior to the event, they increased the capacity to 1000.

Due to job action, staff were not consulted for approval from the Park Board and did not monitor the event; however, the Vancouver Police and the Liquor Control Board did monitor and were not aware of problems caused by the increase in numbers. At this time, however, staff is recommending the Board approve a 750 capacity beer garden and that it be contained in the sport court area in order to minimize impacts to the public.

With regard to the recommendation for the Vancouver Folk Festival, the event is scheduled for July 18 to July 20. The beer garden will be fenced with a 4 ft. fence within the larger perimeter which is also fenced. Staff is recommending the Board approve the request for a beer garden at the festival.

In response to a question from the Board, staff responded that the Vancouver Police and the Liquor Control monitored last year's Pride Society beer garden.

Lee Casey, Vancouver Pride Society Festival Coordinator, requested to speak to the Board and stated that this year is the 30th anniversary of their festival. The numbers of attendees have increased over the years and today their festival is one of the largest festivals held in Vancouver. They plan to hire professional bartenders and security for the event and therefore are requesting that the Board allow a 1000 capacity beer garden.

The Board members discussed the report and were satisfied with the staff recommendation for 750 seats.

Commissioner Herbert stated that he would like to put forward an amended motion as follows:

That the capacity be increased to "1000" capacity Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2008 Vancouver Pride Society Festival

and,

That the following sentence be added after "7:00 pm" "within the area recommended by Park Board Staff".

The amended motion failed.
(Commissioners Zlotnik, Holden, Houghton opposed)

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT the Board grant permission for 750 capacity Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2008 Vancouver Pride Society Festival on Sunday, August 3 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

B. THAT the Board grant permission for a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2008 Vancouver Folk Festival on July 18 (5:00 pm to 9:30 pm), July 19 (12 pm to 9:30 pm) and July 20 (12 pm to 9:30 pm)

- Carried Unanimously.

Youth Services Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 12, 2008 recommending that the Board endorse the recommendation in the attached City Council report.

Staff explained that the attached City Council report recommends that Council endorse the concept of a coordinated, interdepartmental approach to the provision of youth services. The report recommends further consultation with stakeholders and staff, and report back on the operational framework and implementation plan in early 2009.

Keith Jacobsen requested to speak to the Board and stated that it is a very good idea that is long overdue. He is concerned about a loss of money for front line assistance to youth and he believes consultation is a very important component.

Board members discussed the report and feel it is a good plan and are in support of the recommendation in the City Council report.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board endorse the recommendation in the attached City Council report, entitled Youth Services Review, dated June 9, 2008.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park – Commemorative Plaque

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 9, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a plaque in Stanley Park commemorating Stanley Park as a Canadian National Historic Site.

Staff advised the Board that the process began with a review of the guidelines for donations of public art and memorials. In late April, staff identified an appropriate site for the plaque and the public was asked to provide feedback on the proposed installation; however, no public feedback was received on the proposal. Staff conducted a technical review and found that all the technical requirements have been satisfied. The Board is being asked to approve the proposed installation of a commemorative plaque.

Board members questioned some of the wording in the inscription and staff responded that the wording is being proposed by Parks Canada, but certainly changes could be made.

Board members discussed the report and are in favour of proceeding with the approval of the commemorative plaque with the following words deleted from the inscription “*essentially unaltered by human hand*”.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board approve the installation of a plaque in Stanley Park commemorating Stanley Park as a Canadian National Historic Site, to be funded by Parks Canada and installed and maintained by Parks Canada under terms satisfactory to the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

The following motion was put forward by Commissioner Herbert:

WHEREAS the Street Tree Management Plan has not been updated since 1989;

AND WHEREAS the current plan calls for trees on approximately 70% of available areas;

AND WHEREAS the planting of trees beautifies areas, provides wildlife habitat, and sequesters carbon;

AND WHEREAS climate change was not widely seen as a vital problem in 1989, and has now been shown to be of paramount importance to public policy today;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board resolve to ask staff to develop a new long range stocking plan setting considerably higher targets for tree planting in the City;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate funding sources from the Provincial Government’s announced ‘Trees for Tomorrow’ program in addition to capital plans, and private developers.

Commissioner Herbert stated that if more trees were planted, it would create a greater capacity for absorbing carbon and could increase the numbers of birds. He would like staff to create a plan for increasing the number of trees versus the cost of doing so.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT the matter be referred back to Committee for further discussion.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Herbert, Woodcock contrary)

In response to a question from the Board, the General Manager responded that the delegations would be advised when the item will come before the Committee.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

There was no further new business.

In Camera Meeting

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;

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Korina Houghton
Chair