

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THUNDERBIRD COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Raj Hundal
	Commissioners	- Constance Barnes
		- Sarah Blyth
		- Aaron Jasper
		- Stuart Mackinnon
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Vancouver East District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Thomas Soulliere
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Supervisor of Business Services	- Alison Dempsey
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 06, 2009 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the Vaisakhi celebrations and the Punjabi market banner program funded through Park Board's Neighbourhood Matching Fund.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Vaughn Evans introduced the Board to his website Skippingdancers.com. Mr. Evans advised the Board that he was involved with competitive skipping and uses skipping to promote interest in songs and informal dancing.

Rick Evans stated that there was no consultation regarding the plan for providing a volleyball court and BMX facility on the west field at Killarney. The soil from the excavation for the rink construction which was retained as a cost-saving measure have now been trucked away. This soil could have been used to construct the berms for the BMX facility.

Board members enquired why the soil was trucked away and how the public consultation was conducted. Staff advised the Board that following a soil analysis it was determined that it would not be wise use the soil. The standard public consultation process was conducted which included open houses.

A resident of Killarney enquired why the plans for the BMX and skateboard facility were discontinued.

Staff advised the Board that there was no support from the community for a BMX or volleyball facility.

Kevin Parks stated that he was not in support of the proposed plans to redesign Charleson Park.

Staff advised the Board that the proposed plans for Charleson Park will not be pursued, only general maintenance work will be done.

Jill McLachlan does not want to have a fenced in off-leash area and would like to have the on-leash times shortened to begin end of June and end first of September.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Environment Committee: the committee discussed the David Lam Park Transmission Line, 2009 Capital Budget, 2008 Capital Close Out, Kensington Park Skateboard Facility and Update on Northeast False Creek.

Services and Budgets Committee: next meeting is on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving a report on the Appointment of an Operator and Approval of Lease Terms and Grants for the Child Development Facility at the Mount Pleasant Centre (#1 Kingsway) and a motion regarding a proposed urban trail system. The City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving a report regarding Bottled Water in Civic Facilities.

STAFF REPORT

Kensington Park Skateboard Proposal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 14, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the development of a neighbourhood-oriented skateboard facility in Kensington Park, at an approximate cost of \$300,000 from the 2006-2008 Capital Plan allocation for "sport courts/active uses" – Youth Parks.

Staff noted that the Planning and Environment Committee heard delegations and reviewed the proposal at its meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2009. The Committee directed staff to proceed with a report to the Board. The Community Association has not taken a stand regarding the installation of a skateboard facility, however, they have expressed the need for a Youth Worker.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Chris Young
- Gayle Uthoff

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

- Skateboard Coalition supports the staff report, due process has been completed, this will be a modest sized skate park; good to see the Skateboard Strategy implemented, need activities in a park;
- children and youth are skating on sidewalks, back alleys and speed bumps, they need to have a safe place to skate, this location is good as it is next to a community centre, young people needs mentoring and they add a lot to the community.

Board members discussed the report and stated that this is a good fit for the Kensington community and will serve the needs of the youth in the area. A member of the Board stated that more youth services are required and the Board should look at establishing a Youth Worker position at Kensington.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board approve the development of a neighbourhood oriented skateboard facility in Kensington Park, at an approximate cost of \$300,000 from the 2006-2008 Capital Plan allocation for "sport courts / active uses" – Youth Parks (BMX, skateboard).

- Carried Unanimously.

Consultant Award for 2009 Ghost Train and Bright Nights in Stanley Park Events

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that Mortal Coil has provided a creative and professional service to the Ghost Train and Bright Nights in Stanley Park events for the past nine years. It has the resources, the vision and the ability to work to enhance the artistic experience for visitors to Stanley Park. The proposed fees and disbursements are reasonable for the scope and nature of the projects.

Board members discussed the report and stated that both events are greatly appreciated by the citizens and Bright Nights raises money for a good cause.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

- A. THAT the Board award the consultant's contract for Artistic Director of the 2009 Stanley Park Hallowe'en Ghost Train and Bright Nights in Stanley Park to Mortal Coil Performance Society for a total consulting fee of \$32,000 plus GST and disbursements of a maximum of \$120,000 plus GST, as set out in this report.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Occasion License Requests

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 14, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the organizers of the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society are requesting permission to have an additional beer garden and bistro in the northwest corner of David Lam Park as they wish to relocate the Drake Street bistro to allow the patrons to fully enjoy the sights and sounds of the main stage. Security and food services will be provided as well as the development of an emergency evacuation plan. All net proceeds from the sale of alcohol will support the Coastal Jazz & Blues Society's education and outreach programs.

The organizers of the Vancouver Folk Festival Society are requesting permission to have a beer garden in the northwest side of their festival site on Jericho Beach Park. The beer garden will have a maximum capacity of 750 people. As well, organizers would

like to request an additional 250 person beer garden for performers and VIP guests only. This private special occasion license facility would be located “backstage”, behind the main evening concert stage in an area isolated from the general public. Security and food services would be provided and an emergency evacuation plan will be in place. Net proceeds from the sale of alcohol will help offset the costs of the Vancouver Folk Festival.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that he has confidence that should there problems they will be addressed and the proceeds from the liquor sales will help the festival organizers.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A. **THAT the Board grant permission for a maximum capacity 200-person Public Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 Coastal Jazz & Blues Festival on July 4 and July 5 at David Lam Park.**
- B. **THAT the Board grant permission for a maximum capacity 750-person Public Special Occasion License and a maximum capacity 250-person Private Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 Vancouver Folk Festival on July 17, July 18 and July 19 at Jericho Beach Park.**

A member of the Board requested the motion to be severed.

Motion A was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

THAT motion B be deferred to the next Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

Board members discussed the deferral motion and a member of the Board stated that this is a significant change in the request from the Vancouver Folk Festival and has been the understanding of the community that this is a non-alcoholic event. The community should have the opportunity to address this major change. After further discussions a member of the Board stated that this item should have gone to the Planning and Environment committee, however, because of the timeline we should assist the festival.

The motion to defer was put forward and it was Defeated.
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper and Hundal contrary)

Motion B was put forward and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Mackinnon contrary)

Malkin Park Lease Agreement Renewal with Vancouver School Board

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 7, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that there is a 20-year lease with the Vancouver School Board for the use a portion of Malkin Park during school hours. This lease expired in 2005 and in order to permit the continuation of the Vancouver School Board's use of this portion of Malkin Park a 20-year lease renewal is recommended to confirm the commitment on the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement.

Board members discussed the report and stated that this was a good partnership with the Vancouver School Board as it allows the use of a park for the students during school hours.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

- A. THAT the Board approve a lease renewal with the Board of School Trustees of School District #39 (Vancouver School Board) for the use of a portion of Malkin Park for a further 20-year term from August 1, 2005-July 31, 2025 .**
- B. THAT once the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board advised that Tuesday, April 21 was Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vancouver and throughout the world.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair