

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 1996**

PRESENT:	Chair	- David Chesman
Vice Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh	
	Commissioners	- Malcom Ashford
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Tim Louis
		- Donna Morgan
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Doug Holden
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	A/Director of Recreation	- Joslin Kobyłka
	Manager, Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen (part-time)
	Managaer, Systems & Research	- Norman Mills (part-time)
	Arts & Multiculturalism	- Susan Gordon
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board, held on Monday, October 28, 1996, were adopted as circulated.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair suggested that because of the number of delegations present for other items, the presentation on the Intranet -QUICKFIND be brought forward at this time.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

3. INTRANET - QUICKFIND

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated November 4, 1996, advising the Board of a new system proposal approved by City Council.

Ms. Chris Warren, from Social Planning, and Ms. Laurie Baranyais from Permits

and Licenses, gave a presentation on the Intranet - QUICKFIND project which is a new system proposal designed to provide front line staff with quick and accurate answers to many questions asked by the public. City Council have given their approval to this project at an estimated cost of \$376,500.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the report on Intranet - QUICKFIND be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair suggested that both items pertaining to the Aquarium be brought forward at this time.

4. PARKS CONTROL BY-LAW - CETACEANS

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 30, 1996, recommending that prior to giving the Parks Control By-Law second and third reading, the amendments be made as listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT prior to giving the Parks Control By-Law second and third reading, the following amendments be made:

- a. Clause (e)(iii) to have the name "Stanley Park Aquarium" deleted,
- b. Clause (e)(iv) to have the term "if permitted" deleted,
- c. Clause (e) (iv) to have the term "Association" deleted.

Commissioner Wilson explained that at the last meeting of the Board he had inadvertently read into the record the recommendations which were approved by the Aquarium Board rather than the wording which was drafted by the City's Legal Department.

5. AQUARIUM LEASE AMENDMENT

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 31, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the amendment to the Aquarium lease as per Appendix A.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- THAT the Board approve the amendment to the Aquarium lease as per Appendix A.

Ms. Annelise Sorg, Coalition for No Whales in Captivity, stated that the issue of whales in captivity on public land is an outstanding issue. She urged the Board to form a committee which would include animal rights activists. She also asked that the Board request the veterinarian reports from the Aquarium for the past 5 years and that these reports be reviewed by an independent veterinarian. She referred to the domino effect regarding acquiring whales from other aquariums and wants this to be avoided. She asked that it be made clear what the intent of the By-law is and it should be allowed if the Vancouver Aquarium can produce a written statement that guarantees that other facilities will stop capturing wild whales. She noted that the Aquarium's lease expires in 2000 and, unless there is a specific date for phasing out the whales, this will be an ongoing practice. She hoped this would go to a public referendum at the next election or at least added to the Aquarium lease "that all outstanding issues need to be resolved".

Mr. Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce, referred to Lifeforce working for and winning the designation of National Historic Site for Stanley Park. This was done to protect the park for future generations and to halt any developments or expansion such as the zoo and aquarium. He stated that the proposed By-law fails to phase out the captivity of whales and dolphins at the Vancouver Aquarium and it will not improve conditions for the present captive whales or protect future generations of cetaceans from further exploitation. He suggested an amendment to the By-law which would state that the keeping of cetaceans shall not cause any new development or further expansion of any existing facility that would destroy parkland.

Mr. Lea Johnson, stated that if the Board approves the current By-law the whales will still be living in bad conditions. Instead the Board could come up with a win/win situation with a task force set up including representatives from the community. He suggested that the task force could be made up of wildlife and animal welfare specialists, specialists in management and marketing, philosophers, representatives from the DFO, the Park Board and the Aquarium. He recommended that the Board adopt the original By-law.

The Chair reminded the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding speaks to a better relationship between the Park Board and the Aquarium. He stated that the delegation's idea has merit and needs to be discussed with all groups.

Commissioner Louis had a question for Dr. Nightingale of the Vancouver Aquarium pertaining to the lease and his concern about the domino effect of acquiring whales. He questioned if it was possible to insist that an aquarium providing a whale for the Vancouver Aquarium enter into a contract that would prohibit that aquarium from acquiring whales from the wild.

Dr. Nightingale explained that this question has already been presented and no other institution will agree to this. Also, if this was agreed to it would result in the Vancouver Aquarium losing their ability to provide the best care for the animals in their care. He added that they can ask that other aquariums not capture whales from the wild but would not receive any guarantees because no one knows what the future holds.

Commissioner Louis enquired if Dr. Nightingale would give the Board an assurance that during the next six months in the absence of a Memo of

Understanding, the Vancouver Aquarium will not acquire any whales from another aquarium.

Dr. Nightingale explained they could not do that as they need to think about beluga whales in the near future and also contemplate an exchange of whales. He added, however, that it takes about a year to get a permit and, in the event of the death of a whale in the Aquarium, it would be in the best interests of the remaining whale to have a companion.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the By-law to amend Section 9 of the Parks Control By-Law reflect the wording prepared by the City' s Law Department, as follows:

Section 9 of the Parks Control By-Law is amended by inserting the following:

- "(e) No person shall bring into any park or keep or otherwise maintain in any park any aquatic mammal of the Cetacean order including, but not limited to, baleen whales, narwhals, dolphins, porpoises, killer whales and beluga whales, which has been captured or otherwise taken from its natural wild habitat, except that this prohibition shall not apply to
- captive cetaceans caught from the wild prior to September 16, 1996, and cetaceans born into captivity at any time,
- cetaceans which are already being kept or maintained in a park as of September 16, 1996,
- a member of an endangered cetacean species, provided that approval for bringing it into a park has first been obtained from the Park Board, and
- an animal that has been captured or otherwise taken from its natural wild habitat for the purpose of rehabilitating it from injury or preventing its death due to stranding provided that its capture or taking and subsequent release to natural habitat is done under the jurisdiction and with the approval of the federal agency responsible and provided that the Park Board has been informed in as timely a manner as possible."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the By-Law be amended by adding after the word "except", the words "until November 4, 2000".

Commissioner Morgan explained that in moving this toward a compromise it would be good to have an expiry date on those exceptions so that the Board is setting a time frame.

Commissioner Louis stated his difficulty in accepting the Aquarium' s position to not committing to the elimination of all possibility of capturing whales from the wild. He felt that a well run organization should be capable of adjusting to the times and be able to determine what can happen in the future. He added that the Park Board could offer alternative revenue sources in the spirit of compromise.

Commissioner Wilson did not feel that the By-law should be amended at this time and this could be discussed at the time of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chair felt that this would defeat the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding which brings together all the issues stated. He did not feel that the By-law should be amended at this time but these issues could be brought up when the Memorandum of Understanding is discussed. He has always felt it important that the exception for endangered species or stranded animals be there.

DEFEATED

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

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the By-Law be amended as per Commissioner Morgan' s amendment but instead it be ten years down the road and it would only apply to Item (i).

DEFEATED

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

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the By-law be amended by adding at the end of Clause (iv) "provided that such animals are not on public display".

Commissioner Morgan felt it was best for the rehabilitating animals to be kept out of the public eye. It would be less stressful for them. Commissioner Louis agreed that the welfare of the animals should be stressed, not revenue gained from this.

The Chair stated that this amendment had merit but he would vote against it as it could be put on the table when the Memorandum of Understanding is discussed.

DEFEATED

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

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the By-Law to amend Section 9 of the Parks Control By-Law be given second and

third readings and the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign and seal the By-law.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board approve the amendment to the Aquarium lease as per Appendix A contained in staff report dated October 31, 1996.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary).

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

• FRASERVIEW GOLF CLUBHOUSE

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 1996, recommending that the Board approve the design for the redevelopment of the Fraserview Golf Clubhouse.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the design for the redevelopment of the Fraserview Golf Clubhouse.

Mr. David Wong, Friends of Fraserview Forest, presented a brief which included a letter from Clive Justice, Vice Chair, Friends of Stanley Park, Forest & Heritage Committee Chair, outlining concerns that 397 mature trees are going to be cut down in the Fraserview golf course. They feel that the public process has failed, there are no public signs or information sheets made available for the nearby residents. He asked that the tree removal process be deferred until the community has assessed all the facts.

The General Manager outlined the public process which has taken place including a public meeting which was advertised in the community, a committee of concerned citizens worked with staff and another meeting took place at the Clubhouse here the plan was amended to reduce the number of trees to be cut. This meeting was well advertised in the community.

Mr. Will Paulik, of the Heritage Forest Society, was invited by Mr. Wong to make a statement. Mr. Paulik stated that he was involved in this same issue 5 years ago and any cutting of trees has to be measured in depth. He emphasized the importance of not losing any more forest along the banks of the Fraser River as this is resulting in loss of fish. He added that forests should not be parklike and he believes that there are trees in this forest that would make it a heritage forest.

Commissioner Louis requested that staff prepare a chronology of the public process that took place with regard to this.

Ms. Eva Matsuzaki, Architect, displayed drawings of the existing Clubhouse and proposals for the parking lot, etc. She pointed out that the plan is to feature the building and they want to save as many trees as possible. As well, trees will be added. The heritage aspect of the Clubhouse will be preserved and the Heritage Commission has approved this plan.

Ms. Johanna Albrecht had requested to appear before the Board but was not present at this time.

Ms. Caroline Moore presented a brief to the Board requesting that the Fraserview Golf Course Clubhouse be made available for use by the community rather than having it demolished. This building has been designated as heritage and can be used by the community to strengthen and define the community. She urged the Board to consider the needs of the citizens in this area and possibly consider a mixed use for the Clubhouse.

Commissioner Ashford stated his concerns with the delegations saying that there was no public process concerning this development. He pointed out that the revenue for this is coming out of the pockets of the golfers and is not a case of taking money out of the Park Board' s budget that should be used elsewhere.

Mr. Peter Weckworth had requested to appear before the Board but was not present at this time.

Ms. Chris Ensing expressed her concerns about the removal of forest and the environmental permitting process. She is concerned that any work done at Vivian Creek will be done in a way that the environmental agencies have been consulted and this work should be monitored.

Commissioner DeGenova questioned staff if an environmental study had been done and was informed by the General Manager that this has been done. The delegation requested a copy of the approval. Staff were directed by the Chair to liaise with Ms. Ensing and provide this information.

The Chair advised the delegation that staff understand the concerns regarding the trees and will be addressing this.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board receive at the first meeting in February 1997, a staff report on the feasibility of using the clubhouse space, in non-golfing hours, as community space for the Fraser Lands until community amenities are developed in this neighbourhood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

1. THAT the Board approve the design for the redevelopment of the Fraserview Golf Clubhouse, and,
2. THAT the Board receive at the first meeting in February 1997, a staff report on the feasibility of using the clubhouse space, in non-golfing hours, as community space for the Fraser Lands until community amenities are developed in this neighbourhood.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis & Morgan contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the cutting of trees not commence at Fraserview Golf Course until after this matter has been discussed at the Board' s meeting on December 9th.

Commissioner Wilson suggested that the motion not contain a specific date because the issue may be resolved by that time. This was accepted as a friendly amendment and the motion was put as follows:

THAT the cutting of trees not commence at Fraserview Golf Course without the express approval of the Board.

Commissioner Wilson added that it should be understood that this does not apply to trees that present a hazard to the public.

Board members discussed this and Commissioner Ashford stated that the public process was significant. He also referred to the note from Brian Pidcock expressing approval of the new layout for the golf course.

Commissioner Louis stated that he supports the motion but rather than a temporary prohibition it should be a permanent prohibition.

The Chair noted that some people had missed some of the information regarding this project and the Board should not be afraid to revisit it. He was troubled to see this coming back to the Board and would be happy to see it deferred.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**• VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD/VANCOUVER PARK BOARD JOINT,
VENTURE - OUTDOOR EDUCATION IN STANLEY PARK**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 1996 recommending that a program for school children in outdoor education including overnight camping be initiated in Stanley Park in Spring 1997; that this program be run as a joint venture with the Vancouver School Board; that a further report be prepared after the end of the first season to evaluate its success.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- a. THAT a program for school children in outdoor education including overnight camping be initiated in Stanley Park in Spring 1997.
- b. THAT this program be run as a joint venture with the Vancouver School Board.
- c. THAT a further report be prepared after the end of the first season to evaluate its success.

Mr. Jim Harvey, Friends of Stanley Park, felt that there are other areas where this could take place rather than in Stanley Park. He stated that Stanley Park is not a safe place to be at night. This is not the way to teach children love of the forest. For a more natural experience they should be taken to Third Beach rather than the pool at Second Beach. He feels that this will be more of a sleep-over than an educational experience. The history of the park should be stressed, there should be a mix of nature and heritage. This could be done in 1 day trips and should be available for all children. If this proposal is approved he suggested that it be in the wildflower area by Prospect Point. Expand the program and be more creative. There are many camping areas in the GVRD.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the motion be amended to include that "a maximum of \$10,000 be allocated to this project out of the Board' s corporate sponsorship revenues in 1997".

The Chair indicated that even though this is a joint venture and the camping equipment required will likely be donated, he wanted to ensure that the project goes ahead for under-privileged children to have this experience.

Commissioner Morgan was uncomfortable with the project and felt that it was patronizing. She pointed out that Camp Capilano had to be shut down due to lack of funding and it provided better facilities. She felt this was not the wisest way to spend money for youth. She would prefer all children of all income levels being able to attend the same camp rather than restricting this to those from low income families.

Commissioner Wilson supported the motion as he feels this will be a good experience for the children. He agreed that the issue of heritage and history should be included.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that the idea of the corporate sponsorship program was to do things the Board could not otherwise do. This is an excellent

example of what the program was intended for.

The Chair added that they are comfortable at the committee level that this money will not have to be spent but hoped that the program would not be stopped for lack of funding. He added that it is not intended to be patronizing.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the main motion be severed for voting.

DEFEATED

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

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

- a. THAT a program for school children in outdoor education including overnight camping be initiated in Stanley Park in Spring 1997.
- b. THAT this program be run as a joint venture with the Vancouver School Board.
- c. THAT a further report be prepared after the end of the first season to evaluate its success.
- d. THAT a maximum of \$10,000 be allocated to this project out of the Board' s corporate sponsorship revenues in 1997.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECREATION SERVICES

• VANCOUVER AIDS MEMORIAL

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 1996 recommending that the Board accept the donation from AIDS Vancouver of the AIDS Memorial and approve its installation in the wooded area above Ceperley Park Fieldhouse in Stanley Park, subject to the completion of the standard public art contract and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board accept the donation from AIDS Vancouver of the AIDS Memorial and approve its installation in the wooded area above Ceperley Park Fieldhouse in Stanley Park, subject to the completion of the standard public art contract and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Mr. Bruce Wilson, Artist, supports this memorial on the proposed site because of its proximity to the city. It will be accessible to pedestrians and parking is available. The site is good for private reflection but also has the potential for the occasional large gathering. He described the memorial which is indestructible and impervious to vandalism. He hoped that the Board would give approval to this proposal.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he supported the project but had concerns about the potential for enlarging the memorial.

Mr. Ed Lee, AIDS Vancouver, presented the rationale for this memorial and siting. This will provide a place to mourn and honour those who have died from this disease. It is a symbol of hope and caring. Mr. Lee added that there is a stigma attached to this disease and this memorial will also educate the public and heighten awareness of the disease.

Commissioner Morgan was concerned that approval of this memorial would set a precedent. The Board receives numerous requests from the public and this could result in memorials to those who die from other diseases.

Mr. Don Vaughan stated that he was in favour of the memorial and the design is an excellent work of art. He was concerned about the site for the memorial as it will have to grow and he suggested that the area at Fraser & 37th (Mountainview Cemetery) be considered. He has spoken to the Greenways Committee who support placement of the memorial in that location. He suggested that staff revisit this issue and that memorials be a separate item in the Board' s Commemorative Installations guidelines.

Ms. Ilse Schnirch was sympathetic and felt that AIDS victims should be honoured but there are people who die of other diseases that also need to be recognized. She felt that tree planting instead would be much less intrusive, would mark a new beginning and the continuation of life. The AIDS memorial should not be placed in Stanley Park and, instead, could be located near a hospital or University where it would encourage research into this disease.

The Chair stated that the AIDS disease is a plague that cannot be ignored. He felt that a powerful statement could be made more powerful by having it in the park.

Mr. Hans Schmid, expressed due respect for those who have died of AIDS but he cannot support this proposal. If this memorial is approved for Stanley Park then the Board cannot deny future similar requests. He would rather keep Stanley Park as natural as possible and suggested that trees be planted in the park instead of erecting a memorial.

Mr. Jim Harvey, Friends of Stanley Park, felt that there was no reason to justify having this memorial in Stanley Park. He urged the Board to find a proactive solution to benefit Stanley Park and suggested a community program of gift trees to any City park that would be similar to the bench program. This would still allow for proper closure for all people and offer them an opportunity to give something back to the City. He stressed that if this memorial in Stanley Park is approved it will lead to other proposals.

Ms. Eleanor Hadley stated that Ceperley Park is a children' s playground and family picnic area and it is unacceptable for this memorial to be placed there. She was concerned that there was no public hearing on this proposal and she only knew of it

through an article in a Gay newspaper. Ms. Hadley added that every disease is terrible but memorials are not erected for those who die from them and Stanley Park is not the place for this memorial.

Mr. David McCann stated that he was in favour of this memorial being in Stanley Park as the Park is already filled with memorials. He noted that the Arts Community has been devastated by this disease and these people deserve to be remembered. Memorials have been erected in other cities where people have died of diseases such as smallpox. He noted that the size of the memorial needs to be addressed and the designers are willing to look at this as they are sensitive to the needs of the community. Mr. McCann informed the Board that there will be an endowment fund in place so that taxpayers will not have to pay for this.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the motion be amended to add that the length of the memorial be limited to 60 feet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Wilson stated that Stanley Park is the neighbourhood park for those living in this area. As 1 in 10 of those living here are HIV positive there could not be a more appropriate location in this city.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that this is a memorial for the living. They need to be reminded of the terrible toll of this disease. Stanley Park is serene and parks are for people, this is not just a memorial it is a piece of art and will add something positive to the location.

Commissioner Morgan supports the project as the community has come together on this project and the design has gone through a detailed process. This memorial will have much significance to Vancouverites.

Commissioner Ashford supported the concept but not the issue of stigma. He agreed that an attitude shift is necessary with regard to this disease and a memorial will not solve the problem. He did not agree that this memorial needs to be in a park and felt that the suggestion for Mountainview Cemetery was a good one. There are other alternatives for this very special memorial.

Commissioner Louis stated that he supported the motion. He was very impressed by the organization and the ongoing time and effort spent on this proposal. It is important to also recognize other organizations such as the Friends of Stanley Park who don't come to the Board with an unprincipled opposition or an opposition based on prejudice, it is based on a real belief consistently.

The Chair understands the concerns of those who don't want this memorial in Stanley Park. He is also concerned but is in favour of the motion. He stated that it is important to express that this is not intended by the Board to set a precedent for other monuments in the park. He deferred to those who feel that this monument is necessary and most powerfully expressed in Stanley Park.

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

THAT the Board accept the donation from AIDS Vancouver of the AIDS Memorial and approve its installation in the wooded area above Ceperley Park Fieldhouse in Stanley Park, subject to the completion of the standard public art contract and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and,

THAT the length of the memorial be limited to 60 feet.

- **CARRIED.**

(Commissioner Ashford contrary).

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

• 1997 FEES AND CHARGES

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 1996 recommending that the attached Fees and Charges Schedule be approved by the Board for implementation on January 1, 1997.

Mr. Glen Boyd, a painter in the Park, and Mr. Colin Boog, Vice President, Vancouver Aquatic Centre Diving Club, had requested to appear before the Board but were not present at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the attached Fees and Charges Schedule be approved by the Board for implementation on January 1, 1997, with the exception of those Fees and Charges that are referring to the hourly pool rentals for the Vancouver Aquatic Centre Diving Club and Artist Permits for Painters in the Park, subject to further discussion.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary,

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh absent at time of voting)

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

• 1997 VANDUSEN FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW TICKET PRICES

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 1996 recommending that the Board approve the 1997 rates for the VanDusen Flower and Garden Show.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the 1997 rates for the VanDusen Flower and Garden Show

CARRIED

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

• 1997 PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Board members received a list of 1997 Park Board Regular Meeting dates which are in accordance with the 1997 Council Meeting Schedule.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Board approve the 1997 Park Board Regular Meeting Schedule as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

WOMEN'S MONUMENT PROJECT

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Board pay for the installation of the granite benches in the Women' s Monument Project at a cost not to exceed \$14,000, with funds to come from park development monies.

Commissioner Morgan outlined the process to date with this issue and the fact that it does not fit into the criteria for funding because of the way that community is defined both in public art and in the neighbourhood matching fund. The Public Art Committee have suggested that the Board could waive the maintenance fee for this monument. Although the Public Art Committee had agreed to provide this money, they did that in advance of City Council approving the requirement. They hoped now that it could be grandmothers in.

She suggested that the Board could also consider the landscaping or the installation of the benches because this is something that the Board already does and because it is not more than the neighbourhood matching fund and would mean a reasonable amount of the remaining money the project has to raise.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he supported the project but suggested that the Board members commit to lobbying a City Councillor each with regard to this.

Commissioner DeGenova suggested that the Board' s bench program be used for this project. This would provide an incentive to sell benches.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh felt that this would not be guaranteeing the monument committee anything and would result in the Board becoming fundraisers.

Commissioner DeGenova suggested that this be deferred to the next meeting of the Board and could be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting. Board members agreed to this.

INFORMATION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant #45 in the amount of \$249,057.68.
