

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan De Genova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 22, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Stanley Park / Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Parking Lot

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 26, 1999 recommending that the Board approve modifications to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club parking and that the Board approve the designation of 73 stalls in the parking lot as reserved for Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board approve modifications to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club parking as shown on the attached.
- B. THAT the Board approve the designation of 73 stalls in the parking lot as reserved for Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members.

Brian O'Sullivan and Wally Eggleton from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club appeared before the

Board and stated that the club would like to modify the present parking lot at Stanley Park. This modification would return 750 sqft to green space and provide better security for cars parked overnight by Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park, stated that a previous mistake to establish a parking lot does not need to be repeated. The members from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club do not come to Stanley Park for the enjoyment of the park rather, they use it to park their cars so that they might sail away; while the public are deprived of parkland. Mr. Rothwell stated that the report does not indicate the fact that any alternative such as using the shuttle service or parking the cars in another area, have even been looked at. Mr. Rothwell stated that the Board is generating revenue at the expense of diminishing the natural aspect of the park.

Anita Romaniuk Chair COPE Parks Committee stated that the Board is trying to eliminate traffic from Stanley Park. There is no need to add any parking as there is already a parking lot at the old works yard. People should be discouraged to bring their cars into the park.. The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club should be told to find an alternate transportation into the park rather than bringing their car.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the RVYC has been a responsible tenant and is entitled to fair consideration of its needs. He supports the practical solution to the problem of accessing the parking lot by the yacht club members. However, there is a principle that the Board should not lose sight of the question and that is, does a private institution have access to public land to the exclusion of the public. The short term solution to the problem is acceptable, however, for a long term solution he would like the motion to include the requirement that the Park Board and Yacht Club explore a long term solution that has at least two features: 1) the return of the entirety of the lot to public use and 2) the provision of sufficient parking to meet the reasonable requirements of yacht club members with a report back to the Board within two years.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- C. THAT the Board and the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club negotiate over the next two years a long term solution for RVYC parking in Stanley Park having two goals:
- 1) return of the entirety of the lot to public use
 - 2) the provision of sufficient parking to meet the reasonable requirements of RVYC members with a report with recommendations to the Board no later than two years from today.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and Commissioner Wilson stated that it would be more productive to review the situation at the expiration of the lease rather than in two years. Commissioner Chesman stated that two years would allow adequate time for discussion, any long term solution will take longer to implement.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT item 2 of the amendment be amended to read that a report be brought back to the Board with recommendations in the time frame consistent to the waterlot lease renewal in 2006.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Chesman contrary)

Commissioner Chesman's amendment motion as amended was put as follows:

- C. THAT the Board and the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club negotiate a long term solution for RVYC parking in Stanley Park having two goals:**
- 1) return of the entirety of the lot to public use**
 - 2) the provision of sufficient parking to meet the reasonable requirements of RVYC members and**
 - 3) report with recommendations to the Board in the time frame consistent to the waterlot lease renewal in 2006.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board approve modifications to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club parking as shown on the attached.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the designation of 73 stalls in the parking lot as reserved for Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members.**
- C. THAT the Board and the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club negotiate a long term solution for RVYC parking in Stanley Park having two goals:**
- 1) return of the entirety of the lot to public use**
 - 2) the provision of sufficient parking to meet the reasonable requirements of RVYC members and**
 - 3) report with recommendations to the Board in the time frame consistent to the waterlot lease renewal in 2006.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kensington Community Centre Addition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 31, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the schematic design for the addition to Kensington Community Centre as prepared by David Rodgers Architect Inc.

David Rodgers, Architect, reviewed the schematic design for the proposed renovation to the Kensington Community Centre with the Board with special attention to view, the present design of the building and the need for security.

Ernie Burchell, Board member from the Kensington Community Centre Association building committee stated that they did a survey of the community to determine what was needed. The survey determined that more space and services were needed. An architect was engaged to look at the different options available for the renovations of the community centre. The building committee chose the option which least affected the skyline with a minimum cost.

Bill Strong, Board member from the Kensington Community Centre Association stated that the two factors which govern a project are need and cost. There is a need for increasing and improving program space at the centre, this has been proved by the poll taken by the City which indicated that 66% of the population are in favour of an improved community centre. The neighbourhood has been well informed through the distribution of an information brochure on the plans for the community centre. Mr. Strong stated that the project must commence immediately as delay costs money.

Gregory Tan, resident from the Kensington Community Centre stated that he had asked the architect during the open house to look at the option of moving a part of the building further north. The architect stated that the option as suggested by Mr. Tan was looked at however, agreed that he would explore the possibility of moving the structure further north. The resident would like to receive something in writing to indicate an alternate option was explored.

Board members discussed the matter and it was agreed that the community at Kensington are in need of an upgraded community centre.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the schematic design (Scheme B) for the addition to Kensington Community Centre as prepared by David Rodgers Architect Inc. and as illustrated in Appendix I of the staff report dated March 31, 1999.

-Carried Unanimously.

Award of Pay Tennis Concession at Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 26, 1999 recommending that the Board award the pay tennis concession at Stanley Park to Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng for the 1999 season to be renewed for the 2000 and 2001 seasons by mutual consent of the Board and the pay tennis operators.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board award the pay tennis concession at Stanley Park to Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng for the 1999 season, to be renewed for the 2000 and 2001 seasons by mutual consent of the Board and the pay tennis operators.**
- B. 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 documents.**

- Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District advised the Board that the access into Stanley Park off the north causeway will be closed on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as an experiment in order to determine whether the traffic congestion on Park Drive is caused by park users or commuters by-passing the causeway traffic.