

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
	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 Services	- John Grant
	Manager of Park Acquisition & Research	- Pieter Rutgers
	Manger of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Chesman was out of town on business and Commissioner Yong was attending a personal matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Warren referred to page 11 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 11, 1998 and stated that his comments with regard to registration of trademark should be amended to :*Commissioner Warren stated that the Board should look at what names in our system are eligible for trademarks..*

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 11, 1998 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Wilson requested an update on the Stanley Park Shuttle. Terri Clark, Public Affairs Manager advised the Board that there has been very good reception for the Stanley Park Shuttle except for some minor problems such as the placement of the signs. Ms. Clark thanked everyone who participated in the preparation and the launching of the Stanley Park Shuttle.

Tunnel Watch

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that the decision of the Provincial Government regarding the upgrading of the First Narrows Crossing was a crime against both the citizens of Vancouver and Stanley Park. The Board was repeatedly assured that they would turn more of the park back to its natural state, with less car , less air pollution as the air from the tunnel would be purified. However, at the time of making a political decision, the people of Vancouver are shortchanged. The public and the Park Board has been misled.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she was disappointed with the decision of the Provincial Government. She did not have a great trust in the Provincial Government, however, she hoped the negotiations were in good faith, and the public input process would make a difference. The Board was not even able to carry out its mandate to which it was elected to do.

Commissioner Warren stated that he was disappointed with the decision and does not see how they can fulfill their commitment to not increasing negative environmental impacts on the park with this plan. The plan lacks vision, there is a lot of work ahead to right this wrong decision.

Commissioner Wilson stated that it needs to be pointed out that the Minister a year ago unequivocally said that there would be a reduction or elimination of traffic from Stanley Park and this has not occurred in this decision. The Board intends to negotiate forcefully with the Province to obtain the best possible situation we can for the park as a result of this decision. It is not over from the Park Board's perspective, and we will continue to discuss this issue as we move through the negotiations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Staff changes - Corporate Services

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 14, 1998 recommending that Board approve the proposed deletion of the Budget Analyst position and the creation of a Financial Business Analyst position at the Corporate Services Division.

Brenda Coombs, Secretary-Treasurer and Paul Griffin, First Vice-President, CUPE Local 1004 appeared before the Board and stated that they were concerned with the deletion of a CUPE 15 member position. Mr. Griffin stated that he was aware of interviews for a Financial Business Analyst in process and this report seem a little late in the process. Mr. Griffin stated that the report speaks about two positions of the same classification and he wondered whether both these positions were exempt.

The Acting General Manager advised the Board that the interviews were for the re-defined Chief Accountant's position. This is an exempt position. However, the Budget Analyst position has also been re-defined to Financial Business Analyst. There are two positions of the same classification. It has not been determined whether the re-defined Budget Analyst position will be exempt or not.

Mr. Griffin requested for a copy of the Financial Business Analyst position.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the proposed deletion of the Budget Analyst position and the creation of a Financial /Business Analyst position in the Corporate Services Division.

-Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Improvements to Grandview Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 30, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of the landscape contract, Q98-16 to Jeckway Landscaping (83) Ltd. to carry out improvements to Grandview Park.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract, Q98-16, to Jeckway Landscaping (83) Ltd. to carry out improvements to Grandview 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.

Darlene Herd, a resident on Cotton Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that she did not receive any notification regarding the proposed improvement to Grandview Park. Ms. Herd stated that she grew up in the area and uses the tennis courts frequently. Ms. Herd asked the Board to allow the community to provide input as to what they would like see happening at Grandview Park.

Lionel Kearns, a resident on Charles Street, appeared before the Board and stated that the residents became aware of the proposed improvement to Grandview Park through one of the members on the team which put forward the proposal. She has since changed her mind and is against the proposal. The tennis court is a safe area in the park for families and children rollerblading or playing hockey whenever it is not used for tennis. The green area in the park are usually inhabited by drug users and is not safe. Mr. Kearns submitted a petition with 98 names who were against the removal of the tennis court.

Jill Ebner, a resident on Charles Street, stated that it is a high traffic park and the regular users are drug addicts. The washrooms are not accessible for families and children as they are usually occupied by people who are shooting drugs. The tennis court within the fence and the playground are the only safe areas in the park. By extending the green space the Board is just increasing the area for illegal activities.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner DeGenova stated that he was in favour of the community based planning much like the Charles McLean Park process. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she would like to defer this matter for further public process.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board defer this matter and proceed with further public process for renovations to Grandview Park; and,
THAT staff ensure any notice or publications on this process be circulated in the neighbourhood including those who signed the petition; and,
THAT this process take place within 30 days.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would like this further public process be at no cost to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Park Board spend no money for this process.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners DeGenova, McDiarmid, Warren and Wilson contrary)

A vote was taken on the deferral motion and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

1998 Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 11, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the 1998 Basic, Added Basic Budget, New and Non Recurring Budget and Supplemental Budgets as per Appendix I, II, III and IV.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the 1998 Basic, Added Basic Budget, New and Non Recurring Budget and Supplemental Budgets as per Appendix I, II, III and IV.

-Carried Unanimously.

(Commissioner DeGenova was not present for the vote)

Award of Contract for the Supply of Galvanized Pipe

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 1998 recommending that the contract for the supply of galvanized pipe in the amount of \$59,700.10 be awarded to North American Pipe as outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

A. THAT the contract for the supply of galvanized pipe in the

amount of \$59,700.10 be awarded to North American Pipe as outlined below.

- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.**

-Carried Unanimously.

(Commissioner DeGenova was not present for the vote)

1999 Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 19, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the 1999 Operating Budget Process described in the report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the 1999 Operating Budget Process described in the report.

-Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Granville Loops Park/Open Space

Board members received copies of an Administrative Report dated April 28, 1998 recommending that the conceptual design for the East Granville Bridge loop bounded by 4th Avenue and Granville Street, the new 5th Avenue and Fir as illustrated in Diagram I be approved.

Pieter Rutgers, Manager of Park Acquisition and Research gave a brief overview of the location and design of the proposed park. The design improves existing paths to and from False Creek and Granville Island. It also provides a connection to a mid block pedestrian connector, which will be centrally located in the north and south blocks of the

Pacific Press site development. To accommodate needs of new residents, the open space includes some passive areas as well as a children's playground and two tennis courts. The accommodation of the tennis courts and the location of the children's playground in the heart of the park have been made in response to traffic noise around the site. A water feature in the southwest corner is designed to provide some noise mitigation in that portion of the park.

Board members discussed the matter and had some concerns regarding the high traffic around the park. However, it is addition of open green space for the city.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the conceptual design for the East Granville Bridge loop bounded by 4th Avenue and Granville Street, the new 5th Avenue and Fir, as illustrated in Diagram I be approved.

-Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 6, 1998 recommending that the Board accept the modified joint funding proposal outlined in the report as a basis for proceeding with the first phase of the Kerrisdale Community Centre renovation project.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board accept the modified joint funding proposal outlined in this report as a basis for proceeding with the first phase of the Kerrisdale Community Centre renovation project.

-Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner DeGenova advised the Board that the Downtown Eastside clean up project on the weekend was very successful. Commissioner DeGenova thanked all the volunteers who helped and especially staff who help organise it. Commissioner Wilson

commended Commissioner DeGenova for initiating this project.

Commissioner McDiarmid thanked Cindy Crapper, Coordinator for Sports and Fitness for sending a letter to the Sheldon Kennedy Foundation.

Commissioner Warren stated that he and Commissioner DeGenova attended the opening of the Ridgeway Greenway on 37th Avenue.

Commissioner Warren requested that a standard font be used for Board reports.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he attended the 111th Anniversary of the arrival of Engine 374. The engine is now in the glass enclosure. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh requested staff to look at putting some lights in the enclosure as there is too much reflection and hard to see the engine .

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she received the brochure from Ruby Newell Legner and suggested that staff may wish to use her services while she is in town.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Wilson stated that the mobile vendor on Beach Avenue seem to be driving his vehicle on to the grass. He would like staff to contact the vendor and ask him to discontinue this practice.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he received a complaint that a number of trees along the seawall have not been trimmed and cyclists are riding into them.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he received a complaint that on Saturday at 12:15 p.m. neither Spanish Banks West or East concessions were opened.

Approval of Warrants

1. Warrant #21 in the amount of \$834,357.79, Warrant #22 in the amount of \$752,855.60: US\$91.00, Cdn.\$752,764.60.

Allan Argent
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair