

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 21 1999**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 14 were adopted as circulated.

Hastings Park Restoration and Pacific National Exhibition Arrangements Through 2002

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 1999 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A & B in the attached Administrative Report dated June 8, 1999 to City Council.

Larry Beasley , Co-Director of Planning advised the Board that he along with Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations had several meetings with the PNE and has constructed an operating agreement which would allow the restoration of Hastings Park to continue while the PNE continue to operate for a further three years at Hastings Park. The PNE is well aware that they are expected to find an alternate location so that the restoration of Hastings Park could be completed. Park Board will continue in its restoration work at Hastings Park and the PNE will continue to maintain the facility including the restored areas. The PNE will be assisted on maintenance costs only on those years when they have an operating loss. The amount has been carefully capped to relate closely to the amount of money that would have been invested in the park. This money can now be directed to the restoring the park.

Doug MacCaulder, CUPE 1004 appeared before the Board and stated that he appreciated the Park Board made a three years breathing plan, he would like to know in advance as to what plans there may be with regards to the PNE and Hastings Park and what the workers may expect

toward the end of the three years plan.

Steve Varty, Vice President CUPE 1004 thanked the Board and appreciated the flexibility and cooperation which allowed the PNE to stay for another three years. They are looking for some long term solutions as the uncertainty is very difficult for some of the workers.

Rick Kwan, Hastings Community Association stated that he was pleased to see that the PNE will not be using lot 10. The issue of parking for New Brighton Park has been long standing. They would like to have signs to indicate that lot 10 may be used by patrons of New Brighton Park.

Commissioner Chesman stated that Hastings Park is in the most park deficient area and the Hastings Park Restoration is a community based planned project . The process is now endorsed by the City Planning Commission as a model for other community development. The citizens are the true owners of the site, however, with the PNE having a lease the privilege of citizens using Hastings Park was limited by barbed wire fences. The PNE will not receive a renewal to their lease, therefore, they will not have legal rights over the site. The park will be open for public use as it was intended to be.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the Administrative Report dated June 8, 1999 with regard to Hastings Park Restoration and Pacific National Exhibition Arrangement Through 2002 :

A. THAT Council approve the preparation of an Operating Agreement for the occupation and use by the Pacific National Exhibition of Hastings Park (except the Racetrack area) for the 2000-2002 time period, on terms and conditions as generally outlined in this report, and all to be finalized to the satisfaction of the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Co-Director of Planning (Central Area) and the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;

AND FURTHER THAT the City Manager be authorized to sign such Operating Agreement with the Pacific National Exhibition.

B. THAT the Pacific National Exhibition be requested to provide an annual report to the City on efforts to relocate its operations off Hastings Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Communities in Bloom Competition

Board member received copies of a staff report dated June 8, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Bill Manning introduced the organizing committee for the Communities in Bloom Competition and the different criteria Vancouver will be judged on. Shirley Hebenton representing the Vancouver Garden Club stated that she was excited about the most beautiful block competition.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that staff has done a very good job and the Communities in Bloom Committee are working very hard to continue to support our communities .

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board approve spending \$5,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship account of pay for costs related to the 1999 Communities in Bloom Competition.**
- B. THAT the Board approve sending a representative from the Vancouver Park Board to the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremony in Halifax on September 18, 1999.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Cambridge Park Community Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 8, 1999 recommending that the Board give permission for the use of a portion of Cambridge Park as a community garden and that the Board grant to Kiwassa Neighbourhood House a 5 year licence to operate the community gardens with all terms consistent with the Community Gardens Policy.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board give permission for the use of a portion of Cambridge Park as a community garden, with all specifications to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- B. THAT the Board grant to Kiwassa Neighbourhood House a 5 year licence to operate the community gardens, with all terms consistent with the Community Gardens Policy.**

Shereen Farag, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House stated that a community activity such as working in a community garden will help to address some of the negative elements in the neighbourhood such as drug trade.

Petro Koromvokes represented the residents of Cannery Row who are in favour of a community garden. The participation in the garden by the neighbourhood will create a sense of belonging.

Jan Robinson used to garden at Strathcona and she hopes to involve kids in the garden and help them to have a sense of proprietorship by working in the garden. She hopes that this will help alleviate crime in the neighbourhood.

Steve St. Laurent stated that the public process was not done well, it is not a community garden, they are allotment gardens, the little park is the only buffer between the rail yard and the Port of Vancouver. This garden is taking over parkland and this information was not given in the brochures.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he was concerned with private use of public land and asked staff to in the future advise the community on the percentage of park space being taken up for the garden.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT an item C be added to the main motion:

- C. THAT the staff amend future Community Gardens surveys to clearly advise the community of the percentage of park to be taken up by the relevant gardens and, therefore, unavailable to other park uses.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- C. THAT the staff amend future Community Gardens surveys to clearly**

advise the community of the percentage of park to be taken up by the relevant gardens and, therefore, unavailable to other park uses.

- Carried Unanimously.

Brockton Totem Poles Visitor Centre - Final Approval

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 10, 1999 recommending that the Board give final approval for the construction of a Visitor Centre, with an approximate size of 2,260 sq.ft. At the Brockton Totem Pole site in Stanley Park.

Philip Josephs, Acting Director of Stanley District gave a brief overview of the history with regard to the process and design for the Brockton Totem Poles Visitor Centre.

George Frankel, Prospect Point Café, stated that he would like the Board to work out a marketing plan so that his business will not suffer. Prospect Point will be the second stop following the stop at the proposed Visitor Centre and he fears that by the time the tour buses stop at Prospect Point Cafe the tourists will not be purchasing from his gift shop. Mr. Frankel stated that he agreed with the merchandising mix but there has not been a marketing strategy developed.

Gerry O'Neil, AAA Horse and Carriage asked if he could use the loading bay at the proposed Visitor Centre to drop off and pick up passengers. Mr. O'Neil stated that he had discussed with Mr. Philip Josephs who advised him that this would not be possible for safety reasons. He hoped the Board would consider his request.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board give final approval for the construction of a Visitor Centre, with an approximate size of 2,260 sq.ft. at the Brockton Totem Pole site in Stanley Park.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to amend the motion to ask staff to work with Mr. Frankel to come up with a marketing strategy.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board's staff continue to develop with Prospect Point Cafe ways and means to market the cafe at the Brockton Totem Pole site.

- Carried Unanimously.

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- Carried Unanimously.

City of Vancouver Millennium Project

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 1999 recommending that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation participate in the official city of Vancouver millennium project as outlined in the April 13th Report to Vancouver City Council. Commissioner Chesman stated that we should encourage the Community Associations as we have a partnership but they must be reminded that there is no obligation.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation participate in the official City of Vancouver millenium project as outlined in the Millennium Steering Committee Report dated April 13 to Vancouver City Council.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh returned to the meeting at this time.

2000 -2002 Capital Plan : Public Process and Next Steps

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board receive the 2000-2002 Capital Plan : Public Process and Next Steps report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Warren enquired what the Capital Plan process will be from now. The General Manager stated that the Board now has a summary of the public consultation process done by the Park Board. We are now waiting for information on what the Park Board envelope would be. Once this decision is made by Council, a report will be brought back to the Board to decide on the final priorities based on the envelope approved by Council.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she was supposed to participate in the summer solstice parade at Kitsilano, but was unable to do so due to a problem with her ankle.

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that he attended the field users meeting and reported that there was a lot of support for sports field to be included in the next Capital Plan.