

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 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 Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Gord Lindal
	Manager of Recreation Services - Hastings District	- Greg Eng
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that Commissioner Chesman was away on business and unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 25, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed former Commissioners Councillor Nancy A. Chiavario, and Gerry Thorne.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that when the area of land was set aside for Hastings Park it was for the purpose of recreation and enjoyment of the public. Over the years the park has been black-topped and fenced preventing free entry by the citizens of Vancouver. The PNE and the City agreed to a two year lease in December 1994 which stipulated that the PNE should leave at the end December 1996. However, in February of 1996 Council extended the lease to September 1997, again in 1997 Council extended the lease for a further two years to December 1999 on the condition that an acceptable transition plan and a firm relocation proposal be provided by December 1997. The PNE

failed to provide a relocation proposal as requested. The Park Board began a consultative process in 1994 which led to the formation of the Hastings Park Working Committee. The Hastings Park Working Committee spent thousand of hours consulting and planning the development of Hastings Park, this process has been described by the Vancouver City Planning Commission as a model for future community consultation. The Board does not want this extensive consultation to go to waste and will take legal steps if necessary to keep the promise to return Hastings Park to green space. The Board believes that the Hastings Park Trust has been violated and the PNE must leave Hastings Park at the end of December 1999.

DELEGATIONS

Corporate Sponsorship - Nestlé Canada Inc.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 28, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner Warren

- A. THAT the Board award a five year contract, from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2004, to Nestlé Canada Inc. for the exclusive supply of Ice Cream, Confectionery, French Fries and Hot Chocolate.
- B. THAT Nestlé Canada Inc pay the Board over the course of the agreement \$150,000 in event sponsorship, \$100,000 in new equipment and \$75,000 in marketing funds, for a total value of \$325,000.
- C. THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of these resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.

Philip Josephs, Manager of Revenue Services reviewed the staff report with the Board. Jim Milum, and Al Sebben, Nestlé Ice Cream, were present to answer questions with regard to the execution of the agreement.

Commissioner Warren stated that Nestlé's practices in the seventies were looked at in detail and is confident that we are not compromising our ethics. Commissioner Yong stated that he did not see any problem from the medical point of view.

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Warren

- D. THAT the Board award a five year contract, from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2004, to Nestlé Canada Inc. for the exclusive supply of Ice Cream, Confectionery, French Fries and Hot Chocolate.**
- E. THAT Nestlé Canada Inc pay the Board over the course of the agreement \$150,000 in event sponsorship, \$100,000 in new equipment and \$75,000 in marketing funds, for a total value of \$325,000.**
- F. THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of these resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated document.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Phoenix Gymnasium Proposal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 29, 1999 recommending that the Board refer the proposed construction by the Phoenix Gymnastics Club of a gymnastics facility in Hillcrest Park to a public consultation process.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board refer the proposed construction by the Phoenix Gymnastics Club of a gymnastics facility in Hillcrest Park to a public consultation process.

Scot Hein stated that this was an innovative public/private partnership and a model for future recreational service delivery without having to commit significant money out of the capital plan. It is also a recognition of the sport of gymnastics. He had discussions with the Queen Elizabeth Park consultants to ensure proper linkages of the site to the park. The Phoenix Gymnastics Club met with the Riley Park Community Association Board, the lawn bowlers and also initiated discussions with the Vancouver Racquets Club with regard to shared use. They are looking forward to the commencement of their fundraising and the project to go ahead.

Tim Pritchard brought a model of the proposed facility and illustrated the various use of the building. The new gym will be much safer and will allow them to have much of the basic equipment required for their training which they do not have at the moment due to lack of space. They will also be able to expand the use to recreation gymnasts.

Catherine Tham, age 9, stated that she had been with the Phoenix Gymnastic Club for five years. They need more space so as not to have to move their equipment around which cuts into their practice time. The proposed facility will also have a viewing area.

Britanny O'Quinn, age 13, is in competitive gymnastics. This is a good sport and gives teenagers a chance to keep fit and out of trouble. Phoenix Gymnastics has the largest group of participants with the smallest facility. The proximity of the proposed location of the new facility to Riley Park Community Centre will give the parents an opportunity to visit and participate in programs at the community centre.

Robert Trepanier, Vancouver Racquets Club, appeared before the Board and stated that they support the Phoenix Gymnastics Club, however, the Vancouver Racquets Club approached the Board approximately three years ago expressing an interest to expand and possibly put in tennis courts. Mr. Trepanier stated that he would like to see the Board allowing room for the Vancouver Racquets Club to expand in the future preferably to the west and north.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated the Phoenix Gymnastic Club on their efforts in putting the project together. There are a number of outstanding issues which need to be resolved, however, they are minor and look forward to see them proceed with the fundraising.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT staff and project proponents address the outstanding issues concerning financing and the Vancouver Racquets Club/Phoenix interface to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

A. THAT the Board refer the proposed construction by the Phoenix Gymnastics Club of a gymnastics facility in Hillcrest Park to a public consultation process.

- B. THAT staff and project proponents address the outstanding issues concerning financing and the Vancouver Racquets Club/Phoenix interface to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Urban Treaty Issues

Councillor Nancy A. Chiavario, Chair, Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board and stated that this was part of an ongoing council tour to bring Lower Mainland councils up-to-date on treaty issues in their communities. She also provided the Park Board with guidelines for developing interest inventories. She advised the Park Board to gather as much information as possible as they move forward in their negotiations with First Nations in the Lower Mainland.

David Didluck, Policy and Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, LMTAC reviewed the key areas for negotiation, the need for partnership models to operate and manage parks and the Tsleil-Waututh variable interest approach could be used as a model. Marino Piombini, GVRD Policy and Planning, GVRD representative to LMTAC, advised the Board on the local government interest identification process.

Gerry Thorne, Treaty Negotiator, with the Provincial Government, B.C. South, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, stated that he had been working with the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee on a tour of Lower Mainland councils presenting an outline on the treaty process and will be available to answer any questions the Board might have.

Board members thanked the delegation on the presentation and questioned how the treaty process will affect existing parksites. Gerry Thorne stated that from the Provincial position municipal and regional parks are not on the table for negotiation. Councillor Chiavario stated that it is important for the Board to understand the ownership of the land under the jurisdiction of the Park Board, some land is jurisdictionally the Board's but not owned by the Board. During the tenure of the agreement it is secure however, it is not secure after the agreement, which will be determined in the treaty settlement. The Tsleil-Waututh band is talking to the Department of Defence on projects and ideas they have for Stanley Park and Deadman's Island. Mr. Thorne stated he would encourage the Board to involve themselves in the treaty advisory committee process.

STAFF REPORT

Chinese New Year Celebration at VanDusen Botanical Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 27, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

That the Board receive this report for information

- Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that she attended the Canadian Canine Good Citizen's Test held at Trout Lake Community Centre. This is a pro-active way to have canines certified that they are qualified to be with people and other dogs. This program is put on by an association with HADAC and Dog Smart Systems Incorporated in conjunction with the numerous other dog training establishments in Vancouver.

Liaison to Britannia

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT Commissioner David Chesman be appointed as the Park Board liaison to Britannia Community Association.

-Carried Unanimously.

REMINDER

Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that a public meeting has been scheduled for March 10 to discuss the New Brighton Park - Lafarge issue.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #60 in the amount of \$697,675.69, Warrant #61 in the amount of

\$606,376.29.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair