

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Vice Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh	
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	Acting General Manager	- Allan Argent
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Manager Park Acquisitions & Research	- Pieter Rutgers
	Acting Director of Recreation	- John Grant
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chesman referred to page 13 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 08, 1997 and stated that his comments would be more accurate with the following clarification:

"...Commissioner Chesman stated that he discussed this matter with the union and expressed his view that is where a public body **not** in the business of creating.....should be reallocated **to public service** which will innot in the business to **guaranteeing** jobs into the future. However," *(The corrections are in bold and underlined)*

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 08, 1997 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Wilson stated that the Tunnel Watch report will be dropped for tonight due to the length of the agenda. Commissioner DeGenova had a short report to make to the Board.

Commissioner DeGenova advised the Board that it was sad to hear the passing of the retired Police Chief Ray Canuel. Chief Canuel was instrumental

in saving and rebuilding the Mounted Squad in Stanley Park. Commissioner DeGenova stated that the Board could consider naming the stables after the late Chief Canuel. Commissioner DeGenova advised the Board that he will be attending the funeral service on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Creation and Funding of Youth Service Workers with Responsibilities for First Nations Youth and Gay and Lesbian Youth

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 15, 1998 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Mary Lou Matthews, Board member, Mount Pleasant Community Centre appeared before the Board and stated that they supported the staff report. Ms. Matthews stated that although the First Nations Youth and the Gay and Lesbian Youth are high risk and are significant social issues, they would like to put them in context of the overall use issues. There are 180 thousand children living in poverty in British Columbia. The Park Board staff have been preparing a blue print for youth services. Youth Worker pilot project were given a favourable evaluation last year. It is however difficult to attract and retain youth workers as long as the funding for these positions remain unstable, there were also concerns that the youth workers were taking on too much and getting burnt out. The youth worker at Mount Pleasant has been able to bring at risk youth to the centre and involving them in community projects. The key areas in 1998 are enhanced collaboration with community agencies and improved access to services, especially in the north-east sector.. In consideration of tonight's report and at this time of budget restraint and funding issues, they are concerned that their fragile youth worker position could be in jeopardy. They support the Park Board's continuation with the community based service model and that all youth workers should develop skills to work with at risk groups including the First Nations and gay and lesbian youth and others. In order to achieve this specialized resource material and training programs would be required.

Michael Cook, Urban Native Youth Association, appeared before the Board and stated that the aboriginal youth has very little contact with community centres. Their front line workers has contact with the community centre only when there is concern about their youth. Mr. Cook stated that the Urban Native Youth Association and the Community Centres need to develop a stronger relationship in order for an integrated process to be effective. There need to be a better understanding of the aboriginal community and their needs. A lot of them lose family ties and need a social support system. There has been a long history of mistrust between the mainstream and aboriginal organizations and this creates a negative stigma due to ignorance of the real problems faced by aboriginal youth. Although the Urban Native Youth Association is equipped to deal with these problems, there is a need for aboriginal professionals in community centres. The access card provided by the Park Board is good, but their youth need structure. There is no substance to the report. It glosses over the issue and does not make any commitment and no clear idea as to how this is going to be implemented.

Jennifer Horgos, GAB Youth Services, stated that she was pleased to see the Park Board take a closer look at services for aboriginal, gay, lesbian and transgendered youth. Ms. Horgos stated that the youth are reluctant to use the services at the community centres because they are afraid of rejection. Ms. Horgos stated that she was concerned with the lack of specifics in the report. There are a few strategies mentioned which GAB Youth Services could assist in, but, in order to do that they would like to see that there are policies , processes and funding in place.

Tony Kapos, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee, stated that there is a blueprint which indicates what the youth program at the Park Board is intended to be. There are a number of training programs for the youth workers. There is not enough funds available to have extended youth service programs, however, they are doing the best with what they have. The Youth Workers service all the youth in the community, it would not be wise to have workers targeted for specific groups. Mr. Kapos stated that he supports the staff report.

Board members discussed the matter and was supportive of the staff report. The need for more funding to expand the youth service program is recognised by the Board. Commissioner Chesman stated that even though the Board had suffered serious budget cutting, funding for youth and youth at risk programs have increased. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that some of the issues brought up by the delegations should be addressed. Commissioner Wilson referred this to the Community Services and Budget Committee for discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the report on the Creation and Funding of Youth Service Workers with Responsibilities for First Nations Youth and Gay and Lesbian Youth dated January 15, 1998 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

Vancouver Aquarium - Salmon Stream Donor Recognition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 7 and 14, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the donor recognition criteria for the Vancouver Aquarium' s Salmon Stream Project.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that she was concerned with the Aquarium using the salmon stream to take away more land from Stanley Park. Ms. Hadley stated that there was no need to have nine signs. This is commercialism in the park and the signs are being used to advertise the Aquarium.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, stated that he does not believe this to be a salmon stream. This is not a stream with native salmon population but with captive salmon. He was concerned with the nature of information on the signs. Mr. Rothwell stated that this was a demonstration project and the signs should be near to the Aquarium.

Dr. John Nightingale appeared before the Board and stated that the salmon stream project is a co-operated effort between the Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver Park Board, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and hopefully the Province of British Columbia. Dr. Nightingale stated that they will be approaching donors to fund this project and would like to have an understanding as to what kind of recognition the donors could expect. The salmon stream interpretation has not been designed yet, but would like to have the most interpretation possible. The idea is to use two and a half and three dimensional objects. There would be no donor recognition for geography. This is a hands-on learn by doing project.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the salmon stream project is the centrepiece of the new constructive relationship between the Vancouver Aquarium and the Vancouver Park Board. Commissioner Chesman stated that he was pleased with this initiative and hope that it would not be confused with the corporate sponsorship program of the Board. Commissioner Wilson stated that this was a significant precedent of naming the project and not the geography as it provides an incentive for the continued support of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the amended donor recognition criteria attached to the staff report dated January 14, 1998 for the Vancouver Aquarium' s Salmon Stream project.

Carried Unanimously

New Brighton Park - Revised Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 8, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the revised plan for New Brighton Park; that staff report back with a phasing plan and budget for implementation and that the Board request the City' s Street Naming Committee that the roadway leading to the Alberta Wheat Pool be named - "Brighton Road".

Chris Phillips, Landscape Consultant, gave a brief overview of the key features planned for New Brighton Park. Mr. Phillips advised the Board that there would be an improved shoreline west of the swimming pool. There will be a new grassy area north of the newly constructed Port Overpass to be named Brighton Bowl. It is proposed to raise the ground level of the existing field west of the pool which suffers from poor drainage. This will make the field usable for some organized sports, but would mainly serve as a picnicking and informal play area. As part of the Restoration Plan for Hastings Park, a pedestrian/bicycle landbridge will be built over McGill Street, the C.P. railroad and the new road to the Alberta Wheat Pool. There will be historical markers and additional green lawn area at the swimming pool. A salt-water marsh is proposed for the area east of the swimming pool. An additional pedestrian access will be provided with the opening of the Port Overpass. The easterly sidewalk on the overpass will provide access above the railway and into the western section of New Brighton Park.

Ralph Kelman appeared before the Board and stated that he supports the new plan for the park, except that he liked walking through the tunnel. Mr. Kelman suggested that the present proposed location of the overpass into new Brighton Park should be realigned as it intrude in to the centre of the park where a lot of people like to sit and have picnics. The waterfront should be developed as such that tour boats could stop by and enjoy the historical aspects of the park.

Marion Olivieri advised the Board that the Hastings Community Association members endorses the plan for New Brighton Park. They are anxious for the construction to begin and would like to see more money in the next capital plan for this park, as this is the only waterfront park on the east side of the city.

Board members discussed the matter and indicated that this was a good plan for New Brighton Park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the revised plan for New Brighton Park, as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix A.

THAT staff report back with a phasing plan and budget for implementation.

THAT the Board request the City' s Street Naming Committee to name the roadway leading to the Alberta Wheat Pool "Brighton Road".

Carried Unanimously

Hastings Park Demolition - Phase II - Tender 97-14

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 8, 1998 recommending that the Board award the Hastings Park Demolition Phase II tender as listed in the report.

Pieter Rutgers, Manager Park Acquisition and Research, reviewed the calendar of actions taken both by the Board and Council in regard to the Hastings Park Restoration. Mr. Rutgers indicated to the Board that the report before them was not a policy decision but a contract award. Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that in accordance to Park Board policy, contracts below \$50,000 did not require Board approval, however, he directed staff, in any event of our normal policy to bring the matter to the Board for consideration. This was done on the knowledge that there were some people in the community who have concerns to express.

Ralph Kelman, Friends of the PNE, appeared before the Board and stated that when the Province handed over Hastings Park to the City, it should have stipulated that the buildings were to be retained. Mr. Kelman stated that the food building which is slated to be demolished could be used by as a movie site.

Don Luxton, representative of Canadian Art Deco Society asked the Board too not demolish the Pure Foods Building. This building is on the heritage list and could be adapted for recreational use. Mr. Luxton asked the Board to reconsider the demolition of the Pure Foods Building.

Rene Desa, works with Dennis Rudd who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Desa stated that the Pure Foods building could be used as a movie studio and generate revenue for the Board.

Cynthia Flood, Hastings Park Residents Committee, spoke on behalf of Timothy Welsh who was ill. Ms. Flood stated that the Residents Committee would like to see Hastings Park as a park. It is sad to see the buildings go, but, a lot of the groups did not get all they wanted. The whole process is to bring the heritage back, which is to bring the park to what it was one hundred years ago.

Mary Jewell, Friends of P.N.E. spoke on behalf of Karen Woodward. Ms. Jewell stated that Ms. Woodward works at the B. C. Pavilion and her job is jeopardy with the demolition of the building. There is no discussion as yet as to what will happen to the Challenger Map. A park will bring problems such as drug peddling and needles. Ms. Jewell asked the Board to reconsider the demolition and have an assessment of the buildings done.

Maurice Guibord, Vancouver Heritage Society, stated that they were strongly opposed to the demolition of the Pure Food Building. Mr. Guibord asked the Board to defer the demolition and explore the opportunity of retaining, recycling and reusing. Last week' s announcement by the Province of British Columbia and Landmark Development has provided an opportune solution to the PNE dilemma and the pressure to deal with this situation in a demolition format has now been eased.

Marion Olivieri, Hastings Park Working Committee, stated that the committee kept in mind during the process the direction given by City Council that certain structures were to remain on the site and these were the Coliseum, Agrodome and the Garden Auditorium. As the park plan developed, consultants and architects conducted a building re-use and adaptive study and it became apparent that some other structures had merit for re-use in the envisioned park. The Forum, Rollerland and Garden could be used for a variety of recreational and cultural activities including performance space, rehearsal hall and indoor sports. The Showmart and Food buildings were examined, however, they are deemed not useful nor appropriate for inclusion, particularly, because they create a visual barrier between the park and the adjacent community. Opening the park to the community was one of the most important component to the park setting. The wide view of heritage value of this site is important and the layers of history are reflected in the restoration of the landscape and the Art Deco period by retaining the Garden, Forum and Rollerland. The committee has gone beyond Council' s direction in salvaging two more heritage structures, the Forum and Rollerland. Ms. Olivieri asked the Board to proceed with the park plan and agree to the demolition phase tonight.

Mariken van Nimwegen, Hastings Community Association, stated that the

recent NHL All Star celebration at the PNE grounds bringing traffic and congestion in the neighbourhood is something that community do not wish to have. Ms. van Nimwegen stated that she thought there was already an agreement to restore Hastings Park and she is surprised to see the opposition to getting anything new happening. She is disappointed with the last minute input to deny the work that has gone into the planning process, no one is anti-heritage. The park should be opened up for the community to use. The retention of the buildings for private uses would mean the continuation of the alienation of the community from using the park.

Alan Scales, Hastings Community Association, stated that there is a need to keep the process moving. The demolition of the buildings will give the community a sense that the park is becoming a reality. A lot of thought went into the planning for this park and the retention of certain historical artifacts will give the park a strong sense of history.

Earl Peach, Hastings Park Working Committee, representing the environment forum, stated that the real heritage of this Province is trees. Mr. Peach invited the members of the Friends of PNE to meet with them and get involved in this process so that they may realize the possibilities of this park and for the community. This will be the future heritage of the park.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board meeting be permitted to run past 11:00 p.m.

-Carried.

(Commissioner McDiarmid contrary)

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she was impressed with the stamina of the Hastings Park Working Committee. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh congratulated the Hastings Park Working committee for an excellent job. Commissioner Wilson stated that he supports the recommendation in the staff report as there is no way round it, it is not a perfect solution, but one that will benefit the community. Commissioner Chesman stated that setting the demolition aside is the same as setting the plan aside. It is a good thing that the City is preserving heritage, however, the City is also preserving and creating green space and especially in the park deficient areas of the City. Commissioner Chesman stated that the process that led to the restoration plan of Hastings Park was and remains an extraordinary achievement in the City' s political and institutional history. This is a process that is now being endorsed by the City' s Planning Commission as the model for multi-stakeholder community planning in the city. Commissioner Chesman stated that the Board should not now or ever break faith with the people that participated in the process endorsed by the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

A. THAT the Board award Bid Package A to Johnston & McKinnon Demolitions (1981) Ltd. for the demolition of the B.C. Pavilion Building for \$416,000 plus GST.

B. THAT the Board award Bid Package B to Litchfield & Co. Ltd. for the demolition of the Foodmart Building for \$36,000 plus GST.

C. THAT the Board award Bid Package C to Litchfield & Co. Ltd. for the demolition of the Showmart Building for \$68,600 plus GST.

D. THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

Carried Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Brockton Pavilion Society - Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 7, 1998 recommending that the Brockton Pavilion society be granted a five year lease extension from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002, on the same conditions as their existing lease except for changes which may be required by the Director of Legal Services.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Brockton Pavilion Society be granted a five year lease extension from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002, on the same conditions as their existing lease except for changes which may be required by the Director of Legal Services.

THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of this resolution and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.

Carried Unanimously

Award of Rental of Construction Equipment

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 12, 1998 recommending that the contract for rental of construction equipment be awarded to various bidders.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the contract for rental of construction equipment be awarded to various bidders as per listing in the staff report.

THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated documents.

Carried Unanimously

Stanley Park Shuttle Bus Marketing Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 8, 1998 recommending that the Board award a contract for the marketing of the new Stanley Park Shuttle Bus service to the Barr and Wilcox Group for a cost of \$60,000 to be funded from the corporate sponsorship account.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board award a contract for the marketing of the new Stanley Park shuttle Bus service to the Barr & Wilcox Group for a cost of \$60,000 to be funded from the corporate sponsorship account.

Carried Unanimously

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

1998 New and Non Recuring Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 13, 1998 recommending that the Board grant early approval for some of 1998 New and Non Recurring Projects as per Appendix I.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board grant early approval for some of the 1998 New and Non Recurring (NNR) Projects as per Appendix I.

Carried Unanimously

Sprinklers Restaurant - Lease Assignment and Modification of lease to Include an Option to Renew

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 16, 1998 recommending that the Board consent to an assignment of the lease for Sprinklers Restaurant from Sprinklers Restaurant Inc to Chris Chatten, or a company wholly controlled by him, subject to the assignee entering into a form of assignment acceptable to the Director of Legal Services and that the lease be modified to include an option to renew subject to the terms listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board consent to an assignment of the lease for Sprinklers Restaurant from Sprinklers Restaurant Inc to Chris Chatten, or a company

wholly controlled by him, subject to the assignee entering into a form of assignment acceptable to the Director of Legal Services.

THAT the lease be modified to include an option to renew, subject to the assignee not being in default under the lease, for five years and shall be on such other terms and conditions as the Board and the tenant agree, provided however that the form which shall be used, at the Board' s option, shall be based on the Board' s standard restaurant lease form then in existence.

THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until the execution of the contemplated documents.

Carried Unanimously

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Approval of Warrants

Warrant #51 in the amount of \$357,068.22: Cdn: \$356,718.22, US \$350.00; Warrant #52 in the amount of \$234,363.45, Warrant #53 in the amount of \$593,552.98, Warrant #54 in the amount of \$320,460.11: Cdn: \$318,892.86, US:\$1,567.25; Warrant #55 in the amount of \$307,366.90: Cdn: \$306,839.10, US:\$527.80; Warrant #1 in the amount of \$512,215.47: Cdn:\$512,016.47, US:\$199.00; Warrant #2 in the amount of \$104,523.23.
