

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 1997

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PRESENT: Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	- David Chesman
	- Allan DeGenova
	- Laura McDiarmid
	- Patrick Warren
	- Gabriel Yong
Acting General Manager	- Allan Argent
Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
Director of Finance	- Doug Holden
Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
Acting Director of Recreation	- John Grant
Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 27, 1997 were adopted as circulated.

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**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Board members thanked Doug Holden, Director of Finance who was retiring effective November 7, 1997 for his many years of service and financial guidance to the Board. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Holden with a card and a gift. Mr. Holden thanked the Board and stated that he enjoyed his stay at the Park Board.

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**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Community Association Presidents' Referendum Committee**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 1997 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**THAT the Board receive the staff report dated October 23, 1997 for**

**information.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that this process was initiated as part of the strategy to look at long term needs of Community Centres and hope that it will continue.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the success of the \$2 million referendum question is the most significant achievement of the previous Board. This demonstrates what the people in the community can do when given the opportunity to work together, not unlike Hastings Park, this is another example of the community working together. Commissioner Chesman thanked the Association Presidents for working together.

Commissioner DeGenova thanked the centres that stepped aside for other centres more in need of funds for improvements.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**THAT the Park Board approve the recommendations submitted by the Association Presidents' Referendum Committee.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Youth Week Programming

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that at the Association Presidents' meeting each of the centre donated \$100 towards Youth Week Programming. Commissioner Chesman stated that he suggested to the Association Presidents may wish to ask the Board to match the total amount of \$2,300 donated by the Community Associations.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT the Park Board respond affirmatively to the Presidents request that the Board match the Presidents' contributions of \$2,300 for Youth Week Programming.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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### VanDusen Botanical Gardens

Commissioner Yong advised the Board that he added the event which unveiled the official Chinese name for VanDusen Botanical Gardens. Commissioner Yong stated that there have been enquiries from the Chinese press on what the criteria were to have a Chinese name for a park such as Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. Commissioner Wilson referred this matter for

discussion at the Planning and Environment Committee.

Commissioner Wilson left the room at this time.

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### B. C. Gaming Policy

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that at the last Association Presidents' meeting the matter of the B. C. Gaming Policy change was discussed. The Association Presidents were concerned with the policy change which gives the Province more money.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

**THAT staff investigate the implications to the Community Centre Associations resulting from changes to the Province' s gaming policy and report back to the Board at its December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

Commissioner Wilson returned to the meeting at this point.

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### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Warrants**

Warrant #45 in the amount of \$632,857.61: US \$165.00, Cdn. \$632,692.61.

#### **Financial Statements - Operating and Capital Accounts**

Staff information report dated October 21, 1997 was mailed to Board members.

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