

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE VANCOUVER PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008**

PRESENT: Chair Commissioners General Manager Director of Stanley District Manager of Planning and Research Research Planner Manager of Communications Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Korina Houghton- Allan De Genova- Spencer Herbert- Ian Robertson- Loretta Woodcock- Martin Zlotnik- Susan Mundick- Peter Kuran- Mark Vulliamy- Michel Desrochers- Joyce Courtney- Julie Casanova
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Commissioner Holden was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 15, 2008 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the installation of the Stanley Park Legacy Interpretive panels, opening of the Stanley Park exhibition at the Vancouver Museum, Opera Appassionata performance at Evans Yard Paint Shop and the Host a City Happening Aboriginal Day celebration.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on the Expo Deck Repair Funding and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Public Art Plan Competition.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met on September 22 and on the agenda were the 2009 Budget Process, a motion on the Street Tree Management Plan, Seniors Community Park, #1 Kingsway Operating Model & Budget, Golf Operations, Use of Coal Harbour Community Centre & Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre during 2010 Olympics, Sport Strategy – Implementation Plan and a motion regarding Burrard Civic Marina.

STAFF REPORTS

2009-2011 Capital Plan: Final Allocation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 19, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the 2009-2011 Capital Plan as described in the report and detailed in Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that Council at its meeting on September 16, 2008 approved \$89,305,000 in the 2009-2011 Capital Plan for the Park Board. The reasons for the increase in this capital plan allocation are cost escalation, aging infrastructure, population growth and the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games projects. Capital Plan funds are used for parkland acquisition, park and facility renewals and increasing playing field capacity.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Steve Wansleben
2. Margery Duda
3. Anita Romaniuk
4. Eleanor Hadley
5. Greg Tucker, Riley Park Community Centre Association
6. Stuart Mackinnon, Vancouver Green Party
7. Kathleen Bigsby
8. Gayle Uthoff, Renfrew Park Community Association
9. David Sexton, Renfrew Park Community Association
10. Richard Mayencourt
11. Chris Payne, Grandview Community Association
12. Hedy Fry, MP, Vancouver Centre
13. Eric Harms
14. Donna Liberson

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

- citizens voted for accessible change rooms in 2005, but still not built;
- Mount Pleasant Pool Committee and Community Association are concerned that there is no money in the capital plan for the Mount Pleasant pool replacement;
- net loss of facility in Mount Pleasant is not acceptable;
- need to allocate money in the capital plan for park redevelopment and the rebuilding of the pool;
- need seed money to help in fundraising for the Mount Pleasant pool;
- lots of development in the area, try to pick up some community amenities money which could be used as seed money to help in the fundraising;

- ask for planning staff to help develop some plans to allow fundraising to begin;
- people around Nelson Park are still asking for washrooms;
- the capital plan allocation is the highest budget for the Park Board;
- park maintenance does not require so much money;
- concerned that there might be cost overlaps between the City, Park Board and VANOC;
- Riley Park Community Association Board are appreciative of the good work done by staff and the Board to establish funds for the conversion project;
- asked the Board to reallocate funds to Mount Pleasant;
- Hillcrest will not serve the needs of the community, they need a neighbourhood pool, whereas Hillcrest is a destination pool;
- it is important to keep the outdoor pool, as others have closed down;
- in future capital plans think of returning amenities to communities;
- pleased with the extra money in the capital plan;
- community centre renewal plan needs to be reviewed as there does not seem to be an order;
- need a plan similar to the sidewalk and streets renewal plan;
- asked the Board to strike a committee to revisit the community centre renewal plan;
- thanked the Board and staff for including the cost escalation money in the capital plan for the Renfrew change rooms;
- worked with staff to create plan to address the accessible issue;
- will work hard to get folks out to vote yes for the capital plan;
- users at Renfrew Community Centre are looking forward to the change rooms;
- looking forward to working together with Park Board for continued improvements at the centre;
- the Grandview Community Association are pleased to see that the Trout Lake Community Centre renewal is included in the capital plan;
- thanked the Board and staff for working so hard to support their request;
- there are many aging infrastructures that need to be addressed;
- there is a need for the Federal Government to contribute to the rebuilding of the community centres which play a key role in active living;
- community centres must support the community and accessibility is key;
- asked the Board to look at ways to keep the Mount Pleasant pool;
- Hastings Community Association are concerned that they might lose the funds allocated for the feasibility study.

Board members discussed the 2009-2011 Capital Plan and thanked the staff for doing a good job in securing the funding required to move forward in many of the Board's projects such as playing field upgrade, synthetic turf renewal and street tree management. A member of the Board stated that the Board needs to look at fundraising strategy to secure funds from other level of governments.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the 2009-2011 Capital Plan as described in this report and detailed in Appendix A.

- Carried Unanimously.

Trillium Park Synthetic Turf Fields: Consultant Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 18, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the new park at the Trillium site would include two artificial turf fields, a perimeter path and a passive park. As the park site for the artificial turf fields is on unstable soil, a preload was needed to stabilize the site. The site will be stabilized and ready for construction in early 2009 and it is necessary to engage a consultant to administer the construction contract.

Board members discussed the report and were happy to see the project take shape. The park will bring much joy to Vancouver residents and provide lots of space for activities for youth and adults.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with van der Zalm and Associates in the amount of \$154,915, plus GST, for consultant services for the construction of the synthetic fields and perimeter path at Trillium Park;**
- 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.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

WHEREAS the Burrard Civic Marina has demand for boat moorage and the Marine Trades Association has indicated an interest in helping the Vancouver Park Board, create a new vision for the Marina;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Park Board would like to improve and expand its services at Burrard and look at both dry land storage, retail and food and beverage operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff contact the Marine Trades Association to investigate their interest and potential involvement in a re-development of Burrard Civic Marina and long-term vision for marine boating operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff, in consultation with the Board, determines the best practices of other operators in North America for similar operations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to the Vancouver Park Board by March 1, 2009.

This motion was discussed at the Committee meeting of September 22, 2008 and a member of the Board stated that this is an opportunity to provide the boating community what it needs and there is some money in the capital plan to do a feasibility study. A member of the Board stated that he was confident that there will be proper public consultation for better use of the site.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Korina Houghton
Chair