

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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
	Acting Director of Recreation	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Approval Of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation were adopted as circulated.

Vancouver Heritage Award

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh was at the Vancouver Heritage Award ceremony. The Heritage Awards are usually held on a Monday of a Park Board meeting and Park Commissioners are unable to attend this event. However, the Board has tonight sent Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh to emphasize the Board's support of heritage issues and to receive the Heritage Award presented to the Park Board for preservation work done on the Roundhouse.

Tunnel Watch

Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, advised the Board that the Province was looking at several options for a tunnel. It would probably take two months for the proposals to start arriving.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

1998 Aquarium Admission Rates

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 4, 1998 regarding the 1998 Aquarium admission fees for the Board's consideration.

Greg Roth and Marie Dickens from the Vancouver Aquarium appeared before the Board regarding an adjustment to the admission rates for 1998. Ms. Dickens stated that they would like to advertise their rates as net of GST similar to other venues. Mr. Roth stated that he had done a comparative on the range of admission fees at different aquariums and the Vancouver Aquarium are very reasonable. Ms. Dickens indicated that the Aquarium will continue to accept Leisure Cards and have 2 free days in a year.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the Aquarium appear before the Board regarding their admission rates as it is a requirement as they have a public subsidy through the dollar a year rent for public land. It would be his recommendation that the Board have no further involvement with the Aquarium's admission rates unless they seek to raise it over a certain percentage, e.g. 10%.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like staff to provide the Board with an information report on the advisability of including some sort of requirement regarding the Leisure Access Program as we move forward with our negotiations with the Aquarium.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the 1998 Aquarium admission fees as outlined in the letter from the Vancouver Aquarium dated January 16, 1998, be approved.

-Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Christmas Train and Children's Farmyard - Acquisition of New Lights Display

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 5, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations 1 to 6 in the report.

Peter Hansen, Executive Director and Jim Cook, Secretary-Treasurer, British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association appeared before the Board regarding the light display at the Stanley Park Children's Farmyard and Christmas Train. They provide funding to the Burn Unit at Vancouver Hospital. The Winter Wonderland has raised over \$600,000 in donations for the burn fund. The owners of this light display have decided to discontinue effective this year and the B.C. Fire Fighters Association met with the Director of Administrative and Revenue Services to see how they could take the light display and use it to continue to provide the funding to the burn unit at the hospital. They support the staff report and would like the Board to know that they are appreciative of their consideration of this project. The light display will add to the attraction of the Stanley Park Christmas Train.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the delegation for bringing forward this project.

Doug McNicol, CUPE 1004, appeared before the Board and stated that the union support the staff report. There will be jobs created for its members and it is for a worthwhile cause.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

1. THAT the Board accept the transfer of clear title to a Christmas Lights Display presently located at 13766 63a Avenue in Surrey, British Columbia from the B.C. Professional Firefighters Burn Fund for the nominal consideration of \$1.00.
2. THAT the Board transfer a share of admission fees, as outlined in this report, from the Christmas Train and Children' s Farmyard to the City and, subject to receiving the necessary City Council approval, the City shall in turn transfer this amount to the British Columbia Professional Firefighters Burn Fund as a grant.
3. THAT the Board enter into a five year operating agreement, effective July 1, 1998 with the City of Vancouver, the British Columbia Professional Firefighters Burn Fund and CUPE local 1004 with all terms and conditions subject to the approval of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services.
4. THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of the above resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.
5. THAT the Board approve the expenditure of \$19,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship account to be used for upgrading the electrical service at the Children' s Farmyard and that it be repaid after the Christmas season.
6. THAT the Board approve the revised 1998 fee structure for the Stanley Park Christmas Train and Children' s Farmyard Lights Display as outlined in this report.

-Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden - 1998 Fee Increase

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 6, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the request of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to increase the admission fees to the Classical Garden.

Jack Wong, Vice President, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society, stated that he was present to answer any questions they may have with regard to their request for a fee increase. Mr. Wong stated that there is growing interest in the garden and it is also well attended by tourists.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the request of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to increase the admission fees to the Classical Garden to:

Adult \$ 6.50 (from \$5.25)

Senior \$ 5.00 (from \$3.75)

Family \$15.00 (from \$12.00)

Children/Students \$ 4.00 (from \$3.75)

As of May 1, 1998.

-Carried Unanimously.

Killarney Community Centre

Commissioner Chesman stated that he will not be part of the discussion on this matter on a potential conflict of interest, however, he wanted to commend Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh as liaison to Killarney Community Centre. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh brought the attention of the Board to the plight of Killarney Community Centre and from there a more general look at all community centres which brought about the community centre renewal program. The \$2 million extra referendum in the Capital Plan and the plan to bring all the community centres together to embark upon a ten year renewal plan was successful. Killarney is the largest renovation of a community centre in the history of the city. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh deserve a lot of credit for this achievement.

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 11, 1998 recommending that the Board award a contract for the addition and alterations to Killarney Community Centre to Shimizu Canada Engineering Corporation.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board award a contract for the Addition and Alterations to Killarney Community Centre to Shimizu Canada Engineering Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$3,966,280, excluding GST, subject to agreement on unit prices by the Director of Planning, such contract to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- 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.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

Bloedel Conservatory Chiller

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 11, 1998 recommending that the Acting General Manager be given the authority to award the supply of a chiller for the Bloedel Conservatory.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Acting General Manager be given the authority to award the supply of a chiller for the Bloedel Conservatory.

- Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner DeGenova enquired whether a meeting with the North Fraser Harbour Commission had been set up. Commissioner Wilson asked Commissioner DeGenova to arrange for the meeting.

Commissioner McDiarmid enquired about the status of the Millennium Project. Commissioner DeGenova advised the Board that the meeting for the Millennium Project will be held on February 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Committee Room #2 at City Hall.

Commissioner Chesman referred to the News Release regarding the dismantling of the Challenger Relief Map on Tuesday, February 17 and put into storage until a new home is found. This will allow the Board to begin the restoration of Hastings Park.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Approval of Warrants

Warrant #5 in the amount of \$474,591.18, Warrant #6 in the amount of \$265,371.89: Cdn. \$264,975.97, US \$395.92.
