

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999**

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| PRESENT: | Chair | - Alan Fetherstonhaugh |
| | Vice-Chair | - Gabriel Yong |
| | Commissioners | - David Chesman |
| | | - Allan DeGenova |
| | | - Laura McDiarmid |
| | | - Patrick Warren |
| | 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 |

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Duncan Wilson was out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chesman stated that his name should be removed from the list of members present as he was not at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 08, 1999 were adopted as circulated..

DELEGATIONS

Application for Infrastructure Program Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board endorse application to the Local Government Infrastructure Grants Program for matching funds for the capital projects itemized in the staff report.

Gary Richmond, Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association, stated that they were pleased with the inclusion of Mt. Pleasant in this initiative. Mr. Richmond stated that Mount Pleasant is not a very affluent community and might find it difficult to produce the matching funds for the grants.

Board members questioned the matter of matching fund for the Provincial Grant. Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that matching funds were in place for the projects mentioned in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

That the Board endorse application to the Local Government Infrastructure Grants Program for matching funds for the capital projects itemized below, at a total value of \$279,000.

- Carried Unanimously.

Bosa Neighbourhood Funded Developments

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board support the attached Council Report recommending expenditure from the Bosa Fund.

Connie Reynolds and Alan Chan residents of Citygate requested the Board to approve the staff recommendations and hoped the construction of the playground will proceed without delay.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board support the attached Council Report recommending expenditure from the Bosa Fund.

-Carried Unanimously.

1999 Capital Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Stephanie Williams, President, Dunbar Community Centre Association appeared before the Board to request that the capital improvements to the reception area at Dunbar Community Centre be included in the capital budget.

Board members thanked Ms. Williams for her presentation and advised her that her request will be considered in June when the Board reviews the status of approved projects, and any potential under-expenditures that can be allocated to other projects.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

A. THAT the Board approve the 1999 Capital Budget for

\$5,712,950 described in Schedule A.

- B. THAT the Board approve the 1999 Community Centre Capital budget for Board/Council Policy \$1,905,000 described in Schedule B.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Ice Rink Subsidized Rates and Programming Policy

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A) THAT the Board approve the Ice Rink subsidized rates for community associations and minor sport groups as described in Appendix A.
- B) THAT the Board approve the revised Ice Rink Programming Policy included in Appendix C.
- C) THAT the Board receive the Rink Task Force request for an additional ice surface adjacent to Sunset Ice Rink to be included in the 2000-2002 Capital Plan.

Doug Bawn, President, Killarney Minor Hockey accompanied by the Head Coach of the Tyke hockey team stated that the Killarney ice-rink was very much in need of major repairs. He did not agree with the additional ice being placed at Sunset as he felt that the need was greater at Killarney. He was also opposed to the increasing of the fees as this will deter some parents to send their children to play hockey. Mr. Bawn also stated that the distribution of ice in Vancouver was inconsistent, when they have to drive to Richmond to use their rink while Sunset ice rink remains idle. The Head Coach of the Tyke hockey team asked the Board to provide an additional ice rink as the present one is being used to capacity. He stated that ice hockey teaches children team spirit and also keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

Bernie Stodola, Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association stated that the City of Vancouver has the least amount of ice surfaces. The City has a responsibility to provide affordable facilities and keep the youth occupied. Mr. Stodola urged the Board to consider constructing an additional ice surface in the upcoming Capital Plan . He also

asked the Board to develop a system to ensure that we are not subsidising for people who do not live in Vancouver. ,

Rick Evans, President, Killarney Community Centre Society, stated that he did not have a problem with the rates but has difficulty with the ice rink programming policy. The task force did not address the problem of even distribution of ice time across the city. He felt that the Board should concentrate its energies and resources on the existing structures rather than building a new ice surface. Mr. Evans stated that there are three potential rinks at the PNE which should be researched first. The work of the task force should be to fix what we have and find additional ice time for the children.

Don Schroeder, Grandview Community Centre Association stated that they support the intent of the proposed subsidised rate schedule and rink policy. However, because of the economics and demographics of the Grandview area, even the moderate increases will be a problem for both the minor sport groups and users. There are a number of people who are barely able to pay the current fees who will not be able to absorb any increase. They do not want these children to fall into the category of "Children at Risk". They discussed this problem with staff and believe that there is a way to target the needy without abuse from those who do not wish to pay their fair share. Mr. Schroeder asked the Board to instruct staff to continue the discussion to implement such a program possibly in conjunction with the Leisure Access Card.

Commissioner Warren enquired if the issue of providing access through the Leisure Access Card or any other means of providing access to those who cannot afford the fee was addressed in the policy. The General Manager advised the Board that it was not the primary focus of the policy, however, staff will follow up on the comments heard tonight and will look at initiatives. The focus of the task force was to look at the rates. The past hockey associations have worked on fundraising to provide access for individuals.

Phil Daum, Sunset Community Centre Association stated that the ice rink programming policy does not seem to achieve very much. Mr. Daum stated that clause 3 b is not workable in terms of allocation of ice. We need to step back and look at the big picture. There is inequity in ice allocation right now and we need to look at allocating ice on a city wide basis. Mr. Daum stated that he had seven years ago requested the Board to consider allocating ice on a city-wide basis and not rink by rink but his request was not heard.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Yong stated that he would like to amend the motion to refer recommendation B to the task force for further discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT recommendation B of the motion as follows:
“THAT the Board approve the revised Ice Rink Programming Policy
included in Appendix C.”
be deferred for further discussion.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that he would encourage the ice rink programming policy planning to continue. We need to have a Vancouver first policy whereby the subsidised ice to the Vancouver users first. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh asked for a report back by June and implementation in September. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh also stated that the infrastructure issues of the arenas need to be addressed.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A) THAT the Board approve the Ice Rink subsidized rates for community associations and minor sport groups as described in Appendix A.**
- B) THAT the Board receive the Rink Task Force request for an additional ice surface adjacent to Sunset Ice Rink to be included in the 2000-2002 Capital Plan.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the addition of one tent to the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival at Vanier Park for Young Shakespeare Workshops and evening performances from July 26 to August 28.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the addition of one tent to the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival at Vanier Park for Young Shakespeare Workshops and evening performances from July 26 to Aug. 28.

Janey Cruise, Kits Point Resident Association appeared before the Board and

stated that the Kits Point area has the highest land use in the city and they are constantly constantly being faced with having to defend their area. Ms. Cruise stated that Bard on the Beach has expanded over the years to a four month summer institution. She is dissatisfied with the consultation process. Ms. Cruise stated that staff were aware of the opposition from the Kits Point Residents Association and yet their opinion has been ignored. She would like to have a containment guideline drawn up to protect the park for use by the community.

Christopher Gaze, Bard on the Beach, stated that 30 % of the audience are guests of Vancouver citizens. This is affordable Shakespeare theatre, Bard on the Beach is nonprofit and it is the citizens that have demanded the growth. They are successful because people like it and they are not asking for any funding.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that if it was only the Bard on the Beach Festival, there would be no problem, but this area has many other festivals going on all summer. She will not support the motion.

Commissioner Chesman stated that though Bard on the Beach is very successful, we need to be mindful of a public park and the residents. He would like to put forward an amendment requiring staff to meet with the Kits Point Resident and members of Bard on the Beach to assess this addition.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT staff meet with the Kits Point Residents and representatives from Bard on the Beach subsequent to August 28 to assess this addition.

- Carried.

(Commissioners McDiarmid and Warren contrary)

The main motion as amended was put forward:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the addition of one tent to the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival at Vanier Park for Young Shakespeare

Workshops and evening performances from July 26 to Aug. 28.

THAT staff meet with the Kits Point Residents and representatives from Bard on the Beach subsequent to August 28 to assess this addition.

- Carried.

(Commissioners McDiarmid and Warren contrary)

STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Chesman left room on a potential conflict of interest.

C.A.F.P. Conference Opening Ceremonies and Reception

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board give approval to MacGillivray & Associates to use Spanish Banks West most western parking lot and adjacent grassed area as the location for the Conference Opening Ceremonies & Reception of the Canadian Association of Financial Planners (CAFP) and Fidelity Investment Canada Limited on May 26, 1999 from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m.**
- B. THAT the Board give approval for the organizers to apply for a Special Occasion Licence to serve liquor inside the reception tents in conjunction with this event.**

- Carried Unanimously.

T99-1 Kitsilano Community Centre Renovations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 17, 1999 recommending that the Board award the contract for the renovations to Kitsilano Community Centre to Bynett Construction Services Ltd. for a cost of \$1,757,230, not including GST.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid

- A) **THAT the Board award the contract for the renovations to Kitsilano Community Centre to Bynett Construction Services Ltd., for a cost of \$ 1,757,230, not including GST .**
- 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.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this point.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair