

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1998

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice Chair - Alan Fetherstonhaugh	
	Commissioners	- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	Acting General Manager	- Allan Argent
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Central Recreation Services	- Jule Hopkins
	Assistant Manager of Income Operations	- Alison Dempsey
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Chesman was out of town on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation held on Monday, April 6, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

"Tunnel Watch" : Jim Lowden stated that there was nothing to report.

"City Council Report": Commissioner Wilson reported that he attended the meeting where Council reconsidered and approved the transfer of funds between the Stanley Park accounts to facilitate the Stanley Park Transportation Plan. Commissioner Chesman attended the meeting where Council dealt with the Hastings Park issue. City Council did not endorse the Board's recommendation that the lease not be extended beyond the end of this year. They have granted the PNE extension until the end of 1999.

Rotary Club: Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Mr. Mel Endelman and Mr. John Sullivan from the Rotary Club of Vancouver were present to make a donation towards the English Bay Bike Route project. Mr. Endelman presented a cheque in the amount \$25,000 being the first of two installments of their donation towards the upgrading of the seawall.

Stanley Park Parking Lot

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 1998 recommending that the Board award Contract T98-9 to Matcon Excavating Ltd. For the construction of a public parking lot in Stanley Park.

Gerry O'Neill appeared before the Board and stated that he wished to bring forward a soil expert to address the Board on soils that will be excavated from the works yard and placed in the existing police paddocks. Mr. O'Neill stated that he was concerned with the soil being placed in the police paddocks and he was willing to pay for its removal from the park. If the negotiations with staff was successful, there is a possibility that his horses will be moved into the police paddocks.

Commissioner Wilson questioned why Mr. O'Neill wished to bring in a soil expert. Mr. O'Neill stated that the soil scientist might have suggestions on how to remove the soil rather than putting them in the existing police paddocks. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would have to put the question to the Board members whether they will want to hear another delegation.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he understood that discussion of this matter with the delegation could prejudice the negotiation which is being made with staff at this time. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning stated that it would be premature for the Board to discuss this matter with Mr. O'Neill. Mr. Lowden advised the Board that staff would be bringing a report back to the Board regarding the terms of a lease for occupation of space in the area now occupied by the police paddock.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board award Contract T98-9 to Matcon Excavating Ltd. for the construction of a public parking lot in Stanley Park for the tendered price of \$578,890.
- 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

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

U-Park Enterprises Ltd. - Contract Amendments

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A and B in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board amend the contract with U-Park Enterprises Ltd as

follows:

- i. THAT U-Park deliver to the Board, within 45 days of the end of each 6 month period, audited statements of actual revenue collected, from January 1, 1998 to the expiry of the current agreement on June 12, 2000.
 - ii. THAT the audits be carried out, at U-Park' s expense, by an independent Certified General Accountant or Chartered Accountant acceptable to the Board.
 - iii. THAT the audit reports be unqualified and in the form recommended by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants for such an engagement.
 - iv. THAT the audit reports be supplemented by a management letter prepared by the auditor, identifying and commenting on any internal control weaknesses regarding the collection, reporting and remitting of revenue and, if no such weaknesses are identified, the audit report be supplemented by a letter from the auditor in which this is indicated.
- B. THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of these resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.

Carried Unanimously

Staff Position Changes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 2, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of one regular full time Youth Services Coordinator.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve the establishment of one (1) regular full-time Youth Services Coordinator.

Carried Unanimously

1998 Operating Budget - Expenditure Reductions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1998 recommending approval of revenue generating proposals as contained in Appendix 2.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT revenue generation proposal (a) in Appendix 2 be approved.
- B. THAT revenue generation proposal (b) in Appendix 2 be discussed with the Kerrisdale Community Association and considered for implementation by the Board on May 11, 1998.
- C. THAT revenue generation proposal (c) in Appendix 2 be posted at the golf course club houses and considered for implementation by the Board on

May 11, 1998.

- D. THAT efficiency improvement proposal (d) in Appendix 2 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

1998 NNRs and Supplemental Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 1, 1998 recommending that the Board receive the attached prioritized 1998 NNR budget requests for information and future consideration at such time as Council approve the Global NNR funding; that the Board receive the attached Supplemental Budget request for information and that the attached information be circulated to Community Associations for comment.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached prioritized 1998 NNR budget requests (Appendix 1) for information and future consideration at such time as Council approves the Global NNR funding.
- B. THAT the Board receive the attached Supplemental Budget request (Appendix 2) for information.
- C. THAT the attached information be circulated to Community Associations for comment.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Yong stated that the Youth Services Workers listed in the Supplementals should be given priority. The Acting General Manager advised the Board that Council does not provide funding for Supplementals, however should the Board desire to fund these projects, money would have to come from the Operating Budget or Corporate Sponsorship. Board members were concerned about circulating the Supplementals to the Community Associations at this time when the Senior Management Team is working on Core Services. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would agree to circulate the Supplementals with a notation from the Board that the core services process is taking place and the Board will not be approving any of the Supplemental request until the process is completed.

The motion was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached prioritized 1998 NNR budget requests (Appendix 1) for information and future consideration at such time as Council approves the Global NNR funding.
- B. THAT the Board receive the attached Supplemental Budget request (Appendix 2) for information.
- C. THAT the attached information be circulated to Community Associations for comment.

Carried Unanimously

Q97-52 Mount Pleasant Community Centre Gymnasium Roof Replacement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 1998 recommending that the Board award the contract for the replacement of the gymnasium roof at Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the replacement of the gymnasium roof at Mount Pleasant Community Centre to the low bidder, Metro Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd. for a cost of \$61,036.
- 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 the contemplated contract.

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Architect for Stanley Park Totem Pole Visitor Pavilion

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 1998 recommending that the Board award the contract for the supply of full architectural services for the design and construction of a visitor pavilion at the Stanley Park Totem Pole area to Lubor Trubka Associates Architects.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the supply of full architectural services for the design and construction of a visitor pavilion at the Stanley Park Totem Pole area to Lubor Trubka Associates Architects for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, including disbursements, not including GST.
- 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.

Commissioner Wilson enquired why a competition for the design of the pavilion was not held. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, advised the Board that the difficulty with a competition was that it does not match with our established community participation procedures. A competition which will be adjudicated outside of the Board, could put the Board in an awkward position of having to accept something even if it did not meet standards of community acceptability. We will also be putting ourselves in a position for potential criticism by providing an elitist artistic solution that might not have the support of the community.

Commissioner Wilson enquired whether there was a plan to allow visitors to the Park to participate in the process. Board members discussed this matter and it was suggested that information with panels of the proposed design and a short questionnaire could be prepared for the visitors to fill out. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning advised the Board that staff will be communicating with

the tour bus companies, regular users of Stanley Park and residents in the West End on this matter.

The motion was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the supply of full architectural services for the design and construction of a visitor pavilion at the Stanley Park Totem Pole area to Lubor Trubka Associates Architects for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, including disbursements, not including GST.
- 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

Sunset Nursery Fuel Facility

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 7, 1998 recommending that the Board award contract 98-10 for the construction of a new fuel facility at Sunset Nursery to Kedco Constructors Ltd.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board award Contract 98-10 for the construction of a new fuel facility at Sunset Nursery to Kedco Constructors Ltd. for the contract price of \$93,058.00.
- 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

Stanley Park Refuse Facility

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 1998 recommending that the Board award Quotation Q-98 -14 to Dietlein Construction of a new refuse facility in Stanley Park.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board award Quotation Q98-14 to Dietlein Construction of a new refuse facility in Stanley Park.
- 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

Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1998 recommending that the Board retain Chernoff Thompson Architects for design and supervision of Phase One of the Kerrisdale Community Centre renovation project for a fee of \$78,565 plus disbursements.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board retain Chernoff Thompson Architects for design and supervision of Phase One of the Kerrisdale Community Centre renovation project for a fee of \$78,565 plus disbursements.

Carried Unanimously

Bloedel Conservatory Air Conditioning

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 17, 1998 recommending that A & A Plumbing and Heating Ltd. be awarded contract T98-10 for replacing the air conditioning system in Bloedel Conservatory for the tendered price of \$304,776.00.

Board members discussed the matter and enquired whether it was necessary to have this replacement. Jim Lowden, Director of Planning, advised the Board that the replacement of the air conditioning system will save the Board on operating costs. Commissioner Warren stated that the future use of the Conservatory should be included in the discussion on core services and did not agree with spending a large amount of money until its use has been determined. Mr. Lowden advised the Board that regardless of use the Conservatory would require air conditioning.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT A & A Plumbing and Heating Ltd. be awarded Contract T98-10 for replacing the air conditioning system in Bloedel Conservatory for the tendered price of \$304,776.00.
- 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

(Commissioner Warren contrary)

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner McDiarmid enquired how the pilot project on off-leash dogs was working. Terri Clark, Manager Public Affairs, advised the Board that the project is going well. There will be a meeting with members from the City Pound and members of our wildlife and beach staff to review this. There was a

problem at John Hendry Park and staff will be looking at it. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she also heard there was an incident at Hillcrest Park.

Commissioner Yong advised the Board that he attended the Annual General Meeting of the Sunset Community Association. He was pleased to see that their vending funds were increasing which was due to the Corporate Sponsorship Program.. Commissioner Yong complimented the Vice-Chair and Director of Revenue Service for the success of the Corporate Sponsorship program.

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that he attended the Strata Council meeting of a large complex near the Burrard Street Bridge along with Inspector David Jones and Blair Colin of the Vancouver Skateboard Association. The purpose of this was to talk to the community to open their minds to the idea of having a skateboard park under the Burrard Street Bridge. After listening to Blair it appears that the residents may be open to the idea of a skateboard park.

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that he also attended the Annual General Meeting at VanDusen Gardens.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Approval of Warrants

Warrant #16 in the amount of \$323,164.79.