

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 05, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director, Environment & Operations	- Liane McKenna
	A/Director, Environment & Operations	- Bill Manning
	Acting Director of Recreation Services	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Barbara Stampfl

The Chair noted that Commissioner DeGenova is absent on leave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 28, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Commissioner Warren reported on a report regarding the new Workers Compensation Act Bill 14 coming before City Council this week. This will create changes in the way the health and safety policy will be implemented and will result in greater responsibility and cost for the employer. The implementation date is yet to be announced by the Province of British Columbia.

With regard to the Capital Plan, Commissioner Warren stated that City staff have recommended that the next Capital Plan be for the period 2000-2002 so that the plebiscite will be held at the same time as the 1999 civic elections. This will result in a substantial saving as it would cost the taxpayers \$400,000 if there is a plebiscite held before the election. He further explained that the Capital Plan will go through various committees and a public information session in October 1999. As well, a report regarding the 1999

Operating Budget highlights a maximum increase in property taxes of 1.9%, reflecting a 1% increase related to increases in City expenditures and 0.9% relate to growth in the requisition from Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District. The expenditure reduction for the Park Board is \$367,000 if this is approved.

The General Manager clarified that the report is going forward to City Council with a proposal to target a 1.9% tax increase. However, if the Province reduces transfer payments to the City then taxes will have to be increased further or service level reductions will be much deeper.

Non Committee Report Item

2010 Olympic Bid

Mr. David Bentall, Venue Development, and Ms. Sandra Stevenson, President of Sport BC, and Board member of the Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Olympic Bid Society, provided an overview of the bid process and drawings of proposed venues at Hastings Park for Olympic events such as ice hockey and figure skating. These proposals would require renovation of the Pacific Coliseum and the Agradome.

Board members expressed concern regarding the parking requirements and whether the Agradome is designated as a heritage building.

Commissioner Chesman pointed out that since 1995 the Park Board have been working on a plan for Hastings Park which is being carried out now. He also noted that the Board has several arenas that require upgrading which could be used for Olympic events as well as the Vancouver Curling Club which also requires rehabilitation.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Park Board expresses its enthusiastic support for the 2010 Vancouver/Whistler Olympic Bid on the following understandings:

- (i) THAT the bid shall have no negative impact on the Hastings Park Restoration Plan already unanimously approved by this Board and City Council;**
- (ii) THAT the Committee and the Board will work together to locate appropriate amateur sports legacies for Vancouver;**

- (iii) **THAT the Board and the Committee will investigate current Park Board arena sites, or other sites, as possible venues for the 6,000 seat Olympic arena;**
- (iv) **THAT the Board and the Committee will work together to assess the potential of locating the Olympic curling venue at the current Vancouver Curling Club, or other sites;**
- (v) **THAT all of the above shall be sensitive and responsive to community concerns and desires.**

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”.

It was agreed that a staff liaison will be appointed to work with the Vancouver Whistler 2010 Olympic Bid Society.

STAFF REPORTS

Supply of Ornamental Trees

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 23, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of Tender T98-14 for the purchase of ornamental trees, in the amount of \$288,017.50 (plus taxes) to low bidders as outlined in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of Tender T98-14, for the purchase of ornamental trees, in the amount of \$288,017.50 (plus taxes) to low bidders as outlined in this report.**
- B. 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.

Reminders

Commissioner McDiarmid reminded Board members that the Skate with Sheldon Kennedy will be on Monday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Ceperley Meadows.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh reported that he would be attending at False Creek Community Centre on October 6th at 3:30 p.m. when Sheldon Kennedy will be welcomed to Vancouver. An invitation was extended to all Commissioners to join him at this event.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**

Warrant #43 in the amount of \$776,568.61 (Cdn: \$776,019.24, US: \$549.37);

Warrant #44 in the amount of \$461,852.22 (Cdn: \$461,497.83, US: \$254.39);

Warrant #45 in the amount of \$745,595.89.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair