

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice Chair	- Sarah Blyth
	Commissioners	- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	Acting General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Director Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Business Analyst	- John Brossard
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Shala Hay

Commissioner Barnes was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 21, 2010 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the last few weeks: unveiling of a historical marker at New Brighton Park in commemoration of the Battle at Ballantyne Pier; West End Car Free Day festival; Point Grey Fiesta celebrating the start of summer; Dragon Boat Festival at False Creek; Vancouver International Soccer Festival; and 20th annual West End Seniors' Strawberry Tea festival.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Services & Budgets Committee meeting convened on June 15, 2010, on the agenda were: Bylaw Update; May 2010 Operating Statement; and 2011 Budget Process. The next meeting will convene on July 20, 2010.

The Planning & Environment Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Their next meeting will convene on July 08, 2010.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that, at its next regular and standing committee meetings, Council will receive reports on: 'Kensington Park: Dedication of Land for Road Purposes', which recently came to the Board; 2010 Capital Budget, Close-out, and Status, which is on the agenda of this Board meeting; and 'Development Cost Levies: September 2010'.

STAFF REPORTS

Fraserview Park Upgrade – Construction Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 10, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that at its regular meeting on March 01, 2010 the Board approved the concept design, preferred by the community, for Fraserview Park. Tenders were invited for the construction contract and based on the bids received it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Interpave Precast System Ltd. Construction is scheduled to commence in late June 2010 with completion by March 2011.

George Grant, Chair, Victoria Fraserview Killarney City Plan Implementation Committee, requested to put forward a few comments to the Board on the staff report. George advised the Board that the project has received support from the Boys and Girls Club and Killarney Neighbourhood Centre Association. He thanked the Board and staff for all their help in advancing the project and mentioned that Tecumseh Park, which was recently upgraded, has now become a destination park for schools.

The Board thanked the delegation for its comments. Board members discussed the report. A Board member inquired into the impact of the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on the project. Staff advised the Board that the impact would be a 1.75% HST cost, whereas in the past tax on these projects was 100% refundable. An HST reserve has been created for the extra cost.

A Board member inquired into whether amenities for young people would be included in the upgrade. Staff advised the Board that they have been working closely with the Fraserview Boys and Girls Club in this regard and input from the club has been incorporated into the park design to make it more appealing to younger users.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Interpave Precast Systems Ltd. in the amount of \$538,562.00, plus HST, for Fraserview Park Upgrade as detailed in this report;**
- 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 Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence;**
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and CPO concurrence, 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.

Park Board 2010 Capital Budget, Close out and Status

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 16, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff provided an overview of the four recommendations put forward in the report, explaining the City Council report, the components of the 2010 Capital Budget funding and the areas where these funds would be allocated, as well as the Carried Forward projects from 2006-8 and 2009 and their cost implications, and project Closeouts and reallocation of funds. Staff advised the Board that the projects on the 2010 capital budget were part of the approved 2009-11 Capital Budget voted on by the public in 2008.

A Board member inquired into federal government funding for capital projects. Staff advised the Board that capital projects in Stanley Park that meet the federal government funding criteria receive a 50% grant, as the land is owned by the federal government, while all other projects receive 33%.

A Board member inquired into the Carried Forward amounts from 2006-8 and 2009. Staff advised the Board that the balance is \$26.8 million. Projects are carried forward when they do not progress as quickly as anticipated. This is the first year the City has taken such a transparent approach to reporting these amounts.

A Board member inquired into a request made to staff to provide an update on the community centre renewal upgrade plan. Staff advised the Board that requests from several community centre associations were received, regarding the plan that came before the Planning & Environment Committee, to add additional facilities to the list and increase the priority of some projects. Staff is looking into the feasibility of these requests and will be able to provide an update to the Board after the summer break.

A Board member inquired into what happens in a case where the Board does not utilize all the approved funds for a project. Staff advised the Board that the decision would usually be made by Council and legislation does permit the reallocation of funds from one area of the City to another.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

A. THAT the Board receive the attached City Council report entitled 2010 Capital Budget, Close out and Status, June 13, 2010 for information.

B. THAT the Board approve the 2010 Park Board Capital Budget in the amount of \$79,735,000 with funding to be derived from

Capital from Revenue	\$3,861,000
Capital from Debenture	\$33,845,000
DCL	\$6,675,000
CAC	\$1,150,000
Other City Funding	\$3,750,000
Federal Govt Funding	\$15,533,000
External Funding	\$14,921,000

C. THAT the Board receive for information the Park Board Capital Program Carry forwards from the 2006-08 Capital Plan and 2009 Capital Budget with a remaining balance of \$26,834,163 as detailed in Appendix 2.

D. THAT the Board approve the Park Board Capital Program Close out and reallocations in the amount of \$951,993 as detailed in Appendix 3.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member requested a status update on Hillcrest Pool. Staff advised the Board that the project is coming along quite well, there were some issues relating to the elevation of the pool, but the project should be completed by the end of July 2010.

A Board member inquired as to why the Park Board is not a sponsor of the Dragon Board Festival, as the City is a sponsor and the event is held in one of its parks. Staff advised the Board that they would look into this.

A Board member suggested that grand openings for new/renovated parks be held closer to the time when the parks would be actually open to the public, to capitalize on the excitement. Staff noted the recommendation.

A Board member inquired into the rationale used by the previous Board to permit the use of gas powered leaf blowers throughout the City, except in one area at the West End, and requested staff to provide an overview of this to the Board. Staff advised the Board that this information will be provided.

The Chair announced that the next meeting, on July 05, 2010, will be held at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Peter Kuran
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair