

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager of Recreation Services	- Thomas Soulliere
	- Stanley District	
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Shala Hay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 29, 2010 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT -2010

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past weeks: celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities at the Roundhouse Community Centre; Naming of the Chinatown Mascot; opening of Bloedel Jewel Box of Lights; Vancouver Street Soccer Tournament; Concord Pacific's seasonal open house; and opening of the City's largest fully accessible playground at Kitsilano Beach.

Highlights of the Park Board's Strategic Accomplishments for 2010 were delivered by the Chair, these included: sustainable policies and practices such as commissioning of Brockton Oval solar panel system and fruit tree planting; fostering public engagement through website enhancements, use of social media and ban of smoking in parks and beaches; initiatives to work with the community such as Community Board meetings, Klahowya Village and several public consultation activities; steps towards strengthening fiscal responsibility and pursuing alternative funding such as heightened Financial Accountability, Fundraising and Development programs and the Vancouver Services Review; steps towards meeting future challenges such as opening of Creekside Community Recreation Centre and Hillcrest Park Aquatic Centre -Olympic legacy facilities; successful delivery of the 2010 Winter Olympic and

Paralympic Games; and receipt of awards such as International Award for Liveable Communities and Consulting Engineers of BC Award of Merit.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Planning & Environment Committee meeting convened on December 09, 2010. On the agenda were: Approval of 2011 Planning & Environment Committee meeting dates; Vancouver Cannons; New Brighton Park Salt Water Marsh Proposal and Dog Off Leash Area at West Memorial Park.

The next scheduled Services & Budgets Committee meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next meeting will convene on January 25, 2011.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that at its next regular meeting Council will receive reports on: Hastings Park/Pacific National Exhibition Master Plan; 2011 Operating Budget – Final Estimates; and East Fraser Lands: Public Amenity Financial Plan & Strategy.

Election of Chair

As set forth in the Board's Procedure By-law, the General Manager acting as Chair pro-tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for Year 2011.

Commissioner Barnes nominated Commissioner Jasper as Chair, Commissioner Hundal seconded the nomination. Commissioner Jasper accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Robertson nominated Commissioner Barnes as Chair, Commissioner Mackinnon seconded the nomination. Commissioner Barnes declined the nomination.

Commissioner Mackinnon nominated Commissioner Woodcock as Chair, Commissioner Robertson seconded the nomination. Commissioner Woodcock declined the nomination.

Commissioner Robertson nominated Commissioner Blyth as Chair, Commissioner Mackinnon seconded the nomination. Commissioner Blyth declined the nomination.

As none of the other nominees accepted their nomination as Chair, Commissioner Jasper was declared Chair of the Board for Year 2011.

The General Manager handed over the Chair to Commissioner Jasper.

Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Blyth nominated Commissioner Barnes as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Hundal seconded the nomination. Commissioner Barnes accepted the nomination.

As no other nominations were made Commissioner Barnes was declared Vice-Chair of the Board for Year 2011.

STAFF REPORTS

An elderly member of the public, Eleanor Hadley, requested to speak to the Board on the proposed 2011 Operating Budget. The Board permitted Ms. Hadley to speak as she has limited mobility and had to make special arrangements to be present at the meeting. She commented that the proposed budget affects the future of Stanley Park and the beaches and inquired into the recommendation to eliminate funding for Community Board meetings. Staff advised that this only refers to meetings that are held at community centres not public meetings at the Park Board office. The delegation further commented that it is shameful that staff's salaries are being increased by 4% while the maintenance of parks and beaches is being cut. She is also concerned about the cost of the restaurant, approved by the Board, on English Bay that will be allowed to sell liquor, which is against the Park Board's mandate. She also sees the location of the restaurant as a problem, as it will be at a busy intersection. She thinks the Board needs to closely monitor the work of the maintenance staff as it is unsatisfactory and stated the seawall is in disrepair and is being destroyed by the weight of heavy trucks that drive through the area.

Child Care Operator Selection Recommendation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 9, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that based on a thorough review of the applications received for operation of the childcare facility at Creekside Community Recreation Centre, Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA) was found to be the most suitable operator. The Association has a long history of providing a multidisciplinary, family centred approach to early learning and early intervention, with eight locations across the Province.

Andrew Roets of DDA advised the Board that this will be the first time DDA is partnering with the Park Board to provide childcare, but they do have contracts with the City of Vancouver. Creekside residents will be given priority and there will be two waiting lists, one for families in the immediate area with special needs and another for the general community. Their licence permits a maximum of 25% extraordinary needs children.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

- A. THAT the Board approve a 5-year lease agreement with Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA) as per the terms described in this report, for operation of the childcare facility at Creekside Community Recreation Centre**
- B. THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager.**
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**

-Carried Unanimously

Contract Award for Trillium Park Fieldhouse

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

Staff advised the Board that this project is partly funded by the Federal Infrastructure grant and has a strict deadline. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the bidder that best met the selection criteria, Rogad Construction Company.

A Board member inquired whether the initial funding for the washroom, from the capital budget prior to receiving the grant, would be used to construct washrooms in other areas. Staff confirmed that this money has been allocated to construction of washrooms in other areas where there is a need.

Several Board members stated that they would like to see the Fieldhouse design before making a decision as this is an important project.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

THAT the Board defer the approval of recommendations A to D regarding the Contract Award for Trillium Park Fieldhouse to the special Board meeting on December 16, 2010.

- Carried Unanimously.

Contract Award for Malkin Bowl

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

Staff recommended that the contract be awarded to Companion Construction Ltd, as their proposal best met the selection criteria. This project is 50% funded by the federal government as it is on federal land. Staff advised that in evaluating the bids price, as well as qualitative aspects were taken into consideration.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Companion Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$697,765.00, plus GST, for T2010-27 Malkin Bowl Renovations 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 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.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member advised that they received an inquiry from the public regarding a policy change that relates to elimination of view corridors at Queen Elizabeth Park and requested that staff look into this, as this matter should have been discussed by the Board before a decision was made.

A Board member commended staff at Killarney Community Centre for their effective enforcement of the "No Smoking Policy" on Park Board land, which has stopped students from the nearby secondary school from using the centre compound for smoking.

A Board member advised that a couple of the lights at Bloedel Conservatory which are imbedded in the rock on the north side are not working and suggested that staff look into this as it might pose a electrical safety hazard. The Board member further mentioned that one of the light poles at the northwest corridor is also not working which be both a safety and security risk

A Board member requested a status update on the issue of the name of 'Spanish Bank' versus 'Spanish Banks', as the public are still concern about this debate.

A Board member thanked the new General Manager for his focus on reaching out to the community and including other languages in Park Board literature.

A Board member advised that some of the lights at Riverfront park flash on and off and various intervals which pose a safety and security risk. Staff were asked to look into this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair