

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

PRESENT: Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Commissioners	- David Chesman
	- Allan DeGenova
	- Laura McDiarmid
	- Patrick Warren
	- Gabriel Yong
General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
A/Director of Operations	- Ken Spain
Manager - Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
Manager - Wildlife	- Mike Mackintosh
Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 26, 1997 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Tunnel Watch

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that the Provincial Government released some polling results regarding approval rating for tolls on the First Narrows Crossing. The approval rating indicated 72% of the population was in favour of tolls rather than an increased level of government debt. Commissioner Wilson stated that it was important to note that 60% of the traffic on the First Narrows Crossing was pleasure or leisure, only 20% was commuter traffic, which makes the argument for tolls to be more compelling. Commissioner Wilson applauded the Provincial Government for their co-operative attitude in recent months with the Board, other local municipalities and the Squamish band. Commissioner Wilson stated that it was important to have a constructive attitude and realise that there is tremendous potential to benefit not just Stanley Park but also the West End and North Shore communities.

Conflict of Interest Allegations

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that Rev. Tim Stevenson, M.L.A.

indicated to Commissioner DeGenova that he had not received the Board's invitation to attend a Board meeting to explain his allegation of conflict of interest, now known to be unfounded against Commissioner DeGenova, and or to apologise to Commissioner DeGenova in a public session. Commissioner Chesman requested the letter to be re-sent to Rev. Stevenson double registered. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh requested a copy of the letter be sent to Premier Glen Clark.

Off-leash areas for Dogs

Commissioner Wilson stated that in recent weeks the issue of off-leash areas for dogs has come to a head and it is time for the Park Board to deal with this issue. Commissioner Wilson asked the Community Services and Budgets Committee to discuss the matter looking at the viability of potential off-leash times and implementation of a policy whereby off-leash zones might be considered. A public meeting can then be scheduled on this issue.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Commissioner McDiarmid for attending the meeting in the Kitsilano community regarding the dog issue.

Incidents in Stanley Park

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that there have been incidents in Stanley Park in relation to criminal activity, the most recent being the shooting over the weekend. Commissioner Wilson stated that in discussion with the Mayor's office, we can be reassured with the fact that violent crime has not been on the increase in the city. Auto thefts and break-ins on cars have been on the increase in general, however, there has been a 40% decrease in certain areas particularly around the Aquarium last year as a result of a joint project between ICBC and the Vancouver Aquarium. Commissioner Wilson asked Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh to discuss this matter at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Beaver Lake Environmental Enhancement Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 1997 recommending that the report on the Beaver Lake Environment Enhancement Project be received for information.

Mike Mackintosh, Manager - Wildlife, gave a slide presentation on the current status and the needs of the ongoing project at Beaver Lake. Mr. Mackintosh pointed out the very diverse plant and wildlife that exists around Beaver Lake. One of the major issues is the natural infilling of the lake. If Beaver Lake is to be retained it will require some form of dredging. Studies has indicated that the Beaver Lake wetlands will be lost within the next decade if action is not taken to reverse the current accelerated process of infilling. The Beaver Lake Environmental Enhancement Project is a collaborative effort made up of

representatives from the Vancouver Park Board, The Ecology Society in Stanley Park, Stanley Park Nature House, Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver Salmon and Stream Society, Department of fisheries and Oceans, Ducks Unlimited, UBC Department of Botany , Animal Science, Electron Microscopy Lab, Landscape Architecture, SFU Department of Biology, Douglas College, Geological Consulting, JM Stewart Surveys Ltd. and Federation of B.C. Naturalists. The Vancouver Aquarium is involved in the salmon stream enhancement project. A mission, goals and objectives statement has been developed which guides the project. Vancouver Park Board staff are facilitating the project.

Board members thanked Mr. Mackintosh for his presentation and Commissioner Chesman stated that there seems to be a similar theme to what is being done in other parts of the city such as Hastings Park and Fraserview which is creating a better partnership with the Vancouver Aquarium and the fish restoration projects in the city.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT this report on the Beaver Lake Environmental Enhancement Project be received for information.

-Carried Unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Award of Security Guard Service

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 26, 1997 recommending that the Security Guard Service contract be awarded to Securicor Protection Services Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Security Guard Service contract be awarded to Securicor Protection Services Inc.

-Carried Unanimously.

Extension of Current Contract for Electrical Supplies

Commissioner Warren left the room on the basis of a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 1997 recommending that the current electrical supply contracts with Gough Electric, Gescan and Wesco be extended for a further twelve (12) month period.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the current electrical supply contracts with Gough Electric, Gescan and Wesco be extended for a further twelve (12) month period.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Warren returned to the meeting at this time.

Administration Building Roof Replacement - Quote 97-37

Commissioner Chesman left the room on the basis of a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 16, 1997 recommending that the Board award the contract for reroofing the main Administration building and Boardroom roofs to the low bidder, Marine Roofing and Sheet Metal.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

A. THAT the Board award the contract for reroofing the main Administration building and Board room roofs to the low bidder, Marine Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd. for a cost of \$112,630.

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 on the contemplated contract.

-Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McDiarmid advised Board members that the Vancouver Park Board was nominated for the Ethics in Action Award. She attended the function and received the certificate on behalf of the Board.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Wilson stated that he wished to discuss the handling of correspondence with the Commissioners. With regard to invitation received for Board members, these are being logged by Julie and Barb.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #20 in the amount of \$369,737.84 (Cdn), \$987.50 (US), Warrant #21 in the amount of \$713,519.25 (Cdn.), \$436.15 (US), Warrant #22 in the amount of \$1,404.00(US), \$331,413.84 (Cdn.)

