

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 01, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Acting Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Joe Vaz
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Central Recreation Services	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chesman referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on May 11, 1998 and stated that he would like the minutes to reflect that he was opposed to the motion regarding Beach Volleyball in the specific form it was put forward but voted for it with the amendments.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 25, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the General Manager

Commissioner Wilson extended a warm welcome from the Board to Susan Mundick , new General Manager for the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Lion's Gate Crossing

Commissioner Chesman stated that since he was absent from the previous meeting of the Board he was unable to express his views regarding the Provincial Government's decision on the Lion's Gate Crossing. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to make a motion to have the Board pro-actively engage the public so that a position may be adopted for future negotiations with the Province which are necessitated by their position on the causeway be widened to accommodate their decision regarding the bridge.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has decided to maintain the Lion's Gate Crossing as status quo with a refurbished 3-lane Lion's Gate Bridge,

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has expressed a desire that the Park Board accommodate its plan by agreeing to an expansion of the causeway through Stanley Park from its current width, including sidewalks, of 11.4 metres to 14.8 metres, a total of approximately 1.5 acres of land,

AND WHEREAS the Park Board has consistently stated that it will not permit the further alienation of Stanley Park to accommodate the causeway,

BE IT RESOLVED

- 1. THAT the Park Board convene a public meeting concerning the future of the Stanley Park causeway on Wednesday, June 24, 1998.**
- 2. AND THAT at such public meeting, the public be invited to comment on the future of the causeway generally and specifically comment on the following possible policy alternatives:**
 - 1. THAT the Park Board refuse any expansion of the current causeway whatsoever;**
 - 2. THAT the Park Board only agree to an expansion of the causeway in exchange for:**

- (i) **environmental enhancements to Stanley Park to mitigate the substantial environmental damage caused by the causeway; and**
 - (ii) **a binding agreement with and from the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to end vehicular traffic on the causeway within 20 years.**

- 3. THAT the Park Board only agree to an expansion of the causeway in exchange for:**
 - (i) **environmental enhancements to Stanley Park to mitigate the substantial environmental damage caused by the causeway; and,**

 - (ii) **a lump sum from the Province of British Columbia equal to the fair market value of the expanded causeway, such monies to be used in the Park Board's sole discretion for previously identified Park Board priorities such as, but not limited to, community centre renewal.**

-Carried Unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Food Services at Golf Course Clubhouses - Consultant's Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 20, 1998 recommending that the Board act upon the recommendations listed in the report from Pannell Kerr Forster Consulting.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the recommendations in the Golf Course Clubhouse Food Services Report undertaken by Pannell Kerr Forster Consulting Inc. be acted upon as follows:

- 1. THAT the Board approve the recommendations to change the management structure (4), to modernize point of sales and

accounting methods (5), and to improve the marketing of the clubhouses (6).

2. THAT the Board approve the recommendation of limited tournament play at all three courses with the guidelines to be approved by the General Manager(3).
3. THAT the Board not approve at this time the recommendation to seek applications for Class 'A' liquor licences (1), to collect green fees through the pro shops (2) and to significantly reduce the hours of operation (7) for reasons outlined in this report.

Brenda Coombs, Secretary - Treasurer, CUPE Local 15 appeared before the Board and stated that the process of management and staff working together to find solutions started in 1996. Ms. Coombs stated that the union supports the recommendations in the staff report and would reiterate that its members be considered for ongoing decisions related to the operation of the food service including marketing. Ms. Coombs stated that she hopes Park Board will continue with the consultative process.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Yong was concerned that this report took so long to come forward and some of the recommendations seem to have already been implemented as indicated in the staff report. Joe Vaz, Acting Director of Administrative and Revenue Services advised the Board that before the staff report could be finalized legal advise was needed on some of the issues delaying the finalization of the report. With regard to some of the consultant's recommendations being already implemented, these changes were in process before the consultant was selected. Commissioner Warren enquired why this report did not go to the Community Services and Budget Committee for discussion before bringing it forward to the Board. Commissioner Warren also enquired whether the possibility of contracting out was discussed as one of the means to reduce the losses. Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that contracting out was discussed and it was at this time that our union staff came forward with the suggestion to work together with management to find solutions to reduce costs. Commissioner Wilson stated that he did not agree with the staff recommendation to not pursue the application for a Class 'A' Liquor Licence.

Commissioner Yong stated that he wished to put forward an amendment to the motion requesting staff to report back in two years on the financial implications.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT staff report back to the Board in two years regarding the financial implications of food services and if the above recommendations do not achieve a breakeven or better result, the Board should reconsider the option of contracting out the services.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she does not agree with contracting out, as the union, CUPE local 15 has been working in good faith with the Board . Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh suggested that contracting out be replaced with a review and consideration of other options. Commissioner Chesman agreed that the reference to contracting out should be removed and would like to see the motion that it include continued consultation with the union, CUPE local 15. Commissioner Yong agreed to sever his amendment motion to two separate motions and to change contracting out to consideration of other options.

The amendment motion is as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT staff report back to the Board regarding the financial implications in two years.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT if the desired result being breakeven or better is not achieved the Board should consider other options and such reconsideration include continued consultation with the union.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson stated that there is not sufficient reason to say no to the consultant's recommendation to pursue a Class 'A' Liquor Licence. Commissioner Wilson stated that he recognized that if the Liquor Commission does not approve the application then a referendum will be required. If the process should lead to the point of a referendum, then the Board can decide whether they would proceed.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the following from item 3 be deleted ; 'that the Board not approve at this time the recommendation to seek applications for Class A Liquor

Licences(1).’

and replaced with :

4. THAT the Board ask staff to seek application for Class A Liquor Licence as recommended in the consultant’s report and report back to the Board prior to pursuing a public referendum if Council would so require.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she was concerned about the neighbourhood and does not agree with the motion. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh was concerned as to what kind of business we are looking for . There are various implications and liabilities. This should go to committee or stay with a Class B Liquor Licence. He does not support the motion. Commissioner Yong stated that a separate bar area would be required and this could involve significant changes at the clubhouses, with a high expense.

The amendment motion was put :

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the following from item 3 be deleted ; ‘that the Board not approve at this time the recommendations to seek application for Class A Liquor Licences(1).’

and replaced with :

4. **THAT the Board ask staff to seek application for a Class A Liquor Licence as recommended in the consultant’s report and report back to the Board prior to pursuing a public referendum if Council would so require.**

-Carried.

(Commissioners Fetherstonhaugh, McDiarmid and Yong contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

THAT the recommendations in the Golf Course Clubhouse Food Services Report undertaken by Pannell Kerr Forster Consulting Inc. be acted upon as follows:

1. **THAT the Board approve the recommendations to change the management structure (4), to modernize point of sales and accounting methods (5), and to improve the marketing of the clubhouses (6).**
2. **THAT the Board approve the recommendation of limited tournament play at all three courses with the guidelines to be approved by the General Manager(3).**
3. **THAT the Board not approve the recommendation to collect green fees through the pro shops (2) and to significantly reduce the hours of operation (7) for reasons outlined in this report.**
4. **THAT the Board ask staff to seek application for a Class A Liquor Licence as recommended in the consultant's report and report back to the Board prior to pursuing a public referendum if Council would so require.**
5. **THAT staff report back to the Board regarding the financial implications in two years.**
6. **THAT if the desired result being breakeven or better is not achieved the Board should consider other options and such reconsideration include continued consultation with the union, CUPE local 15.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Busking in Parks

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 27, 1998 recommending that the Board participate on a trial basis for one year in the busking program developed by the City and designate a number of sites for buskers who purchase permits on English Bay and Kitsilano Beach Park and several free areas in parks where buskers without permits may perform.

Cameron McCabe, a busker who plays a 12 string acoustic guitar appeared before the Board to support the staff report. Mr. McCabe stated that the visitors of Vancouver need to see and hear good competent musicians. He supports the permit system and asked that they be required to have one permit to perform in the city and in the parks.

Susan Gordon, Coordinator of Multiculturalism and Arts advised the Board that only one permit is required to play in the city and in the parks.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board participate on a trial basis for one year in the busking program developed by the City and designate a number of sites for buskers who purchase permits on English Bay and Kitsilano Beach Park and several free areas in parks where buskers without permits may perform.

-Carried Unanimously.

Regular Full-Time Position - Network Support Specialist II

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of one new Information Technology Network Support Specialist II position subject to job evaluation by the Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of one new Information Technology Network Support Specialist II position, subject to job evaluation by the Director of Human Resources.

- Carried Unanimously.

Brock House Society Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 22, 1998 recommending that the lease between the Park Board and the Brock House Society be renewed for a further five-year term commencing February 1, 1998 and that the clause detailed in the report be added to the lease.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the lease between the Park Board and the Brock House Society be renewed for a further five-year term commencing February 1, 1998 and that the following clause be added to the lease:

The Lessee shall maintain the Premises in a sanitary, neat, tidy and safe condition and free from nuisance at all times and in good order, repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Landlord. The Lessee, at its own

expense, shall contract with an accredited Building Inspection Service every two (2) years for a maintenance inspection to determine the condition of the Premises including the structure, mechanical and electrical elements and finishes inside and outside and prepare and submit a full report of such inspection to the Landlord. The first maintenance inspection and report shall be completed by January 31, 2000.

Board members discussed this matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that as the Board was at this time considering leases with other lessees, it may be appropriate to postpone the motion to ensure consistency in lease approvals. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that this Society does a lot of good work in the community and would recommend approval of the lease renewal.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board postpone the report on the Brock House Society Lease Renewal to the meeting of the Board on June 22, 1998.

- Carried.

(Commissioners McDiarmid and Warren contrary)

Award of Contract for Supply of Paper Towels and Toilet Tissue Paper

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 27, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of contract for the supply of paper towels and toilet tissue paper as listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the contract for the supply of paper towels and toilet tissue paper in the amount of \$160,534.75 plus tax be awarded to low bidders as outlined below:
(Park Board's share is \$82,061.93, City of Vancouver's is \$73,724.15 and the Vancouver Public Library's is \$4,748.67.)**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise**

hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this point.

Park Board Signing Authority

Staff report dated May 28, 1998 recommending that the signing authority for the Park Board be designated as listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the signing authority for the Park Board be designated as follows:

NAME	POSITION
Susan Mundick	General Manager
Anita Ho	Director of Corporate Services
Philip Josephs	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services
Allan Argent	Director of Recreation Services

-Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Lord Roberts School Playground

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 27, 1998 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

A. THAT the Board request Council to transfer to Park Board

accounts the prepaid lease payment by Caesar Park Hotels and Resorts Company Ltd. for the parking garage site beneath Marina Square parksite.

- B. THAT the Board request Council to authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000 of the lease payment on the Lord Roberts School site.**
- C. THAT the Board, as a condition of this investment, require a licence for public access to the site from the School Board as outlined in this report.**

-Carried Unanimously.

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

Boiler Room Upgrade - Kerrisdale Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 28, 1998 recommending that the Board award quotation Q98-30 for upgrading the boiler room at Kerrisdale Community Centre to Pascoe Williams Mechanical Ltd.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board award quotation Q98-30 for upgrading the boiler room at Kerrisdale Community Centre to Pascoe Williams Mechanical Ltd. for a price of \$104,662.-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.

New Brighton Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 28, 1998

recommending that the Board approve the appointment of Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg Inc. as Landscape Architects for the preparation of working drawings, contract documents and site supervision for phase I of the redevelopment of New Brighton Park at a cost for fees and disbursements of \$124,500 excluding GST.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg Inc. (including their various sub-consultants) as Landscape Architects for the preparation of working drawings, contract documents and site supervision for phase I of the redevelopment of New Brighton Park as a cost for fees and disbursements of \$124,500 excluding GST.

- Carried Unanimously.

Hastings Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 29, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the appointment of Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg Inc. as Landscape Architects for the preparation of working drawings, contract documents and site supervision for phase II of the restoration of Hastings Park at a cost for fees and disbursements of \$273,864 excluding GST.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg Inc. (including their various sub-consultants) as Landscape Architects for the preparation of working drawings, contract documents and site supervision for phase II of the restoration of Hastings Park at a cost for fees and disbursements of \$273,864 excluding GST.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner McDiarmid enquired on the status of her request to have John Hendry Park as part of the pilot project for off-leash dogs . Terri Clark, Public Affairs Manager advised the Board that there will be a survey of the neighbourhood on the acceptability of off-leash and on-leash dogs areas in John Hendry Park before proceeding

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #23 in the amount of \$1,369.18.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair