

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 Corporate Services	- Meg Elliott
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Director of Recreation	- Thomas Soulliere
	Supervisor of Business Services	- Ken Maguire
	Manager of Business Development	- Octavio Silva
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 19, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few weeks including hosting the Vienna delegation, tree planting with Wayne Gretzky, opening of Adanac Park Community Garden, Governor General of Canada reception, Artists in Communities celebration, Berry Trail Mural project, Mayor's Arts Awards, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen celebration, Sustenance festival and Diwali 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on November 3rd, 2011.

The next Services and Budgets Committee meeting will convene on October 25th, 2011.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that at the next Council meeting the following items would be discussed: Hastings Park Governance and the establishment of the Arts and Culture Advisory Council. The General Manager also announced that Thomas Soulliere had been selected as the new Director of Recreation for the Park Board.

STAFF REPORTS

Financial Statements to June 30, 2011

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 22, 2011 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff advised that Park Board revenues dropped 4.4% compared to last year at the same time as a result of poor weather. Expenses have increased but can be attributed to the timing of payments rather than actual costs. As of the end of June, the shortfall in revenue is 1.6 million dollars which the City has agreed to cover.

A Board member inquired whether revenue gains in the second half of the year will offset the budget shortfall. Staff replied that they would know by the next Services and Budgets Committee meeting.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Joan Reekie
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- There is no line item for childcare and daycare in the report;
- There is 11.4 million dollars allocated to childcare in the Capital Plan and there should be a line item for it in the report;
- There is a policy that golf should cover 100% of its costs but taxpayer dollars are subsidizing this item;
- The issue of which items taxpayers should cover needs to be addressed.
- Did not like the Park Board annual report as it was glossy and a waste of money;
- There is a loss in revenue because of the construction going on at English Bay;
- The yearly fireworks should cease because they are destructive;
- The seawall is a mess with unlawful construction without the consent of Vancouver citizens.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that the numbers were discouraging for June and hoped that the trend improves.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously

Commemorative Naming – Special Events Room at the Hillcrest Aquatic Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 6, 2011 recommending that the Board approve the commemorative naming of the special events room at the Hillcrest Aquatic Centre after the late Percy Norman (“Percy Norman Room”).

Staff advised that they received a formal application from the Riley Park Community Association to name the special events room at Hillcrest Aquatic Centre after the late Percy Norman. Percy Norman was highly involved in Vancouver swimming and was considered a top swimming coach in Canada. He concentrated on developing young athletes and many of those he coached are now members of the BC Hall of Fame. The Norman family supports this nomination.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Ralph Norman, son of Percy Norman
- Gayle Uthoff, Vancouver Aquatic Sports Groups

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

- Percy Norman learned to swim in the Burrard inlet;
- Percy was a butcher by trade, but he loved swimming;
- He taught children to swim on a volunteer basis;
- Percy started the ‘no child should drown’ campaign when he went to Crystal pool and saw a child drowning;
- He became the coach of the 1932 swim team in the Olympics in Los Angeles;
- In the 1950’s, he became sick, but he continued to teach as he was approached by many children to teach them;
- He was diagnosed with colon cancer and was getting weaker and had to stop;
- If he was alive, he would fully approve of what has been done by the Park Board at Hillcrest Centre, especially the ramps and steps that make the pool accessible.
- Vancouver Aquatic Sports Group supports this nomination;
- Percy Norman laid the foundation for aquatic sports in Vancouver;
- The contributions he made to swimming are immeasurable and we thank his family for sharing him with us.

The Board thanked the Norman family for attending the meeting and sharing Percy’s history. Board members expressed support for the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board approve the commemorative naming of the special events room at the Hillcrest Aquatic Centre after the late Percy Norman (“Percy Norman Room”).

- Carried Unanimously

Cellular Installation Stanley Park Causeway

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 7, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised that they received a proposal from wind mobility for two cellular installations on the Stanley Park causeway. The installation will produce \$11 500 per site per year. Staff added that there are other cellular providers who also have installations along the causeway which generate \$6000 per site.

A Board member asked why the other installations generate less revenue for the Park Board. Staff advised that the existing sites have been there for a decade and that the rent would be reviewed in the future.

A Board member asked whether the revenue from this was designated for a specific fund. Staff replied that it was not.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that this was a unique way for the Park Board to generate revenue.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT subject to Recommendation B,C,D and E the Board approve a 5-year lease with up to three additional 5-year extension terms with Globealive Communications Corporation to install two cellular antenna sites to be located in the Stanley Park causeway.**
- B. THAT the rent structure will be \$11,500 per site per annum for the initial 5-year term and subject to a rent review at the conclusion of the initial term and each of the three five year extension terms.**
- C. 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 of the Park Board.**

- D. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Park Board.**
- E. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered to all parties.**

-Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member requested a briefing on the Financial Shared Services review. Staff replied that they would provide one for the Board.

A Board member advised that it was ADHD Awareness week and that a proclamation would be made at City Hall on October 18th.

In-camera Meeting

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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair