

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | <b>Chair</b>                                      | <b>- Aaron Jasper</b>      |
|                 | <b>Vice-Chair</b>                                 | <b>- Constance Barnes</b>  |
|                 | <b>Commissioners</b>                              | <b>- Sarah Blyth</b>       |
|                 |   | <b>- Raj Hundal</b>        |
|                 |   | <b>- Stuart Mackinnon</b>  |
|                 |   | <b>- Ian Robertson</b>     |
|                 |   | <b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>  |
|                 | <b>General Manager</b>                            | <b>- Malcolm Bromley</b>   |
|                 | <b>Acting Director of Planning and Operations</b> | <b>- Danica Djurkovic</b>  |
|                 | <b>Acting Director of Vancouver East</b>          | <b>- Terry Walton</b>      |
|                 | <b>Acting Director of Corporate Services</b>      | <b>- Meg Elliott</b>       |
|                 | <b>Manager of Revenue Services</b>                | <b>- Gordon Barber</b>     |
|                 | <b>Supervisor of Business Services</b>            | <b>- Ken Maguire</b>       |
|                 | <b>Manager of Research and Planning</b>           | <b>- Tilo Driessen</b>     |
|                 | <b>Manager of Recreation Services</b>             | <b>- Thomas Soulliere</b>  |
|                 | <b>- Stanley District</b>                         |                            |
|                 | <b>Manager of Communications</b>                  | <b>- Joyce Courtney</b>    |
|                 | <b>Capital Plan Project Manager</b>               | <b>- Michel Desrochers</b> |
|                 | <b>Recorder</b>                                   | <b>- Barinder Lalli</b>    |

The Chair advised that the Administrative Report – Position Changes that will be tabled includes a revision which changes the number of position conversions from 10 to 9. The position that was removed from the report will be brought to a future Board meeting for approval.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 25, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few months including Fraserview Park Opening, Pride Parade, Pinoy Fiesta, Connecting Marpole Day, KitsFest, Vancouver Sawan Mela, BioBlitz, Klahowya Village Closing, Stanley Park Cycling Plan Open House, Greenpeace 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, VanDusen Botanical Garden Bloom Gala, Grandview Park Opening and the Asahi Plaque Unveiling.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The next Services and Budgets Committee meeting will convene on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **City Council Report**

The General Manager advised that City Council will be discussing the Vancouver Sport Hosting grant allocation, the Capital Plan, and will review the second quarter of the capital and operating budget to date.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Administrative Report - Position Changes**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 8, 2011 recommending that the Board approve the creation of 9 CUPE 15 regular part time positions with the financial impacts and sources of funds as noted in the body of the report. All positions being created are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

Staff advised that this report seeks to change auxiliary positions to regular part-time positions as a requirement of the collective agreement with CUPE 15.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Paul Faoro, CUPE 15
- Korky Day

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

- The issue of the number of auxiliaries working for the Park Board has been brewing for many years;
- The conversion of these positions is a contractual obligation;
- Would have liked to see this happen a long time ago, but happy that it is happening;
- Hope these conversions are an indication of the future.

The Board discussed the motion. A few Board members expressed support for the recommendation. A Board member advised this will give employees a sense of stability.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board approve the creation of 9 CUPE 15 regular part time positions with the financial impacts and sources of funds as noted in the body of the report. All positions being created are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.**

- Carried Unanimously

### **Champlain YMCA License Agreement**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 6, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised that YMCA has agreed to provide childcare for the Champlain Community Centre and will be responsible for licensing and operating the program in the space provided by the Park Board.

A Board member asked whether the Park Board based this arrangement from a model that already existed in another Community Centre. Staff replied that the Park Board does not have a model like this, but the City of Vancouver does. Staff added that the model at Creekside Community Centre is similar to this arrangement.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Megan Wallace
- Eleanor Hadley
- Korcky Day

The following is a summary of comments made by the foregoing delegation:

- YMCA's main goal is to help strengthen communities and encourage healthy lifestyles;
- Happy to be approached by the Park Board to collaborate on this initiative;
- Hope that this partnership will lead to more collaboration with the Park Board to help communities in need.
- Confused why the Park Board is undertaking children and family care while it is neglecting parks and beaches;
- The provincial government should be responsible for education;
- The Park Board is becoming a construction company.
- Have concerns regarding the placement of childcare centres;
- Consideration should be given regarding how far people have to travel to work to their childcare centre;
- It is difficult for those parents who are still nursing to commute between work and childcare centres.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that Canada struggles with affordable, accessible early learning and added that the federal and provincial governments need to step up to the plate. A few Board members expressed support for the recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

- A. **THAT the Board enter into a licence agreement with the YMCA to operate family services programming in Park Board space in Champlain Community School during the school year from September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 plus an option, subject to approval by the General manager, for an additional three school years**
- B. **THAT once the form of the licence agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager is authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board**

- Carried Unanimously

## **2012-2014 Capital Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 15, 2011 recommending that the Board endorse the 2012- 2014 Capital Plan as outlined in the attached Council Report, and further detailed in this report.

Staff advised that the plan aims to strike a balance between maintaining existing assets, meeting the needs of new residents and responding to new priorities. The Capital Plan includes community facilities, childcare, social, culture, entertainment and exhibition, libraries and archives, recreation, parks and open spaces, seawall, street trees, public art, housing, public safety, and transportation.

Staff advised that if the recommendation is endorsed by the Board and Council it will go to the public during the November election as a plebiscite for final approval.

A Board member asked why the city plans to borrow money when there should be millions of dollars in the reserves. Staff advised that all accounts will be reviewed before any money is borrowed. Staff added that the Capital budget, unlike the operating budget, can be rolled over year to year and that as a result much of the money was spent during the Olympics.

A Board member asked why only half of the funding for the Marpole Community Centre was available in the 10 year outlook and whether it was actually more feasible that the project would take up to 20-30 years to complete. Staff replied that it is possible that it will take that long to complete the entire project.

A Board member stated that in the Capital Plan document, benefits for the new Capital Plan process included improved transparency and accountability. However, most of the

comments he has received to date relate to the process being confusing and difficult to understand. Staff replied that this is a new process and it is acknowledged that it is not perfect. In the past the Park Board had a very robust public engagement process around the Capital program, however partnering with the city has led to changes in this process.

A Board member advised that the greening of Hastings Park is a Council initiative that will be carried out by the Park Board. The Board member asked whether Council has assured the Park Board that there will be operating dollars to support this initiative. Staff replied that there was no guarantee.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Simon Litherland
- Patricia Thomson, Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Maja Lampa
- Don Shaw
- Chris Temmerman
- Mark Jacobs
- Anita Romaniuk, Vancouver Society for Promotion of Outdoor Pools
- Margery Duda, Vancouver Society for Promotion of Outdoor Pools
- Karen Tsang, Simon Fraser Elementary School
- Raymond Greenwood, West Point Grey Community Centre
- Scott Clark, Aboriginal Life in Vancouver Enhancement (ALIVE)
- Jean Campbell, Friend of Mount Pleasant Pool
- Henry Hawthorn, VanDusen Botanical Garden Association
- Angela Crampton
- Helen Fielding
- Mary Sutherland, Kensington Community Centre Association
- Patricia Thomson, Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Joan Reekie
- Korky Day

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

- As a result of senior Park Board staff turnover, the rowing club has had no representation to fight for Capital funding;
- This plan does not reflect city feedback and the Park Board has lost ground from where it was a few months ago;
- This fails to meet Park Board objectives and for rowing sports in general;
- Speaking to support the plan for the benefit of many children and the wildlife.
- Volunteered to work on a restoration plan for the Beaver Lake project, but it takes more than volunteer hours to get it done, it takes money.
- Frustrated at the horrible state of the Kitsilano tennis courts;
- There was money allocated to these courts in the last Capital Plan which has disappeared.
- The Kitsilano tennis courts are a hazard as there are cracks, grass and sand on the court;
- The courts are well used from sunrise to sunset;

- These courts do not need a repair, they need to be ripped out and reconstructed.
- The neglect of the Kitsilano tennis courts is so large that they need a new foundation and drainage;
- The community has gotten behind this facility and when grass is removed from cracks, it is done by volunteers;
- The city is floating with disaster on the courts as people are injured monthly, if not weekly;
- The Mount Pleasant pool is not seen as feasible because it will not be multi-function facility which is the direction the city would like to go, however it will not cost that much more to add a concession and multi-purpose room if the pool were built;
- Not asking the Park Board for \$750 000 because the Park Board is under-funded, but do not understand how there will not be a tax increase to accommodate more projects when 55% of the respondents to the consultation agreed to a tax increase;
- Multi-function facilities are great, but they become destination facilities and become overcrowded and crowd out the people that live in the neighbourhood.
- Request that the replacement of Mount Pleasant outdoor pool be included in the Capital Plan;
- Capital Plan consultation has proven support for this facility;
- Replacing the outdoor pool will address the lack of outdoor swimming facilities that are not located on the waterfront;
- Solar panels on the pool house could be used to extend the season and reduce operating costs.
- Outdoor pools are used differently than indoor pools as people go for the day;
- This is a gathering place where families meet after school;
- Would like City Hall to step in as the residents of Mount Pleasant do not want a multi-purpose facility, the residents want the simple stuff.
- Thankful to staff for saving the Bloedel Conservatory;
- The West Point Grey Community Centre Association has been asking for renovations since 1982;
- The second floor is not accessible and there are no accessible washrooms;
- The cost of renovations would be 3 million as Jericho Hill gym needs 1.5 million in repairs;
- Need assistance to obtain a federal grant.
- Advocating on behalf of the urban aboriginal community in the community they live in;
- Urge the Park Board to advocate for the aboriginal community in hiring practices;
- Hope that this plan is inclusive;
- Here to ask why funds have not been allocated to Mount Pleasant pool;
- Residents of Mount Pleasant have been asking for a replacement pool for years;
- The Park Board has stolen the magic from the next generation.
- Appreciate the money that has been allocated for the Bloedel Conservatory roof;
- Urge the Board to approve and defend the money that has been set aside for Bloedel;
- The interior of Bloedel has never looked better and the attendance has increased.
- Need a park plan for Sunset Park to upgrade it;

- Sunset Park is used by many families all throughout the day;
- Have been told that the planning money line items could be used for Sunset, but that is not a guarantee.
- Mount Pleasant pool is a project that is dear to me;
- Kids that benefit most from neighbourhood pools are ones that do not go to resorts;
- This pool is more important than planting more trees on boulevards and more flowers in parks;
- Please give Mount Pleasant the pool that it was promised.
- Very pleased that Kensington Hall has been included in the capital plan;
- Looking forward to the new facility at Kensington and hope to help the Park Board in any way that is needed.
- Since the draft capital plan have noticed 5 million dollars in cuts and three of the cuts I agree with;
- Do not agree with the 1.2 million dollars that have been added to the Greenest City Initiatives budget.
- Many people here are dissatisfied and that points to a need for more green living;
- There are two big problems with this plan, the financing and the spending;
- If the city borrows money, future generations will have to pay for it.

Commissioner Blyth left the meeting at this time.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that one item on the report was in conflict of interest to two members of the Board and asked that the line item be separated.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board separate the Sun Yat-Sen line item from the original recommendation.**

-Carried Unanimously

Another Board member made an amendment the main motion.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT \$400 000 be transferred from the capital budget for new street trees and be allocated to tennis courts for the renewal of the tennis courts at Kitsilano Beach.

The Board member advised that money had been allocated and promised for the replacement of the Kitsilano Tennis Courts in the last Capital Plan and that Board had an obligation to honour the commitment that was made in the previous Capital Plan.

**The amendment was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board discussed the motion. A few Board members shared concern regarding the new process of the capital plan and felt that it was not as transparent as it has been in the past. Another Board member added that the presentation was very city-focused opposed to Park Board focused.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

**A. THAT the Board endorse the 2012- 2014 Capital Plan as outlined in the attached Council Report, and further detailed in this report.**

- Carried Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

**B. THAT the Board endorse the Sun Yat-Sen line item in the report.**

- Carried Unanimously

(Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Woodcock declared a conflict of interest and were absent for the vote).

The final motion as approved reads:

**A. THAT the Board endorse the 2012- 2014 Capital Plan as outlined in the attached Council Report, and further detailed in this report**

**B. THAT the Board endorse the Sun Yat-Sen line item in the attached report**

**C. THAT \$400 000 be transferred from the capital budget for new street trees and be allocated to tennis courts for the renewal of the tennis courts at Kitsilano Beach**

Chair called recess at 11:13pm.

The meeting reconvened at 11: 21pm.

### **Liquor License Revision - Golf Courses**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 recommending that the Board approve an application to the Liquor Control Licensing Branch to revise our present liquor license at our three major golf courses from a food primary to a liquor primary license.

Staff advised that the current license allows the Park Board to serve liquor at club houses and on patios. This proposal will allow the Park Board to serve liquor on the entire course enabling the Park Board to be more competitive with courses that already allow this.



A Board member asked whether this was so the Park Board would be more compliant with the law. Staff replied that it was.

A Board member asked whether this would allow the Park Board to have carts and huts on the course. Staff replied that this license would enable that.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Jamie Lee Hamilton, IDEA
- Korky Day

The following is a summary of comments made by the foregoing delegation:

- This is a departure from zero drinking and intoxication in Vancouver Parks;
- Strange that the Park Board has a no smoking by-law, but would allow a drinking policy;
- People do not need to be drinking if they are engaging in exercise.
- This proposal is not justified;
- Do not think there is not one person in the room that has not been affected by a drunk driver!
- The perception of the Board is that no one will care if this is passed because golfers are not a susceptible group.

The Board discussed the motion.

A Board member advised that some people drink and drive, but that does not mean that the laws should be changed to accommodate them. Another Board member advised that golfers are not known to be excessive in their drinking patterns and would be supporting this motion.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

**THAT the Board approve an application to the Liquor Control Licensing Branch to revise our present liquor license at our three major golf courses from a food primary to a liquor primary license.**

- Carried

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

Commissioner Robertson left the meeting at this time.

## **MOTION**

Commissioner Jasper, Chair, handed the chairing of the meeting to Commissioner Barnes, Vice-Chair, to enable him to put forward the following motion.

**First Nations cultural and educational experience in Stanley Park**

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

**Whereas a \$250,000 annual operating deficit was identified during the 2010 budgeting process for the operation of the Children's Farmyard;**

**Whereas the Park Board was interested in eliminating this deficit by seeking alternative operating models or partnerships by directing staff to seek such expressions of interest**

**Whereas staff advised the Board on September 20, 2010 that a Request for Expression of Interest for the Farmyard was unsuccessful;**

**Whereas the Park Board approved the closure of the Children's Farmyard effective January 2, 2011 and all animals be relocated to safe and secure homes;**

**Whereas Stanley Park has a significant historical and cultural connection to the First Nations people and is recognized as traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waultuth nations:**

**Whereas Park Board staff have been actively working to further develop and expand the relationship with the First Nations people;**

**Therefore be it resolved that staff seek a qualified party to develop and operate the previous Children's Farmyard area as a First Nations cultural and educational experience focusing on raising the awareness of the rich history between Stanley Park and the First Nations people.**

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Jamie Lee Hamilton, IDEA
- Korky Day
- Henry Tso, Aboriginal Tourism of BC

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

- Quite conservative, not in stopping progress, but in stopping demolition;
- Wondering why the farmyard will not be conserved.
- When the farmyard was closed it was a disservice to the kids of this city;
- Stanley Park is supposed to be a public park but it has been put out meal piece by meal piece.
- Klahowya Village prides itself on showcasing our culture in a very respectful manner;
- AtBC is a non-profit organization and it shows youth how tough it can be to compete in the marketing field;
- Very involved in the aboriginal community and hope this motion will pass.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that Klahowya Village was a very positive experience during the summer and this motion would allow the Park Board to build on a positive relationship. Another Board member advised that although he did not agree with the commercialization of Stanley Park, that this was an area that was close to the train and was meant to go in this direction and that Klahowya Village was a great educational experience. A few Board members showed support for what AtBC was doing for the aboriginal community.

**The motion was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**

A Board member asked for an update on the Bloedel and VanDusen joint operating agreement. Staff advised that agreement had been written and that it was currently with the partners for their review. The Board member asked if it would come to the Board for approval. Staff advised that they would have to check the previous motion to see if it would be brought back to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Aaron Jasper  
Chair