

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	A/ Director of Operations	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Central Recreation Services	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Wilson welcomed Councillor Don Bellamy, Deputy Mayor to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Warren referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 26, 1998 regarding the volunteer policy and would like to add that the intent of the policy is not to replace workers with volunteers. Commissioner Warren stated that he also thanked staff for their hard work in bringing the volunteer policy together.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 26, 1998 were adopted as amended.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 2, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that Council approved a Strategic Action for the Downtown Eastside to deal with issues of crime, drug addiction, sub-standard housing and the decline of anchor businesses in the area. There is a short term action plan to

enforce the bylaws where business practices are bad, create new and legitimate business opportunities on Hastings Street, provide funds for positive street programming and a request for all levels of governments to join hands in solving this problem . Council also approved portions of the extension of the Ridgeway Greenway Bikeway west extension. Commissioner Yong referred to the Downtown Eastside Strategic Plan and enquired what the Park Board's role was in terms of the financial aspect . The General Manager advised the Board that there was no specific role or financial commitment, however, staff is involved through their work with the communities. Commissioner Yong requested an information report on the Park Board's involvement with the Downtown Eastside especially financial involvement..

DELEGATIONS

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION:

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

“THAT the Board's continued, unqualified support of the Hastings Park Restoration Plan is hereby reaffirmed and shall include, as necessary, the allocation of financial and personnel resources as required from time to time and in particular for the following items:

1. The prosecution of a B.C. Supreme Court injunction pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Hastings Park Trust and the recent Beacon Hill Park decision to prevent any further PNE extension at Hastings Park;
2. The development of a City-wide education plan concerning the history of Hastings Park and the Hastings Park Restoration Plan;
3. The development of a City-wide public relations campaign in support of the Hastings Park Restoration.

THAT the Board requests City Council's confirmation that the Board will have two months prior notice of any consideration by Council of a further PNE lease extension at Hastings Park;

THAT the Board recognizes the financial partnership with the Hastings Park Racetrack as necessary to the restoration of Hastings Park pursuant to the trust.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, appeared before the Board and stated that the clarification of the nature of the trust is a vital step in the restoration of Hastings Park and would encourage the Board to pursue with this. They are encouraged by the ruling on Beacon Hill Park in Victoria and expect a similar judicial outcome in this instance. Mr Rothwell congratulated the Board on being on the right track on this issue. A review of the trust conditions by both groups of politicians might lead to useful discussions and a joint application to define a way in which that trust can be respected.

Doug MacCaulder, CUPE 1004, site worker, asked the Board to not pass the motion, as he does not believe that there is any request before Council for an extension. He does not want tax payer's money spent on a non-issue.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the motion does not compel any expenditures of money.

Steve Varty CUPE 1004, site employee, stated that the Board seem to be cherry picking with regard to the Hastings trust. The Board should look at using the coliseum and agrodome to bring in revenue to pay for the park. These motions will also handcuff the opportunities to use these facilities for the Olympic 2010 in Vancouver. Why does the Board need a public relations campaign for support and what information was used to indicate that you have support for establishing this park.

Councillor Bellamy stated that he was no longer on the Board of the PNE . He asked the Board to table the motion, it is ill-advised and there has been no request from the PNE for an extension. Councillor Bellamy stated that Hastings Trust and Beacon Hill have been similar, but over the years there have been many amendments to the trust of the Pacific National Exhibition Board Hastings Park. Councillor Bellamy stated that the Board has read the PNE wrong, they are working hard to save some jobs. Councillor Bellamy stated that he did not agree with Commissioner Chesman's comments in the Westender.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the motion is timely, the Board has been patient and opposed to PNE lease extension all to no avail. It is within the Board's jurisdiction to establish a policy that stands behind the work and the commitment that went into the Hastings Park Restoration Plan which has been endorsed unanimously both by Council and the Park Board. This motion is not intended to offend Council as there is nothing in the motion that runs counter to what they have told us. The Park Board must stand behind the plans for the restoration of Hastings Park and this can be achieved by unanimously supporting this motion.

Commissioner Warren stated that he supports the restoration of Hastings Park, however he did not agree with the first paragraph of the motion. Commissioner Warren requested that the motion be split into three sections.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the motion be split into three sections.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the motion must remain whole or it would lose its impact.

The amendment was put and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Chesman, DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh, Wilson and Yong contrary)

Board members discussed the matter further and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that although she supports the restoration of Hastings Park, she feels that the Board should be working together with Council.

The main motion was put as follows:

Guidelines for Placing Memorials in Parks

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 26, 1998 recommending that the Board adopt the Guidelines for Placing Memorials in Parks as an interim policy for public review and testing and that the moratorium on the acceptance of memorials be lifted.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board adopt the Guidelines for Placing Memorials in Parks as an interim policy for public review and testing.
- B. THAT the moratorium on the acceptance of memorials be lifted.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, appeared before the Board and stated that there are things in the policy that they do not agree with, and there are some items that need to be added, but generally they are relieved to see the Park Board thinking about what are the appropriate things to be in parks. Mr. Rothwell congratulated the Board and staff on their effort to address this issue. Mr. Rothwell suggested that maybe the City could be persuaded to look at placing art in the city generally and not necessarily in parks.

Mr. Rothwell referred to no. 3 in the proposed interim guidelines and stated that a memorial should be to honour the contribution of a person to the collective enterprise of the city. Also the Board should probably be thinking proactively on the process rather than reactively.

Commissioner Yong stated that he would like to amend the motion to indicate that the public consultation process on appropriate use of Vancouver parkland be deferred.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the public consultation process on appropriate uses of Vancouver parkland be deferred until further study.

Board members discussed the amendment and Commissioner Warren stated that he would prefer the motion to indicate that the consultation process not be pursued as it would not be assisting the Board in its decision making.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the public consultation process on appropriate uses of Vancouver parkland not be pursued.

-Carried.

(Commissioner Yong and Chesman contrary)

Commissioner Yong referred to the main motion and recommended the guidelines for placing memorials in parks be accepted.

Commissioner Wilson commended staff on the report and in particular the guidelines concerning memorials which are living e.g. trees and shrubs.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he will not be supporting the motion as his agreement with staff was that this motion would be brought forward as a kind of a partial form without the larger issue of an overall policy for parks, but from the amendment motion made tonight he understands that this will no longer be done.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board adopt the Guidelines for Placing Memorials in Parks as an interim policy for public review and testing.**

- B. THAT the moratorium on the acceptance of memorials be lifted.**
- C. THAT the public consultation process on appropriate uses of Vancouver parkland not be pursued.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Chesman contrary)

Parkland Rights of Way

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 5, 1998 recommending that the Board grant a right of way for emergency access across the south edge of the Roundhouse plaza to the City on behalf of Lot 208/LMP10733 in accordance with the attached documentation.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board grant a right of way for emergency access across the south edge of the Roundhouse plaza to the City on behalf of Lot 208/LMP10733 in accordance with the attached documentation.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Service Yard

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 12, 1998 recommending that the Board award Contract T98-15, Stanley Park Service Yard to Tri Power Construction Ltd for the tendered price of \$809,600.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board award Contract T98-15, Stanley Park Service Yard, to Tri Power Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$809,600.**
- 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 BUSINESS

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh requested that the trees at the foot of Bidwell be lit on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 for World Aids Day.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

**THAT the grove of trees at the foot of Bidwell Street be lit on
Tuesday, December 1, 1998 for World Aids Day.**

-Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Yong enquired on the status of the proposed park site at South East False Creek. The General Manager advised the Board that Council will not be dealing with the issue of South East False Creek till later in January or February, 1999. We will defer the public meeting closer to the date when Council deals with this issue.

Commissioner Warren stated that he received a number of letters from United Players of Vancouver Theatre Company. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that this group was looking to turn the arts centre at Aberthau into an exclusive use cultural arts centre and their request has been denied by the Community Association. The General Manager advised the Board that Susan Gordon will be meeting with the respective parties to facilitate a resolution to the issue.

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that he received a number of positive responses from citizens who were happy with the quick action from Park Board staff to their requests.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #49 in the amount of \$561,356.93: US\$225.00, Cdn.\$561,131.93,
Warrant #50 in the amount of \$620,956.31.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair