

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Hastings District	- Allan Argent
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Assistant Manager - Revenue Services	- Alison Dempsey
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 07, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special tele-conference meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 21, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The list of Liaison appointments were adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Stanley Park Shuttle

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 29, 1998 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to F in the staff report.

Vince Miele, Director - Member Services, B.C. Paraplegic Association thanked the Board for ensuring that the trolleys were fully accessible, however, the loading and unloading seem to take too long and this is embarrassing to the passenger. Mr. Miele suggested that the staff operating the trolleys be trained in using the lifts which could help reduce the loading and unloading time. Mr. Miele stated that his organization would like to be involved in the process for selection and equipment of lifts on the trolley.

Gerry O'Neil, AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd. stated that from his review of the staff report it appeared that 80% of the ridership were from outside the Vancouver area.

It seems the Park Board is giving a free opportunity to tourists while the Government is implementing budget cuts. Why not impose a user fee on the shuttle and the \$250,000 could be spend elsewhere in the park system.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to ensure that Mr. Storey from the trolley company work with Mr. Miele to improve the service to persons with disabilities. Commissioner Wilson stated that taxpayers are not paying for the trolley service in Stanley Park. Parking fees in Stanley Park were increased last summer to fund the trolley service. The shuttle is a people mover in Stanley Park and is not for sightseeing. Commissioner DeGenova suggested that the Board could pick up some revenue from advertising on the inside and outside of the trolley bus. Commissioner Wilson stated that Save Our Parkland Association in their letter dated January 9, 1999 thanked the Board for providing the Stanley Park Shuttle. The shuttle played an important role in improving the park experience by the removal of parked cars from Park Drive.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Stanley Park Shuttle contract with Vancouver Trolley Company be extended for one additional year, with all details to be approved by the General Manager.**
- B. THAT the Stanley Park Shuttle continues to be offered free of charge in 1999.**
- C. THAT marketing for the Shuttle be focused on local and regional visitors, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.**
- D. THAT staff evaluate the second Shuttle season, including conducting traffic counts and a passenger survey at a combined cost not to exceed \$10,000, and report back to the Board in Fall 1999.**
- E. THAT the total cost for the shuttle operations, marketing and evaluation not exceed \$230,000 (including tax), and that this funding be derived from the additional parking revenues in Stanley Park from the increased parking fees during the 1999 summer months.**
- F. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until the execution of the contemplated document**

- Carried Unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Granville Island Ferries Ltd. - Rent Review and Extension of License Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 15, 1998 recommending that the Board extend the license agreement with Granville Island Ferries Ltd. for the dock at the Aquatic Centre for one year, for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999 and that the license fee for 1999 be set at \$10,962.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board extend the license agreement with Granville Island Ferries Ltd. for the dock at the Aquatic Centre for one year, for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999**
- B. THAT the license fee for 1999 be set at \$10,962.**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until execution of the contemplated document.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Naming Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 22, 1998 recommending that the Board officially name the park site at Hornby and Howe Streets (also known as South East Granville Slopes), the May and Lorne Brown Park. Commissioner Yong enquired if staff could look at revising the park naming guidelines to allow a community to recommend name change for a park after someone who might have had an important role in their community. The General Manager advised the Board that staff will investigate this request.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board officially name the park site at Hornby and Howe Streets (also known as South East Granville Slopes), the May and

Lorne Brown Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park - Information / Food Centre Design Approval

Jim Lowden gave a presentation on the Information Food Services Centre proposed to built on the east side of the park. Mr. Lowden gave a brief overview of the choice of location, architecture of the buildings and use of space. A completed package of the plan will be brought back for the Board's approval.

Brock House Society Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 23, 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 with an additional clause added to the lease regarding maintenance.

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.

- Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that it was important for the Board to see South East False Creek be turned over to parkland rather than housing. In order to achieve this goal a committee need to be established to work with the community.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**THAT the Board establish a new committee for South East False Creek Park and,
THAT Commissioner Duncan Wilson be appointed Chair of the South East False Creek Park Committee.**

- Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #55 in the amount of \$1,105,844.26 (US \$938.11, Cdn. \$1,104,906.15);
Warrant #56 in the amount of \$206535.20; Warrant #57 in the amount of \$1,440,346.26.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair