

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011**

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 Park Development	- Tiina Mack
	Environmental Planner	- Alan Duncan
	Business Analyst	- John Brossard
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

The Chair requested a special in-camera meeting following the Regular Board meeting pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph: (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city. The Board unanimously agreed to convene an in-camera session following the Regular Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 17, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the completion of the first section of the seawall, February as Black History Month as well as festivities that will be happening around Vancouver for Chinese New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Services and Budgets Committee meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will convene on February 22, 2011.

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on February 10, 2011. The agenda has not been finalized.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that, at its next regular meeting, Council will discuss the 2011 Capital Budget and 2010 Capital Closeouts, Sport Hosting Grant for FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup and 2014 Women's Under 20 Cup and advised that in Council's in-camera session on January 18th Sarah Blyth's role as a representative on the PNE Board of Directors was confirmed.

PRESENTATION

The Vancouver Foundation made a presentation on Metro Vancouver's 2010 Vital Signs.

STAFF REPORTS

2010 Capital Closeout and 2011 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 7, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D. Staff advised that the Park Board endeavours not to carry over projects from previous Capital Plans however projects can stretch from 2-5 years depending on how large and complex they are.

Projects that are being carried over from the 2006-2008 Capital Plan are Mount Pleasant Park plan design, Trillium Park site development, park land acquisition, development of newly acquired parks and Emery Barnes phase 2.

Staff advised that the 2009-2011 Capital Plan was comprised of 123 million dollars. 31 million of that was spent in 2009, 80 million was spent in 2010 which leaves 12 million for 2011. This Capital Plan was unusual because it included the Olympics and an opportunity to gather federal infrastructure money. Projects being carried forward from 2009-2010 are Jericho Marginal Wharf, Riley Park Community Centre/Hillcrest conversion, Nat Bailey improvements and Trout Lake Community Centre.

The Capital Budget for 2011 is 12.2 million with an additional funding of 3 million. This will be spent on parks, land acquisition development, facilities, street trees, and overhead and project management. Some emerging priorities for this year are the Urban Forest management plan, Killarney traffic light upgrade, Sunset Community Centre parking upgrade, Charleson tennis courts upgrade, Creekside dock, Killarney Seniors Centre addition and Hastings Park fields.

Completed projects in 2010 include Hillcrest Aquatic Centre, Trout Lake ice rink, Creekside Community Centre, Killarney ice rink, Kensington skateboard park, Tecumseh Park, Pigeon Park, Oppenheimer Park and Activity Centre, Jericho Park synthetic turf field. Projects to be completed in 2011 will be Emery Barnes Park phase 3, VanDusen visitor centre, Trout

Lake Community Centre, Mount Pleasant Park, Trillium Park Site, Roundhouse Plaza turntable and the Hillcrest conversion.

A Board member asked when the Trillium turf field will be ready. Staff replied that this will be done by May and that Phase II for the north side of the park should be completed by the end of this year or early next year.

A Board member inquired what the cost of the upgrade to Sunset Community Centre parking is and when that item came up. Staff replied that when the Community Centre was built the designers chose a gravel permeable surface which worked with the tight funding at the time. However, the gravel does not function well for the neighbourhood as it creates dust and it is also hard to maintain. The alternative is to look at different permeable concrete grades which will cost between \$60 000-80 000.

A Board member asked why the Park Board is responsible for doing the Killarney traffic light upgrade and whether that should be a commitment for engineering. Staff advised that as the owners the Park Board is obligated to do certain upgrades and that half the cost is covered by engineering and the other half is covered by the Park Board. A Board member inquired where the money for these emerging priorities comes from and whether it takes money away from existing priorities. Staff replied that it is funded in two ways. Smaller items have been incorporated in the Park Board Plan, the rest is through City funding.

A Board member inquired whether the \$41 000 budget at Devonian Park, of which \$21 759 was spent, was just for fencing. Staff replied that they were unsure but would find out.

A Board member inquired whether the street tree planting initiative is for new trees or replacement trees and how new trees will be maintained as the budget for maintenance on street trees was cut two years ago. Staff replied that it will be for new trees and that they will be maintained through the new urban forest management plan. Staff added that a request for a higher operating budget to maintain the new trees will also be required.

A Board member inquired what would happen to the \$51 000 that is sitting in the Stanley Park Forest Management plan if it is not used and whether that could be used for the Stanley Park Ecological Action Plan. Staff replied that there were no staff resources to spend that money last year and that the money will be spent this year. Staff added that money from this area cannot be used for the Stanley Park Ecological Action Plan.

A Board member inquired why money has been allocated to improvements at Connaught Park as the contractor should be liable for that cost as the development was not done to the Park Board's satisfaction. Staff replied that the money allocated is for a different part of the park.

A Board member inquired why money is allocated to the Killarney Seniors Centre when the Board has not endorsed the project yet. Staff replied that this is a result of collective planning on the Capital Budgets with Council. A Board member added that during the May 4th

2009 Board meeting a motion had passed pledging land for this purpose. Another Board member asked if this project is a priority on the city list. Staff replied that it is.

A Board member inquired whether wading pools would be turned into spray parks or if the item in the report is for new wading pools and spray parks. Staff replied that it is for new wading pools and spray parks.

The following delegate requested to speak to the Board:

- Rob Ell, Dinotown

The following is a summary of comments by the forgoing delegate:

- Is the Mayor of Dinotown;
- Would like to see Dinotown in the next Capital Plan;
- Dinotown has had over 2 million visitors and celebrates family fun;
- Sees Stanley Park and the farmyard as a good opportunity for Dinotown.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member thanked staff for their hard work on these developments and for the presentation which displayed all of the completed projects.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached CS&B Committee report entitled 2011 Capital Budget, Status and Close Out, for information (Appendix 4)**
- B. THAT the Board approve the 2011 Capital Budget of \$12,218,000, and \$3,000,000 for emerging priorities as described in this report and outlined in Appendix 1, from the following funding sources:**

Capital from Debenture	\$3,120,000
Capital from Revenue	\$3,024,000
DCL	\$5,684,000
CAC	\$50,000
Other City or Park Board funding	\$150,000
External funding	\$190,000
Emerging Priorities from Capital Debenture	\$2,500,000
Emerging Priorities from Other City or Park Board Funding	\$500,000

- C. THAT the Board receive for information the Park Board Capital Plan Program Carry forwards the 2006-08 Capital Plan and 2009-10 Capital Budgets with a remaining balance of \$59,853,144 as detailed in Appendix**

D. THAT the Board approve the Park Board Capital Program Close out and Reallocations in the amount of \$456,803 as detailed in Appendix 3.

-Carried Unanimously

East Fraserlands Neighbourhood Park North

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 21, 2011 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the Neighbourhood Park North, the first neighbourhood park at East Fraserlands. Staff advised that the initial planning of the new community started 5 years ago when Parklane Development Company took over ownership and planning of the land.

Park Board staff have been working closely with the planners at City Hall to create a concept plan for the entire neighbourhood. The East Fraserlands Neighbourhood Park North is not a huge park but it is on a steep slope. The Park rises 9.5 meters and is 20-30 meters wide and less than 100 meters tall. It will have two stairways on either side of the park which the developer will fund. Design ideas include river views, play, green space, rain garden, edible plants, orchard trees and harvest table and heritage.

The developer will facilitate construction with Park Board approval. The Park will open this fall and the total cost is \$700 000 which is funded by development cost levies.

A Board member inquired when the park will be used by the residents in the new neighbourhood. Staff replied that it will be used by this Fall.

A Board member asked when Park 6 will be installed. Staff replied that all the parks in this new neighbourhood are tied to the development of the buildings adjacent to them and their completion depends on the market.

A Board member asked what happened to the Beaver Pond that was in the area. Staff replied that the Beaver Pond had to be removed but that 1300 square meters of wet land will be installed as direct compensation for that loss.

A Board member inquired whether there are any issues with contamination. Staff replied that remediation has already been done in this park.

A Board member asked whether the playground will be accessible. Staff replied that a detailed design has not been completed.

A Board member inquired why only two written comments were received from the public consultation for this park. Staff replied that there was so much public consultation done for the entire East Fraserlands neighbourhood that people feel that they have already been consulted. A Board member advised that Parklane had received an award as a result of their extensive consultation processes.

A Board member inquired whether there was parking for this park. Staff replied that it would be local neighbourhood street parking.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member expressed concern about the loss of bird life from Beaver Pond. Another Board member advised that Everett Crowley Park is just across Marine Drive which has a huge habitat. A few Board members expressed support of the project and of Parklane's consultation processes.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the Neighbourhood Park North, the first neighbourhood park at East Fraserlands.

- Carried Unanimously

Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that there is a budget of 1.8 million for the Roundhouse Turntable project and that an expression of interest was issued in August 2010. Three firms were short listed and Smith Brothers provided the lowest bid of 1.3 million.

There has been extensive community engagement with this project which has shown large community support for it. Two areas that residents are concerned about are light spillage and noise. Staff are looking at ways to mitigate these problems.

The turntable will go straight through the plaza and its' major feature is a crane. It will have a hydraulic arm which will move and provide weather protection. Trees will also be added to the turntable.

A Board member inquired about the experience of Smith Brothers. Staff replied that they are a local firm that has been around for generations and that they are very crafty and skilled.

A Board member asked whether the flooring will be changed as it is not accessible. Staff replied that the pavers will be retrofitted but it is difficult to change much as the Roundhouse Community Centre is a heritage building.

A Board member inquired whether there will be an option to enlarge the exit door to the turntable plaza as there is only one small door. Staff replied that the building is awkwardly designed but that it is difficult to change the entrance/exits as it is a heritage building.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member expressed support for the project and stated that it was a great way to revitalize an underutilized area.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT, the Board enter into a contract with Smith Bros. & Wilson (BC) Ltd. in the amount of \$1,357,336.57, plus GST, for Roundhouse Community Centre Plaza Redevelopment 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 inquired about land swaps on Northeast False Creek and whether that would affect the Park Board or the proposed parks in that area. Staff replied that this is a complex area as there are a few rezoning applications happening at the same time. There is a controversial temporary park that is affected which is an extension of Creekside Park. This is the result of City planning staff wanting to get park online before the developer is obligated to. This park is about 2 acres and it would be around for about 15 years. Staff are looking at creative approaches to making the park useful without spending too much money.

A Board member inquired whether the proposed practice arena for the Canucks was still on the table. Staff replied that it is an ongoing item that the City is working on.

A Board member inquired about recent articles regarding contaminated synthetic turf fields in a different city and whether the Vancouver turf fields had any issues. Staff replied that the problem was probably due to poor design and delivery but that the Vancouver turf fields do not have any issues.

A Board member advised that the hat to the totem pole was still missing and when that would be replaced. Staff replied that the pole belongs to the City and the City is looking into it. It is turning into an expensive project for them as the whole pole needs to be worked on.

A Board member asked if checkerboards could be built into the picnic tables. Staff replied that that can be easily done.

Commissioner Woodcock left the meeting at this time.

In-Camera

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.

-Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair