



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
Regular Board Meeting

October 27, 2008
Park Board Main Office, 2099 Beach Avenue

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2008 CPRA Award of Excellence and Innovation
Stanley Park Storm - From Crisis to Opportunity



Park Board received the 2008 Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Award of Excellence and Innovation for the submission: Stanley Park Storm – From Crisis to Opportunity.

General Manager Susan Mundick being presented the award by Gerald Mirecki, Chair of CPRA

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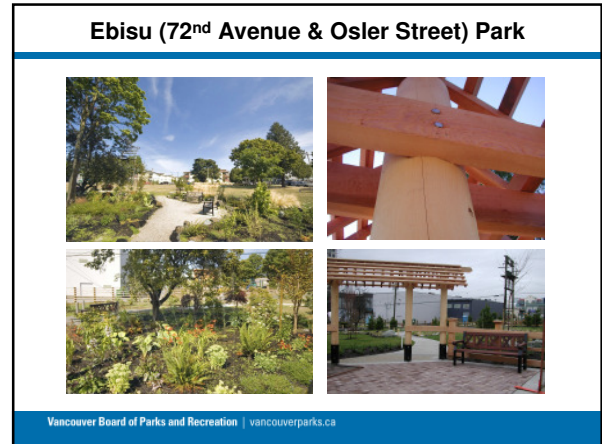
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Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant 2008 Allocations

Recommendation

THAT the Board endorse the recommendations in the attached Council Report.

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Administrative Report – Position Change

Recommendation

THAT the Board approve the creation of one regular full-time position for the new Aquatic Centre at Hillcrest Park subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

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MOTION

#1

WHEREAS it has been well established that golf is an excellent educational and life-skill building medium. The First Tee Program, established in 1997, capitalizes on this and has grown to include more than 170 cities in the US including one city in Canada being Montreal, Quebec;

AND WHEREAS most chapters are either a partnership with the municipality or a non-profit such as the Boys & Girls Club or the YMCA/YWCA;

AND WHEREAS lengthy discussions have taken place over the last 18 months with the Vancouver Park Board (“VPB”) and the Kids First Sport Foundation (the “Foundation”), organized to partner with the VPB and the Royal Canadian Golf Association (“RCGA”) on this venture;

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AND WHEREAS the Foundation's main purpose is to raise funds to support inner city youth and the administration of the First Tee Program; the RCGA's main purpose is to provide instructional help; and the VPB's main purpose is to provide access to the public golf courses in Vancouver, in particular Fraserview and McCleery;

AND WHEREAS presently both Fraserview and McCleery have existing junior programs, it is the intention to bring the additional life-skill component of the First Tee Program to enhance what is already in place;

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AND WHEREAS the common purpose of the "First Tee of Metro Vancouver" is to help expand golf and character-building programs in the Metro Vancouver area and to make them more accessible and affordable to youth of all ethnic diversities, social strata and those with physical disabilities, particularly those who may not otherwise have the financial means to learn and play golf;

AND WHEREAS in order to fully implement the program, the First Tee of Metro Vancouver chapter needs to enter into a 15 year facilities agreement with the VPB (to be approved by "The First Tee" World Golf Foundation, Inc.) that will provide a minimum of 250 hours of access to the courses/driving ranges/practice facilities specified;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff of the VPB be instructed to negotiate a Facility Agreement with the First Tee of Metro Vancouver for the use of VPB facilities subject to consideration and approval by the Board.

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MOTION

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WHEREAS the current economic crisis in global markets will impact the Canadian economy;

WHEREAS in recognition of deteriorating business conditions the federal government is implementing policies to ease the credit crunch within the Canadian economy;

WHEREAS other levels of government need to recognize and create policies such as maintaining jobs in Canada;

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MOTION

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WHEREAS Canada's manufacturing sector is a critical part of the economy; it is highly productive, generates the highest value-added in the economy, accounts for two thirds of our nation's total exports and funds three-quarters of all private sector research;

WHEREAS citizens expect their governments to spend wisely, invest in their communities and recognize that the creation of healthy communities, good jobs and a strong economy are the responsibility of all levels of government;

WHEREAS governments the world over clearly understand the benefits of domestic purchasing rules including the direct and spin off employment created, taxes generated, and the environmental benefits of local sourcing;

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MOTION

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WHEREAS Vancouver Park Board can work to keep jobs in our communities by implementing policies such as:

- requiring a minimum of 50% Canadian content and domestic final assembly in the purchase of department vehicles
- requiring purchase of goods and services with the highest possible level of Canadian content
- requiring potential vendors to identify the source of goods and services, and the overall level of Canadian content, as part of the tendering process;

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MOTION

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to review and report on identifying opportunities to enhance the level of Canadian content in future purchases.



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