

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1997,

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh	
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Chesman was unable to attend the meeting for personal reasons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 10, 1997 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 24, 1997 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Election of Chairs for the Board's Two New Committees

Planning and Environment Committee:

Election of Chair

Commissioner DeGenova nominated Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh as Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Commissioner Yong seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh was declared the Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner DeGenova nominated Commissioner Warren as Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Commissioner McDiarmid seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Warren was declared Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Community Services and Budgets Committee

Election of Chair

Commissioner Warren nominated Commissioner Yong as Chair of the Community Services and Budgets Committee.

Commissioner DeGenova seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Yong was declared Chair of the Community Services and Budgets Committee.

Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Warren nominated Commissioner McDiarmid as Vice-Chair of the Community Services and Budgets Committee. There were no other nominations. Commissioner McDiarmid was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Community Services and Budgets Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

1997 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 1, 1997 recommending that the Board approve the 1997 Capital Budget in the amount of \$11,273,900 and as outlined in Schedule A subject to final approval by Council.

Shannon Campbell, Hisae McMicael and Wendy Pope appeared before the Board regarding the upgrading and replacement of equipment at the playground at Falaise Park.

The delegation advised the Board that their request was dropped from the list of projects in the Capital Budget.. The playground serves the need of three different schools in the area and especially the preschool. The Falaise Park Neighbourhood Committee would like the Board to improve the playground by providing benches and picnic tables and the installation of new play equipment. A signed petition to this effect was presented to the Board.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner DeGenova stated that he was willing to work with the Falaise Park Neighbourhood Committee to come up with some fund raising program. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she would assist Commissioner DeGenova on this matter.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the 1997 Capital Budget in the amount of \$11,273,900 and as outlined in Schedule A subject to final approval by Council.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commemorative Totem Pole Project - Portside Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 1997 recommending that the Board accept the recommendation of the Park Board Site Review Panel to give site approval to the Bridge Housing Society for Women, for the installation of a commemorative totem pole in Portside Park subject to acceptance through the City of Vancouver Public Art Committee process.

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that the artist would like to carve a totem pole to be placed in Portside Park to bring to light the fact that a lot of people, particularly women have been subjected to violence on the streets of Vancouver. Commissioner DeGenova enquired what the community involvement would be on this project. Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that the artist had hired women of other ethnic origins to work with her on the project. Bernice Williams, artist, advised the Board there will be nine women working on this project.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board accept the recommendation of the Park Board Site Review Panel to give site approval to the Bridge Housing Society for Women, for the installation of a commemorative totem pole in Portside Park, subject to acceptance through the City of Vancouver Public Art Committee process, and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

-Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Stanley Park Jitney Contract Award, Amended Report

This matter was referred from the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday, April 14, 1997.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, appeared before the Board and stated that he was against the reallocation of funds from the Zoo Development Account to build a new parking lot. This money was not voted for building a parking lot. He understands that this is a temporary reallocation but would still like to lodge a protest that this is being done because it is inappropriate to spend money approved by the voters in such a manner.

Kerry Kerr, Vancouver Rowing Club, has over 950 members and a major percentage of its members uses the park daily for different recreational

activities. The increase of parking fees and the reduction of parking will have a negative impact on their membership. They will support the jitney service if it reduces traffic in the park but it will not. They would like to have public transport to the park increased, before reducing parking in the park. Another suggestion to reduce traffic would be to reverse the flow of traffic on the east side of the park. This proposal should go back to the stakeholders before any final decision is made.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the Stanley Park jitney service to The Vancouver Trolley Company for a base price of \$164,502 to provide service from May 16 to September 13, 1998, generally between 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily.
- B. THAT additional services may be purchased at a rate of \$55.31 per hour per bus up to a maximum of \$20,000 and that additional hours of service are to be determined based on consumer response.
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract in Recommendations A and B. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract in Recommendations A and B.
- D. THAT parking fees in Stanley Park be increased during the summer from \$1.00 per two hours to \$1.00 per hour, and from \$3.00 to \$5.00 maximum rate per day, from May 1 to September 30, starting in 1997.
- E. THAT a new parking lot for approximately 300 vehicles be built in the location of the service yard prior to the start of the jitney service, at a cost estimated at \$450,000, to be funded in part by additional pay parking revenue generated by the increase in parking fees in Stanley Park, and in part by a temporary reallocation of funds from the Zoo Development Account.
- F. THAT approximately 600 roadside parking spaces along the jitney route on Park Drive and North Lagoon Drive be eliminated in 1998.
- G. THAT a dedicated lane for the jitney and buses be implemented on North Lagoon Drive from May 1 to September 30, starting in 1998.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like to put forward some amendments to the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT an additional \$20,000 be approved to equip all jitney vehicles with wheelchair access.

-Carried.

(Commissioners McDiarmid and Warren contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT staff consult with the BC Parapelegic Association concerning accessibility for persons with disability.

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT staff consult with stakeholders in the implementation and marketing of this service and other transportation alternatives for Stanley Park.

-Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT hereinafter this service be referred to as Stanley Park Shuttle and not the jitney.

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the effectiveness of the shuttle service be assessed and reported to the Board prior to 1999 operating year.

-Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the Stanley Park jitney service to The Vancouver Trolley Company for a base price of \$164,502 to provide service from May 16 to September 13, 1998, generally between 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily.
- B. THAT additional services may be purchased at a rate of \$55.31 per hour per bus up to a maximum of \$20,000 and that additional hours of service are to be determined based on consumer response.
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract in Recommendations A and B. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract in Recommendations A and B.
- D. THAT parking fees in Stanley Park be increased during the summer from \$1.00 per two hours to \$1.00 per hour, and from \$3.00 to \$5.00 maximum rate per day, from May 1 to September 30, starting in 1997.
- E. THAT a new parking lot for approximately 300 vehicles be built in the location of the service yard prior to the start of the jitney service, at a cost estimated at \$450,000, to be funded in part by additional pay parking revenue generated by the increase in parking fees in Stanley Park, and in part by a temporary reallocation of funds from the Zoo Development Account.
- F. THAT approximately 600 roadside parking spaces along the jitney route on Park Drive and North Lagoon Drive be eliminated in 1998.
- G. THAT a dedicated lane for the jitney and buses be implemented on North Lagoon Drive from May 1 to September 30, starting in 1998.
- H. THAT an additional \$20,000 be approved to equip all jitney vehicles with

wheelchair access.

- I. THAT staff consult with the BC Paraplegic Association concerning accessibility for persons with disability.
- J. THAT staff consult with stakeholders in the implementation and marketing of this service and other transportation alternatives for Stanley Park.
- K. THAT hereinafter this service be referred to as the Stanley Park Shuttle and not the jitney.
- L. THAT the effectiveness of the shuttle service be assessed and reported to the Board prior to 1999 operating year.

-Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

Mount Pleasant Community Centre Renovations - Award of Tender

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 3, 1997 recommending that the Board award the contract for the renovations to Mount Pleasant Community Centre to Tri Power Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$107,377.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the renovations to Mount Pleasant Community Centre to Tri Power Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$107,377.
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

-Carried Unanimously.

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner DeGenova left the room at this time on a potential conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is in the process of preparing a short list of options for a refurbished Lions Gate Bridge, the Vancouver Park Board would like to state its position on the issue.

THAT the Board is absolutely opposed to any Lions Gate Crossing that would require or result in the expansion of the roadway through Stanley Park, including a 4 - lane surface roadway.

THAT the Board would favour any crossing option that would result in the elimination of vehicular traffic through Stanley Park and a return of the

current roadway to park use. A bored or mined tunnel is the only acceptable way of achieving a widened roadway through the park

-Carried Unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Commissioner DeGenova returned to the meeting at this point of the meeting.

Strathcona Community Association - Request for Fundraising

This matter was referred from the Community Services & Budgets Committee meeting held on Monday, April 14, 1997.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that the Board has jurisdiction and responsibility of the park benches. She is opposed to selling them for fundraising purposes.

Commissioner Yong put forward the recommendation of the Community Services & Budgets Committee to give approval to the Strathcona Community Association to sell 20 benches at Andy Livingstone Park to raise funds for day programs for children and youth. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she supports this request, however, there should be a limit of 10 benches for future requests.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the sale of 20 benches at Andy Livingstone Park by Strathcona Community Association to raise funds for their day programs for children and youth.

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT for future requests received by the Board for sale of benches at Andy Livingstone Park, the limit be set at 10 benches.

-Carried.

(Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Report from the Community Services & Budgets Committee

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the report from the Community Services & Budgets Committee meeting held on Monday, March 24, 1997:

Item 1. Kits Point Residents Association - Use of Vanier Park.

Item 2. Nelson Park - Lord Roberts Annex School Fence.

Item 3. Watersports Concession at English Bay for the 1997 and 1998 Seasons.

Item 4. Vancouver Outdoor Cinema Festival.

-Carried Unanimously.

Contract Award Limits

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 2, 1997 recommending that the Board increase the contract award limits for the Purchasing Manager, and the General Manager, to \$100,000 and \$300,000 respectively, as approved by Council.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board increase the contract award limits for the Purchasing Manager, and the General Manager, to \$100,000 and \$300,000 respectively, as approved by Council.

Commissioner Warren enquired how this change will improve efficiency. The General Manager advised the Board that all Board approved contracts will be awarded more quickly and in accordance with Board policy. An information report on all contracts awarded will be forwarded to the Board monthly. Board members discussed the matter and felt that they needed to have knowledge of each contract being awarded. Commissioner Warren stated that if there is a process in place he would support the motion subject to a bi-weekly update.

The motion was put and it was DEFEATED.

(Commissioners DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh, McDiarmid and Wilson contrary)

Pay Parking at the Jericho Beach Area Parking Lots

Commissioner Yong advised the Board that this matter was referred from the Community Services & Budgets Committee meeting held on Monday, April 14, 1997. The General Manager advised the Board that the motion from the Board's meeting of March 24, 1997 requesting Council to forgo their 1/3 share of pay parking at Jericho to enable the continued volunteerism and community service of the Jericho Sailing Centre was not approved by Council.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

1. THAT a non-transferable season parking pass be made available to users of the Board's Jericho area pay parking lots, for the period in which pay parking is in effect, from May 1 to September 30 annually.
2. THAT Hostelling International Canada be permitted to purchase a limited

number of transferable season parking passes for use in the Youth Hostel parking lot only, for vehicles driven by guests staying at its Downtown Hostel, who are required by the City of Vancouver to park their vehicles at the Jericho Youth Hostel parking lot.

3. THAT the charge for the 1997 season pass be set at \$50.00 with rates for future years to be set at the Board' s annual review of its fees and charges.
4. THAT U-Park Enterprises Ltd., be authorised to manage the pay parking operations at the Jericho area parking lots, under the same terms as its existing contract for management of the Board' s other pay parking lots.

-Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #12 in the amount of \$568,660.67 Cdn., \$14,919.113 US; Warrant #13 in the amount of \$140,343.21; Warrant #14 in the amount of \$492,315.27.
