

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 12, 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 Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	A/Director of Vancouver East District	- Greg Eng
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that Commissioner Wilson was away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 21, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh introduced Dorothy Kerr, the new Assistant to the Board.

City Council Report

Commissioner Warren gave an update on Council's action with regard to the 2000 - 2002 Capital Plan, the tabling of the implementations of the Public Involvement Review. Council also received a report on the Interim City-wide Development Cost Levy By-Law: Boundary and Allocation and appointed Wendy Au to co-ordinate the City's activities in the Downtown Eastside.

DELEGATIONS

Possible Stream Restoration : Falaise Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Possible Stream Restoration at Falaise Park for information.

Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations reviewed the possible daylighting of an apparent existing stream at Falaise Park. Mr. Rutgers advised the Board that this stream could be an educational tool to the community on being sensitive to the environment . The Engineering Department indicated that they would like the storm sewer pipe to remain for the overflow. The water quality will be comparable to the water at Renfrew Ravine and signs will be posted to make people aware of the fact that the water is not safe for human contact. The cost of the project would be approximately \$250,000.

Shannon Campbell, Falaise Park Neighbourhood House appeared before the Board and stated that there was a need in Vancouver to open up more of Still Creek. She understands from various sources that the coliform count in the creek has gradually decreased over the years. There is interest and support from schools around the area for this project. The creek is dying and time is of the essence. She asked the Board to support the project so that her group could commence their fundraising efforts.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Warren enquired if this project could be done in phases. Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that it would not be beneficial to phase in the project. Commissioner Yong was concerned that \$250,000 would be a substantial amount from the Capital Plan for this project which has just come forward. The General Manager advised the Board that this project is in the preliminary stage, it still needs to go out to the neighbourhood for their input and could be considered in the next Capital Plan. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh suggested that this project could be supported by corporate partnerships. Shannon Campbell stated that the corporate community is interested and they need the approval of the project by the Board before making commitments.

The motion was put at follows:

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Possible Stream Restoration at Falaise Park for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Eco Cafe Sustainability Society - Approval in Principle to Occupy a Portion of Creekside Park

Board member received copies of a staff report dated July 2, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the report.

Magnus Bein, Eco Café stated that their draft budget was a conservative estimate and they plan to have a third party evaluate the project so that the figures could be more accurate. Also, they would need to raise less money if they were to proceed with the project without the youth education program and other extras.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh clarified to the delegation that all the monies must be in place before construction can begin.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board give the EcoCafé Sustainability Society approval in principle to occupy a portion of Creekside Park subject to the following conditions:**
 - 1. All funding be in place before the commencement of construction.**
 - 2. The Society's Business Plan be subject to the approval of the General Manager.**
 - 3. The Society meet all City permit and licencing requirements.**
 - 4. The exact licensed area and all other details be subject to the approval of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services.**

- B THAT if all conditions are met the Board grant the Society a licence to occupy the designated area for five years for \$1.00 a year with an option to renew for a further five years.**

- C. THAT the Society complete their fundraising objectives by July 1, 2001 and update the Board of their progress after one year from this date.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 8, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the Stanley Park Causeway Agreement dated July 12, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the “Stanley Park Causeway Agreement” dated July 12, 1999.

Don Buchanan appeared before the Board and stated that the sidewalks should be widened for safety reasons. A wider sidewalk would also encourage the people to use the amenities in the park without using their vehicles. Mr. Buchanan asked the Board to reconsider the maximum sidewalk allowable.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that the causeway is a crime against Stanley Park. The Provincial Government reassured the Park Board that they would do everything they could to remediate the noise and air pollution. As usual they broke their promise and this has not been done. They were aware of other alternatives to the Lions Gate Bridge but they have been derelict in their duty to the citizens of Vancouver, North and West Vancouver by refurbishing the bridge which is the most senseless thing to do. They are perpetrating their crime on Stanley Park by their decision to not replace the bridge therefore, not one more inch of Stanley Park would go for a causeway or traffic despite what people in North and West Vancouver might say about compromising their safety.

Commissioner Warren stated that widening sidewalks is not a worthy cause for alternative transportation, we need a third crossing.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the Board has always taken a pro park position on the causeway issue. They will not permit any loss of Stanley Park to facilitate the Province’s short sighted decision on the first narrows crossing. The Provincial Government however does not share the Board’s view and even while the BCTFA admits that the first narrows crossing is one of the busiest thoroughfares in the province, they will only spend about \$100 million to refurbish the bridge rather than build a new crossing. The Province spends a billion on the Island Highway, \$300 million on a pulp mill that does not turn a profit in an NDP riding and hundreds of million of dollars cost over run on fast ferries which do not work. Commissioner Chesman stated that he hopes that one day under a competent Provincial Government the causeway will be returned to Stanley Park.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the “Stanley Park Causeway Agreement” dated July 12, 1999.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Dining Pavilion - Lease Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 2, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A. THAT the Board extend the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion for nine (9) months (January 1, 2000 - September 30, 2000) under the current terms and conditions.
- B. THAT staff prepare a "Request for Information" (RFI) package to be advertised and circulated to all interested restaurateurs and a shortlist be developed so that they be sent a final "Request for Proposals." (RFP)
- 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 documents.

John Carveth, Stanley Park Dining Pavilion, referred to the recommendation in the staff report and asked the Board to extend their lease until December 31, 2000. Mr. Carveth stated that they do a lot of Christmas banquets in the month of November and December. In discussion with staff they understood that it would a one year lease.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she would like to amend the motion to allow the expiration date to be extended to December 31, 2000 as it would be better to give a one year lease to the operator rather than nine months. Further we have a responsibility to the operator who has been there for 10 years.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion be extended to December 31, 2000.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that they operator has been given several extensions since 1997 and it is time to move

Commissioner Yong stated that extending it to one year is a small concession , however in order to make this the last extension, he would like to amend the motion to include that no further extensions will be granted.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board extend the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion until December 31, 2000 and no further extension requests will be accepted by the Board.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Chesman, De Genova, Fetherstonhaugh and Warren contrary)

The amendment motion was put:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion be extended to December 31, 2000.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Chesman, De Genova, Fetherstonhaugh and Warren contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- A. **THAT the Board extend the lease of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion for nine (9) months (January 1, 2000 - September 30, 2000) under the current terms and conditions.**
- B. **THAT staff prepare a “Request for Information” (RFI) package to be advertised and circulated to all interested restaurateurs and a shortlist be developed so that they be sent a final “Request for Proposals.” (RFP)**
- 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 documents.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Little Mountain Baseball Clubhouse Proposal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 2, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the proposal by Little Mountain Baseball to reconstruct the concession/clubhouse structure in Hillcrest Park; conditional to connecting this project to the Board's Master Plan process for the area; subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the Board.
- B. THAT the Board authorize the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing the development and operation of this facility.

Chris Haylett, Little Mountain Baseball, asked the Board to accept the staff report, however, he has concerns with the clubhouse being linked with the master plan. Mr. Haylett stated that the master plan could take a long to complete and he does not see why the construction clubhouse must go through a master plan as it has already been approved by the community. They have time constraints in regard to their funding, they also have commitments in kind such as labour and material to build the clubhouse. Mr. Haylett was worried that if the approval for the project took too long he might lose the volunteer group which is transitory. The delay could also present a hardship in their plans to host the 2001 Canadian Championships.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that he wished to put forward an amendment to assure the Little Mountain Baseball Club that the clubhouse will be available for the 2001 Canadian Championship.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

- C. **THAT the Little Mountain Baseball Clubhouse be the first issue addressed and settled within the Master Plan and it shall be addressed and settled by no later than December 1, 1999 so as to ensure that the Clubhouse is available to the 2001 Canadian Little League Championship.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the proposal by Little Mountain Baseball to reconstruct the concession/clubhouse structure in Hillcrest Park; conditional to connecting this project to the Board's Master Plan process for the area; subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the Board.**
- B. THAT the Board authorize the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing the development and operation of this facility.**
- D. THAT the Little Mountain Baseball Clubhouse be the first issue addressed and settled within the Master Plan and it shall be addressed and settled by no later than December 1, 1999 so as to ensure that the Clubhouse is available to the 2001 Canadian Little League Championship.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Extension of Contract for Security Guard Service - Tender T97-8

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

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 5, 1999 recommending that the Board extend the contract for security guard service to Securicor Protection Services for an additional twelve month period to July 1, 2000.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A) THAT the contract for security guard service be extended for an additional twelve (12) month period to July 1, 2000.**
- B) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until the execution of the contemplated document.**

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that we need to review the needs for security and come up with alternatives including the possibility of providing our own security resources.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT a committee be set up to discuss and prepare an overview of our security needs by May 1, 2000.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A) **THAT the contract for security guard service be extended for an additional twelve (12) month period to July 1, 2000.**
- B) **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until the execution of the contemplated document.**
- C) **THAT a committee be set up to discuss and prepare an overview of our security needs by May 1, 2000.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

That \$65,000 be taken from the Corporate Sponsorship account to construct a water-spray play area at McLean and Strathcona Parks