

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

PRESENT:	Chair	- David Chesman
	Vice-Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Commissioners	- Malcolm Ashford
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
		- Tim Louis
		- Donna Morgan
		- Vic Kondrosky
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager of Horticulture	- Bill Manning
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Barbara Stampfl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 11, 1995 were adopted as circulated.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Establishment of a Regular Full-time Trades Foreman Position

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 14, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of a regular full-time Trades Foreman position.

Mr. Ken Davidson, CUPE Local 1004, appeared before the Board stating the Union's concern with the timing for this request. He stated that the Park Board currently has a budget overrun and there are ongoing issues regarding staffing levels with a greater demand for services than the position in question. The Union understands that the Park Board will be reviewing delivery services and they would prefer that this motion be tabled until when the budget will be discussed so they will have a better understanding of finances and overall changes.

Commissioner Louis questioned if this approval could be delayed and was informed by the General Manager and the Director of Environment and Operations that the timing is not critical but it is appropriate to have this foreman's position filled in light of all the new parks being developed. Commissioner Louis stated that he would prefer dealing with this when the budget is being discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT this item be referred to the Board's first meeting in December.

- CARRIED.

(Commissioners DeGenova and Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Environmental Education/Interpretation Plan - Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 14, 1995 recommending that the Board accept the terms of reference for an Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee and that a Liaison Commissioner be appointed for this Advisory Committee.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board accept the following terms of reference for an Environmental Education/ Interpretation Advisory Committee.

2. THAT a Liaison Commissioner be appointed for this Advisory Committee.

Ms. Daphne Solecki, of The Federation of British Columbia Naturalists and the Vancouver Natural History Society, thanked the Board for attending the Lost Lagoon Nature House Opening and stated that everyone likes the renovations. With regard to the Environmental Education/Interpretation Plan she stated that the Society is in favour of the motion before the Board and are encouraged that the Board is taking a pro-active role in environmental education. The Vancouver Natural History Society will be pleased to take part in this plan and support the Board.

Commissioners Morgan and Chesman extended congratulations for all the work done on the Nature House. The Chair referred to a letter that all members of the Board received from the Vancouver Humane Society congratulating staff and expressing support for the staff report.

Commissioner Morgan stated her support for the Advisory Committee but felt this could be adopted on an interim basis and then approved as part of the overall plan once it is known who is on the committee, etc.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board accept the following terms of reference for an interim Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee.

The Director of Environment and Operations referred to the Board's workshop which identified goals for the Board and stated that the advisory committee will assist to see that these goals are implemented. There will be a conference on Wildlife in the City in October and

information on this will come back to the Board. If there are other areas where the Advisory Committee can assist these will be brought back to the Board as well.

The Chair stated his concern with having to revisit the terms of reference and felt that these terms could be adapted or amended later on.

Commissioner Morgan withdrew her motion but suggested that consideration for the participants on the committee include a diversity of cultural backgrounds and city wide representation.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board accept the following terms of reference for an Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee.

2. THAT a Liaison Commissioner be appointed for this Advisory Committee.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh be nominated as the Liaison Commissioner for the Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee.

Commissioner DeGenova stated that Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh has expressed interest in this area. Commissioner Wilson confirmed that Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh has no concerns with this nomination and added that this would not restrict any other Commissioner's participation in the Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Louis stated that he would like to nominate Commissioner Morgan as well but the motion on the table did not allow him to do so. Board members agreed to an amending motion.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT Commissioner Morgan also be nominated as a Liaison Commissioner for the Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The main motion, as amended, was put as follows:

THAT Commissioners Alan Fetherstonhaugh and Donna Morgan be appointed as Liaison Commissioners for the Environmental Education/Interpretation Advisory Committee.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## Park Planning Section Reorganization

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 13, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of a new excluded position entitled "Manager of Park Property Acquisitions and Research", classification to be subject to a review by the Human Resources Department.

Commissioner Morgan expressed concern as to the impact of this on the capital budget and stated that the report does not include costs for consultants. The General Manager and the Director of Planning explained that this is not being added to the budget as the money is already there to cover this position. At present 2/3 of the Planning and Development staff bill their costs directly to the capital projects they are working on. The workload of the Planning Department has expanded and requires more staff to handle such projects as Hastings Park.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of a new excluded position entitled "Manager of Park Property Acquisitions and Research", classification to be subject to a review by the Human Resources Department.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## Kerrisdale Pool

The Chair explained that during the Board's summer hiatus the award of a contract for the renovations to the Kerrisdale Aquatic Centre required approval. Rather than call a special meeting for this one item, a telephone survey of the Commissioners was conducted on August 24, 1995 and approval was received from the majority of the Board. This item is now included in the minutes in order to be formally approved.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT contract T95-15 for Kerrisdale Aquatic Centre Renovations in the amount of \$325,554 be awarded to Dietlein Construction Inc.

- CARRIED.  
(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary).

## RECREATION SERVICES

### Lebanese Canadian Society Commemorative Plaque, Queen Elizabeth Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 17, 1995 recommending that the Board give approval to the Lebanese Canadian Society for the installation of a Commemorative Plaque in Queen Elizabeth Park with all arrangements subject to the approval of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board give approval to the Lebanese Canadian Society for the installation of a Commemorative Plaque in Queen Elizabeth Park with all arrangements subject to the approval of the General Manager.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

##### Park Board Procedures By-law Revisions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 28, 1995 recommending that the Procedure By-Law be amended as stated in Appendix A.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Park Board Procedure By-law be amended as stated in Appendix A.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### BY-LAWS

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the revised Park Board Procedure By-law be given first reading.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the revised Park Board Procedure By-law be given second and third reading.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

#### Second Beach Pool

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT beginning in 1996, the Park Board extend the season of operation for the Second Beach Pool into September subject to weather similar to the operation of Kitsilano Pool.

Commissioner Wilson stated that this notice of motion was made due to the number of complaints received about the pool being closed when the weather was good in September, after having had poor weather in August this year. However, he realizes that there are financial reasons for the closure and therefore this should be referred to the Aquatics

Task Force. He added that he would also like to see other outdoor pools included in this.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT extending the season of operation for outdoor pools be referred to the Aquatics Task Force when it reconvenes after the public information process on Aquatics.

- CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis & Morgan contrary)

Commissioner Morgan stated that the Hastings Community Association have requested that the season for New Brighton Pool be extended as well.

Jaguar Reception

The Chair excused himself due to possible conflict of interest and left the room at this point. Commissioner Wilson took the Chair.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the Park Board rescind the earlier motion authorising the organization acting on behalf of Jaguar Canada use of certain portions of Stanley Park.

Commissioner Wilson reminded the Board that Cantrav West have withdrawn their request for use of any parksite for the Jaguar reception.

Commissioner Louis stated that the Friends of Stanley Park have suggested that this motion not remain on the books for future Park Boards to refer back to as a precedent for the alienation of parkland.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AND IT WAS DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Ashford, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh and Wilson contrary).

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner DeGenova referred to dangerous incidents occurring on the turtle slide at Second Beach Pool with a number of children going underwater and having to be rescued. It has been suggested that the slide be moved into shallower water.

The Director of Recreation Services stated that his department are aware of the situation and are looking into it.

REMINDERS Board members were reminded of the David Lam Park opening on Saturday, September 30, 1995 and the Community Association Presidents meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 1995. Commissioner Ashford advised the Board that he would not be available for the David Lam Park opening

due to family matters.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #41 in the amount of \$790,181.81, Warrant #42 in the amount of \$233,548.46.

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V. Kondrosky  
General Manager

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Commissioner David Chesman  
Chair

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