

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE VANCOUVER PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
		- Susan Mundick
		- Anita Ho
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Peter Kuran
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Stanley District	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager of Revenue Services	- David Yurkovich
	Manager of Facility Development	- Joyce Courtney
	Landscape Architect	- Julie Casanova
	Manager of Communications	
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 21, 2008 were adopted as circulated

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that this summer the Park Board once again hosted the Monsters in the Meadow series with screenings of two movies, Dracula and the Creature from the Black Lagoon at Ceperley Meadows. Members of the Board attended the official reopening of Victoria Park. The event was coordinated in partnership with Britannia Community Services and was well attended by the local community. The Chair announced the launching of the museum exhibition "The Unnatural History of Stanley Park and the Stanley Park Legacy Interpretive Panels". The opening ceremonies and official unveiling of the interpretive panels will be held on September 24, 2008.

The Chair introduced Octavio Silva the new Business Development Manager.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that earlier in the evening, the Chair made a presentation to Council regarding Park Board's submission to the 2009-11 Capital Plan. A report will be brought to the Board for ratification following Council's decision on the 2009-11 Capital Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no meeting since the Committee's meeting on July 14, 2008.

STAFF REPORTS

Financial Statements to the End of July 31, 2008

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 29, 2008 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the 2008 Operating Statement, a statement on Donations and a statement on the Stanley Park Restoration Project. Due to the 12 week work stoppage in 2007, figures from 2006 were used to provide a more relevant comparison. In the revenues and expenditures analysis, the net budget position seems to indicate a higher net operating expenditure due to decreased revenues and increased expenses. However, Park Board operations are seasonal and it is difficult to accurately predict the year end expense at this point of the year. As previously noted in the April financial report to the Board, staff will continue to monitor the expenses and implement initiatives to balance the budget without affecting service levels where appropriate and report back to the Board.

Joan Reekie appeared before the Board to express her disappointment at the lack of mature trees in the replacement program for the blow down areas in Stanley Park. Ms. Reekie stated that money donated to the Stanley Park Restoration Program was for the replacement of trees and not to spend the money on parking lots. She asked the Board to spend more money on replanting with three to four year old trees and not seedlings.

Board members discussed the issue and the Chair advised the delegation that the seedlings were a donation and there is a team of specialised people in place to ensure that proper maintenance and care are given to the areas where the seedlings have been planted.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- **Carried Unanimously.**

Tecumseh Park - Concept Design

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 3, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the conceptual design for Tecumseh Park as illustrated in the report.

Staff advised the Board that Tecumseh Park was identified for improvements in the City of Vancouver's Community Visioning process in the Victoria/Fraserview/Killarney area. Park Board staff worked with the Tecumseh Park Improvement Committee on the improvements needed for the park. Open houses were held where priorities were gathered from the neighbourhood and concept plans for the improvement to the park were evaluated. 80% of the residents who provided feedback preferred Concept A which uses low fencing around a portion of the children's playground to reduce the likelihood of off-leash dogs running through the space.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- George Grant, Co-Chair, Victoria/Fraserview/Killarney City Plan Group
- Megan Carvell Davis

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

- dogs are not a big issue in Tecumseh Park;
- concerned that the two doggy bins have disappeared;
- there are no waste receptacles in the park;
- thank staff for their work in finding out what the neighbourhood wanted;
- concept recommended in the report is what the residents want;
- agree in principle with the report;
- Park Board does not have a comprehensive strategy for off leash parks;
- likes both concepts, however, off leash areas need to be defined.

Board members discussed the improvements to Tecumseh Park and acknowledged that this was a neighbourhood park and support from the residents on the concept plan is a priority. A member of the Board stated that although this is a local park, the off leash dog issue is still important and a strategy to deal with off leash dogs is needed.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the attached conceptual design for Tecumseh Park as illustrated in this report (Appendix 2)

- Carried Unanimously.

Brockton Totem Poles Interpretative Centre – Expansion to Gift Shop and Public Washrooms

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 4, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to G.

