

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 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 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Warren referred to page 5 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 12, 1999 and stated that widening sidewalks is not a worthy cause for alternative transportation given the current and anticipated volume of daily commuter cyclists. By not widening the causeway we are supporting a future third crossing outside of the park.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 12, 1999 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - Pagoda Proposal and Expansion Plans

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

- A. THAT the Board accept in principle the donation of a seven storey pagoda to be built in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and operated by the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) That all design, financial and legal requirements be to the satisfaction of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services.
 - 2) That the Board authorize the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) governing the development and operation of this facility.
- B. THAT the Board give approval in principle to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society to expand the Classical Garden in front of the present gift shop for the purpose of an education/ presentation hall, public washrooms, a volunteer lounge and a larger gift shop.
- C. THAT the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Society carry out appropriate public consultation on both of these initiatives.

Joe Wai, architect, Bruce Stewart, President and Peter Kwok, Vice President of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society presented the concept of a pagoda at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden. Mr. Wai stated that there is an anonymous donor who has committed to donate up to \$1.5 million for the construction of the pagoda. Mr. Wai reviewed the various uses of the pagoda which includes an observation deck and public washrooms. The pagoda could play an important part in the revitalization of Chinatown. The design on the facade of the building will be a blend of West Coast and Chinese culture. The goal is to provide a destination for residents as well as a facility for tourists.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the anonymous donor for his generous donation to the people of the City of Vancouver. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to make a formal motion to express the Board's appreciation to the donor.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the Anonymous Donor for his generosity in personally financing the pagoda as a contribution to this City.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board accept in principle the donation of a seven storey pagoda to be built in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and operated by the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver subject to the following conditions:**
- 1) That all design, financial and legal requirements be to the satisfaction of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services.**
- 2) That the Board authorize the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) governing the development and operation of this facility.**
- B. THAT the Board give approval in principle to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society to expand the Classical Garden in front of the present gift shop for the purpose of an education/ presentation hall, public washrooms, a volunteer lounge and a larger gift shop.**
- C. THAT the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Society carry out appropriate public consultation on both of these initiatives.**
- D. THAT the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the Anonymous Donor for his generosity in personally financing the pagoda as a contribution to this City.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Molson Indy Legacy and Use of Creekside Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 6, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board give approval for the use of Creekside Park for a period of four days for the 1999 Indy.**
- B. THAT the Board concur with the attached Council report recommendations for a Vancouver Molson Indy Legacy but continue with a consultation process involving the Citygate residents and all neighboring Community Associations.**
- C. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of the annual fee (\$20,000) from Molstar Sports and Entertainment from 1998 to 2001 (\$80,000) to supplement improvements identified in this report, subject to the agreement of the participating stakeholders.**

Connie Reynolds from Citygate stated that there was a lack of public consultation with regard to the use of the legacy money. Ms. Reynolds stated that her main concern was the reference to Science World who has never been involved in the community in any of their programs. The playground being so close to Science World causes a concern as to whether the community would be allowed free use of the playground. Ms. Reynolds asked the Board to table the report until proper community consultation has taken place.

Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District advised the Board that the important issue was to facilitate receiving at least half of the legacy money for the Park Board rather than see all of it go to a temporary seawalk. The playground is a facility for the whole community, it is adjacent to Science World but not attached to it.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Chesman stated that the delegation's concern was mainly with the lack of public consultation process. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would like to put forward an amendment to ensure the future consultation process will involve all stakeholders.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board ensure that the future continuing public consultation process be amended to ensure that all stakeholders are brought together and, that the community's needs as identified by that process be the priorities for future spending.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board give approval for the use of Creekside Park for a period of four days for the 1999 Indy.**
- B. THAT the Board concur with the attached Council report recommendations for a Vancouver Molson Indy Legacy but continue with a consultation process involving the Citygate residents and all neighboring Community Associations.**
- C. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of the annual fee (\$20,000) from Molstar Sports and Entertainment from 1998 to 2001 (\$80,000) to supplement improvements identified in this report, subject to the agreement of the participating stakeholders.**
- D. THAT the Board ensure that the future continuing public consultation process be amended to ensure that all stakeholders are**

brought together and, that the community's needs as identified by that process be the priorities for future spending.

- Carried Unanimously.

South East False Creek

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

WHEREAS the Board formally applauds the efforts of City Council to pursue sustainable concepts for Vancouver and acknowledges the effort that has been expended by the City on planning future of Southeast False Creek and,

WHEREAS the Board has not had the opportunity to consult with its constituents in a meaningful way concerning the policy statement for Southeast False Creek as some key issues have yet to be addressed by the process, specifically,

1. the policy statement for Southeast False Creek does not provide an evaluation of alternative uses for the publicly-owned portions of the study area;
2. the policy statement contains no publicly available analysis of soil remediation costs for the recommended land use not for any alternative uses;
3. at no time has an evaluation of the land use that would most benefit the public taken place.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board set aside consideration of the Southeast False Creek policy statement and request that Council address the above issues prior to proceeding with any approvals.

John Davis appeared before the Board and stated that the citizens of Vancouver need another major park. He thanked the Board in trying to devote all of Southeast False Creek to parkland. Mr. Davis stated that the City planners did not ask the community as to what would be best use for the land.

Marilyn Bell appeared before the Board and stated that she had arranged for a petition to be put out at Mountain Co-op and has collected over 2000 signatures in support of dedicating all of the land at Southeast False Creek for park use. Ms. Bell read some of the comments in the petition to emphasize what the public are saying with regard to the use of the land at Southeast False Creek. Ms. Bell advised the Board that not only people living in the area surrounding Southeast False Creek are voicing their opinion but that people from all over the City are doing it. The petition forms will now be placed at the West End Community Centre.

Art Cowie former Park Commissioner appeared before the Board and submitted a written presentation regarding the Southeast False Creek Policy Statement prepared by the City of Vancouver Planning Department. Mr. Cowie stated that the idea proposed by the City planners are wrong, what is needed is a large city park with some local components. They have progressed from 12 to 26 acres and now they must be encouraged to further consider the needs of the entire city and not just the sustainable housing project. The location of the majority of park as proposed next to the Cambie Bridge is the least desirable from a park use point of view. The large majority of park needs to be adjacent to the Science Centre and along the waterfront.

Board members received copies of a Policy Report dated June 29, 1999 with regard to Southeast False Creek Policy Statement : Towards a Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood and Major Park. Commissioner Wilson stated that there are a lot of questions regarding the development of Southeast False Creek which need to be addressed. One of them is the cost of the clean up of the contamination in the area. It would cost less to clean up the area for park use. The citizens have a right to ask for what they want. Commissioner Chesman commended Commissioner Wilson on his leadership on this matter and agrees that we need to go to the public first on an issue, and there is a need for public process before adopting a policy.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

WHEREAS the Board formally applauds the efforts of City Council to pursue sustainable concepts for Vancouver and acknowledges the effort that has been expended by the City on planning future of Southeast False Creek and,

WHEREAS the Board has not had the opportunity to consult with its constituents in a meaningful way concerning the policy statement for Southeast False Creek as some key issues have yet to be addressed by the process, specifically,

- 4. the policy statement for Southeast False Creek does not provide an evaluation of alternative uses for the publicly-owned portions of the study area;**
- 5. the policy statement contains no publicly available analysis of soil remediation costs for the recommended land use not for any alternative uses;**
- 6. at no time has an evaluation of the land use that would most benefit the public taken place.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board set aside consideration of the Southeast

False Creek policy statement and request that Council address the above issues prior to proceeding with any approvals.

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Naming Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 7, 1999 recommending that the Board officially name the park site bounded by Hastings and Jervis Streets and the Coal Harbour waterfront, Coal Harbour park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board officially name the park site bounded by Hastings and Jervis Streets and the Coal Harbour waterfront, Coal Harbour Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Guide to Leisure Services

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 7, 1999 recommending that the Board approve spending up to \$10,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship account to pay for part of the costs related to the printing of the 1999-2000 Park Board Guide to Leisure Services booklet.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman

THAT the Board approve spending up to \$10,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship account to pay for part of the costs related to the printing of the 1999-2000 Park Board Guide to Leisure Services booklet.

- Carried Unanimously.

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was moved by Commissioner De Genova at the Board's meeting on Monday, July 12, 1999.

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

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT staff locate funding to resolve the \$65,000 shortfall for the construction of a water-spray play area at McLean Park.

Commissioner De Genova stated that the Strathcona Community Association had been working very hard and were planning to start construction in September of 1999. However, they now have a shortfall of \$65,000. The community was able to raise \$2,500 and their various grant applications were denied.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.