

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Alan Fetherstonhaugh</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Gabriel Yong</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- David Chesman</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Laura McDiarmid</b>
		<b>- Patrick Warren</b>
		<b>- Duncan Wilson</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Pieter Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Allan Argent</b>
	<b>A/Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Gord Lindal</b>
	<b>Manager of Operations - Q. E. District</b>	<b>- Bill Manning</b>
	<b>Manager of Public Affairs</b>	<b>- Terri Clark</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 12, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he wished to advise the Mayor of West Vancouver that Stanley Park is not a commuter route for those who live in North and West Vancouver to avoid traffic by going around Stanley Park. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he was sorry that she does not like the Board's decision to close the access to the park from the causeway. Stanley Park is for the citizens of Vancouver who pay for Stanley Park and we are happy to welcome visitors to the Park but it is not a freeway for the people of North and West Vancouver.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Lease Renewal Community Gardens - 7<sup>th</sup> and Fraser**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 24, 1999 recommending that the Board re-assign the licence to operate a community garden at 7<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park Site to the Urban Diggers Society.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. THAT the Board re-assign the licence to operate a community garden at 7<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park Site to the Urban Diggers Society.
2. THAT the Board renew the licence for a five year term starting May 1, 1999, with all terms of the licence adjusted to meet the requirements of the Community Gardens Policy.

Gavin Ross and Angela Halpin, appeared before the Board and stated that the community garden has been a positive addition to the Mount Pleasant community. They did receive some complaints with regard to the maintenance of garden and every effort has been made to clean up and improve the aesthetics of the garden. Mr. Ross asked the Board to approve the lease and invited them to visit the garden.

Board members discussed the matter and referred to Ms. Skibo's letter dated April 19, 1999 and whether some of the suggestions could be incorporated in the lease. Commissioner Wilson stated that he wished to put forward an amendment to the motion so that the suggestions made by Linda Skibo and Mark Graham would be evaluated.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the following be added to the last sentence of item 2 of the motion: "and subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager"; and THAT item 3 be added as follows: "THAT prior to the renewal of the lease, the General Manager be authorised to evaluate the lease amendments suggested by Linda Skibo and Mark Brown and determine whether they are appropriate for inclusion to the lease".**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner DeGenova and McDiarmid contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

1. **THAT the Board re-assign the licence to operate a community garden at 7<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park Site to the Urban Diggers Society.**
2. **THAT the Board renew the licence for a five year term starting May 1, 1999, with all terms of the licence adjusted to meet the requirements of the Community Gardens Policy and subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

3. **THAT prior to the renewal of the lease, the General Manager be authorised to evaluate the lease amendments suggested by Linda Skibo and Mark Brown and determine whether they are appropriate for inclusion to the lease.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Hastings Community Park - Redevelopment and Funding**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 19, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Patricia Coutts a board member from the Hastings Community Association appeared before the Board and stated that the community was looking forward to a water spray park for the children who are not able to get down to New Brighton Park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. **THAT the concept plan for Hastings Community Park outlined in this report and Appendix a be approved in principle, and**
- B. **THAT the Board approve the withdrawal of \$168,000 from the ‘Hastings Lacrosse Box’ and ‘New Brighton’ Parking Account funds, held in trust by the Hastings Community Association, for the development of a water spray park and other capital improvements to the Hastings Community Centre and grounds, consistent with the terms of the Trusts.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Commissioner Chesman arrived at this point of the meeting.**

### **Dogs Off Leash Parks**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the dog off-leash times as listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**THAT THE BOARD approve the location between Nat Bailey Stadium and the Vancouver Racquet Club for dog off-leash use from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

THAT THE BOARD approve Balaclava Park for dog off-leash use from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a 1 year continued trial period and that staff report back to the Board with a recommendation for future off-leash privileges.

THAT THE BOARD withdraw off-leash approval for Burrardview Park and approve Dusty Greenwell Park for off-leash use from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Art Bomke a resident from James Street thanked Park Board staff for working with dog owners group to come up with an alternative process. Mr. Bomke stated that the process is not yet complete as the location between Nat Bailey Stadium and the Vancouver Racquet Club is only temporary. They would like the use of Hillcrest Park as an off-leash area. Mr. Bomke also suggested that a park user stewardship committee be established so that the use of parks could be monitored.

Jenny Anderson and Steven Rybak stated that they represented the responsible dogowners who want to use Balaclava as an off-leash area. The delegation thanked Bill Manning, Manager of Operations - Queen Elizabeth District for listening and working with the residents. The sports field permit holders did not oppose to the use of Balaclava as an off-leash park. They urged the Board to accept staff's recommendation and indicated that the dog owners would use the parks wisely and responsibly .

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she attended the meetings and found them very positive. She commended staff members Bill Manning, Manager of Operations - Queen Elizabeth District, Mike Mackintosh, Supervisor of Queen Elizabeth Park and Jim Mackenzie, Sports Field Coordinator on a job well done. Commissioners Chesman and Wilson apologized to the delegation for previously excluding Balaclava Park as an off-leash area. Commissioner Chesman asked the delegation to note that Council has abdicated their responsibility on this issue and is no longer involved in the process.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**THAT THE BOARD approve the location between Nat Bailey Stadium and the Vancouver Racquet Club for dog off-leash use from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**THAT THE BOARD approve Balaclava Park for dog off-leash use from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a 1 year continued trial period and that staff report back to the Board with a recommendation for future off-leash privileges.**

**THAT THE BOARD withdraw off-leash approval for Burrardview Park and approve Dusty Greenwell Park for off-leash use from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00**

**p.m.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Capital Plan 2000 - 2002**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 30, 1999 recommending that the draft 2000-2002 Capital Plan be approved as the basis for community consultations and that the consultation process outlined in the report be approved.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the draft 2000-2002 Capital Plan (Appendix I) be approved as the basis for community consultations, and
- B. THAT the consultation process outlined in this report be approved.

Kathleen Bigsby, representing the Association Presidents along with Bill Harris, President of Kerrisdale Community Association and Lorraine Chow, Renfrew and Thunderbird Community Association appeared before the Board to present their request to include Community Centre Renewal in the Capital Plan. Ms. Bigsby stated that they would like to have a separate question for Community Centre renewal in the upcoming Capital Plan. They are not satisfied with the draft plan as there is no focus on Community Centre renewal.

Don Larson, CRAB - Water for Life Society appeared before the Board with regard to Eastland, a property adjacent to Portside Park. Mr. Larson was concerned that the new trade and convention centre and the plans of the Provincial Government to relax the liquor law might bring additional licensed premises to the Downtown Eastside. Mr. Larson stated that he was concerned that Portside Park will not be protected and asked the Board to approach Greystone for development cost levies to provide a buffer to Portside Park.

Shannon Campbell and Wendi Pope, Falaise Neighbourhood Committee supported by the Renfrew Park Community Association asked the Board to endorse the daylighting of Still Creek which runs through Falaise Park by putting it in the capital plan. Ms. Campbell stated that an easily accessed eco-system is of benefit to the school children who because of budget restraint are unable to go on field trips to natural habitats. Ms. Campbell stated that she needed the Park Board's support of the project to enable her committee to approach corporate sponsors and the Department of Fisheries and Ocean for funding.

Commissioner Wilson advised the delegation that if the project does not get included in the capital plan there are other opportunities for the project to move ahead. Commissioner Chesman stated that he supports community stewardship of neighbourhood parks.

Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park appeared before the Board and enquired if there were any plans and procedures in place in case there was a forest fire in Stanley Park. Mr. Rothwell suggested that there should be some means of controlling a forest fire and this is an appropriate time to think about this issue. One of the ways would be for the Park Board to work with BC Employment to hire students as park stewards equipping them with information brochures and cell phones to move around in the park so that they could douse the fire while it is young, given the traffic problems in the park. Mr. Rothwell also suggested that high risk area could be equipped with a permanent sprinkling system.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh asked staff to bring this matter to a Board workshop for discussion.

Bob Sarti and Bryan Espallat from the Strathcona Residents Association, Trevor Bolitho from Citygate, Muggs Sigguerisen from Carnegie Community Centre and Richard Page from Ray Cam Centre appeared before the Board and stated that they would like to see improvements to Strathcona Park be included in the Capital Plan. The delegations advised the Board that their community has repeatedly been cut from the capital plan, there has been many feasibility studies done but no action has been taken on any of them. The delegations also advised the Board that there were funds from the Bosa development that could be included for the improvements the community are requesting.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like to discuss the proposal to daylight the stream at Falaise Park at a Board workshop. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to have a staff report with regard to daylighting the stream at Falaise Park. Commissioner Chesman referred to the delegation from Strathcona and stated that he was happy to see that the community was united and if the community could get the extra funding he would support them.

The motion was put as follows :

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. **THAT the draft 2000-2002 Capital Plan (Appendix I) be approved as the basis for community consultations, and**
- B. **THAT the consultation process outlined in this report be approved.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Human Resources Report - New Regular Positions**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the regularization of temporary funds in order to establish two new regular

full time positions.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the regularization of temporary funds in order to establish two new regular full-time positions: a Landscape Architect within the Planning Department to co-ordinate park development projects and a Emergency Social Services Coordinator within the Park Board, responsible for providing Emergency Social Services in the event of an emergency or disaster. The classification of the positions are subject to review by the General Manager of Human Resources**

**- Carried Unanimously**

### **Bayshore Gardens - Extension of Due Date for Parks Payment-in-Lieu**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 19, 1999 recommending that the Board concur with the recommendations in the Council administrative report dated April 7, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

**THAT the Board concur with the recommendations in the Administrative Report dated April 7, 1999 as follows to Council:  
THAT Council extend the Due Date for parks payment-in-lieu, as defined in the ‘Bayshore Parks and Payment In Lieu of Parks Agreement’, from November 9, 1999 to November 9, 2005, with the existing occupancy covenants remaining unchanged.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **1999 Basic, Added Basic, New and Non Recurring and Supplemental Budget**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 20, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the 1999 Basic, Added Basic Budget, New and Non Recurring Budget and Supplemental Budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the 1999 Basic, Added Basis Budget, New and Non Recurring Budget and Supplemental Budgets as per Appendix I, II, III and IV in the staff report dated April 20, 1999.**

**- Carried Unanimously**

## Traffic on Park Drive

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 26, 1999 recommending that the Board continue the two way traffic trial to Ferguson Point Third Beach and that the Board institute regularized closures of the southbound causeway exit as part of the Park Drive two way traffic trial.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board continue the two way traffic trial to Ferguson Point/Third Beach.
- B. THAT the Board institute regularized closures of the southbound causeway exit as part of the Park Drive two way traffic trial.

Commissioner Warren stated that he would like to defer to allow the stakeholders to provide input in this matter.

Moved by Commissioner Warren

THAT this matter be deferred so that the stakeholders be advised to allow them the opportunity to provide their input.

Board members discussed the merit of deferral of the motion and Commissioner Chesman stated that he would prefer to see hard data on the two way traffic to third beach and until he receives the information the status quo should continue for the time being. After further discussions, the Board decided to receive the report for information and re-visit the issue after the May 22<sup>nd</sup> weekend.

Commissioner Warren withdrew his deferral motion.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

**THAT the Board receive the staff report dated April 26, 1999 with regard to Park Drive Two Way Traffic for information and re-visit the issue after the May 22<sup>nd</sup> weekend.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**



**Award of Contract - Park Drive Reconstruction Phase 1, Phase 2 and Children's Farmyard Parking Entrance**

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

Board member received copies of a staff report dated April 23, 1999 recommending that the Board award the contract for reconstruction of Park Drive and the Children's Farmyard parking entrance to Win Van Paving.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board award contract T99-03 to Win Van Paving for the reconstruction of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Park Drive and of the Children's Farmyard parking entrance for the tendered price of \$451,200.00.**
  
- 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 time.