Staff advised the Board that at the Board meeting of July 21, 2008, the Board referred the matter to allow for further consultation with all the stakeholders and to allow alternate utilitarian designs to be put forward. An alternative utilitarian design and cost comparison have been prepared. All the stakeholders have been provided with the Board report and as of today, staff have not received any feedback.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Stuart Colquhoun, Operator, Legends of the Moon
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- original design met with positive comments;
- the proposal meets current and future needs;
- with the expansion there will be increased revenues for the Board;
- location is good and care is taken to provide a high level of service with language skilled staff and hotel deliveries for customers;
- protect Stanley Park from privatization;
- concerned about removing the maple tree in Stanley Park, disappointed with Parks Canada response;
- opposed to commercialization of Stanley Park;
- citizens should not have to give up the views;
- the Board should focus on providing security in Stanley Park.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve an expansion to the Brockton Totem Poles Interpretative Centre of approximately 1900 sq. ft. as illustrated in Appendix 1;**
- B. THAT the Board approve appointment of Lubor Trubka Associates Architects and his consultant team to provide design development, construction documents, tendering, contract administration and all required permits for a fixed fee of \$153,000;**
- C. THAT the Board approve that funding of \$353,200 be borrowed from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund and paid back within 5 years through increased gift shop revenues as indicated in this report;**

- D. THAT the Board approve a ten year license extension to Destination Canada Gifts Inc., from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2021 to operate the Gift Shop at the Brockton Totem Poles site in Stanley Park with a revised rent formula of 10% of gross sales commencing July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2015 and 14% of gross sales from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2021;**
- E. THAT the contracts 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;**
- F. THAT upon approval of the contracts 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 contracts on behalf of the Board;**
- G. 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.

Board members discussed the expansion and a member of the Board stated that although he appreciated the good business conducted by the Legends of the Moon, he was concerned with the loss of green space and an amendment motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

That staff develop a plan for re-naturalizing 1900 sq. ft. of Stanley Park so that Stanley Park is in a no net loss of green space position and report back to the Board.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and a member of the Board stated that staff is continuously reclaiming green space whenever possible. He enquired how much green space was gained through the realignment of Pipeline Road at Prospect Point. Staff advised that there was a net gain of approximately 20,000 sq. ft.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Rogers Telecommunications Proposal – Hillcrest Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 26, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that Rogers Wireless has expressed interest to locate a new telecommunications site in the vicinity of Hillcrest Park. Rogers will use the location of the existing field light pole located in Parking Lot 3 off Midlothian Avenue and replace it with a new pole similar to the ones on site. The telecommunication equipment shelter would be set with a low profile.

Board members discussed the report and support the staff recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board enters into a license agreement with Rogers Wireless 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.

Renfrew Park Community Centre: Pool Change Rooms Renovation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 4, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc was retained to provide consulting services for a Feasibility Study for the Renfrew Pool Change Room Renovation. The feasibility study is now complete and Park Board staff have been working closely with the Renfrew Park Community Association and consultants to finalise a layout that would meet the program requirements to accommodate families and persons with disabilities.

David Sexton, Renfrew Park Community Association board member requested to speak to the Board on behalf of Gayle Uthoff. The Board agreed to allow him to speak.

David Sexton thanked everyone who worked on the project and stated that it was important to have a family change room and look forward to the construction. He was concerned the change room renovation at Renfrew may yet again be delayed as it was not a line item in the Capital Plan. Board members assured him that the construction can go ahead and staff will address the funding issue either by reallocation or value engineering.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. THAT subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board approve the appointment of Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. and his consultant team to prepare schematic design, design development, construction documents, tendering, contract administration and all required permits for Renfrew Park Community Centre Pool change room renovations for a fee of \$212,400 plus GST and disbursements;**
- 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 Robertson,

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 paragraphs:

- (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.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board referred to the bottled water discussions at Council and questioned how Park Board would address this issue. The General Manager advised the Board is in discussion with the City Manager. The Park Board will be part of the departmental review. A report is scheduled for 2009.

There was a request for a memo on behalf of the South East Vancouver Seniors Arts and Cultural Society who are formulating a needs assessment for the concept of a seniors centre in South East Vancouver. Based on the Kerrisdale seniors annex model that is 10,000 sq. ft., could a cost estimate of construction be provided so that this committee can seek funding from other government sources? The General Manager advised the Board that names of consultants who could provide this information have already been provided to the President of Killarney Community Centre.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Korina Houghton
Chair