

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 13, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Communities in Bloom

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that Vancouver won the Communities in Bloom National Award in the category of cities with a population of 300,000 or more. Commissioner McDiarmid thanked all the volunteers, organizations, sponsors and staff of the Vancouver Park Board and from other City departments. The categories on which Vancouver was judged on were tidiness, turf areas, landscaping, heritage conversation, urban forestry, floral display, environmental effort and community involvement. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that this was a community effort and the award really belongs to the people of Vancouver without whom there would not have been the public will to keep the vision of a livable city a reality for future generations.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh congratulated and thanked all the volunteers on behalf of the Board for their efforts in achieving this prestigious award. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that we have always known that we live in the most beautiful city in Canada, now we have everyone recognizing this fact.

City Council Agenda

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that Council approved the Staff Review Team Capital Plan recommendation of \$29.5 million and has added another \$2 million in response to the Community Centre Presidents request for more funding. Commissioner Warren also reported that Council held the second Public Meeting on the policy recommendation for South East False Creek. As there are still speakers remaining the final meeting is scheduled for October 5, 1999 in Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Capital Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 21, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the 2000-2002 Capital Plan according to the \$31,500,000 envelope set by City Council.

Piet Rutgers gave a brief overview of the 2000-2002 Capital Plan process and the steps taken to allocate the funds. The draft 2000-2002 Capital Plan presented for the Board's approval was compiled by deferring some projects, consolidating others and in some cases by identifying alternate funding sources. Inputs received during the public consultation process such as the need for playing fields and neighbourhood park development were also considered.

Kathleen Bigsby, representing the Community Association Presidents appeared before the Board and stated that the Association Presidents were satisfied with the allocation of the \$2 million toward the renovation of Renfrew Community Centre and Pool . Ms. Bigsby stated that the Association Presidents will be expressing their disappointment at receiving such a small amount of money for Community Centre renewal. She would also like to see maintenance items removed from the capital plan.

Rob Moretto, President, Renfrew Community Association thanked the Association Presidents for their contribution and commitment to community centre renewal. Mr. Moretto stated that the Renfrew Board supports the Capital Plan and thanked Mark Vulliamy for having a long term vision for Renfrew Community Centre. They will encourage the community to vote for the capital plan.

Tom Caverly, B. C. Volleyball appeared before the Board and stated that he was disappointed that there was no provision for beach volleyball courts in the capital plan. Beach volleyball is popular among youth and is now part of the Canada Games.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Wilson enquired on the status of planning for beach volleyball. Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that BC Volleyball suggested that \$90,000 be spent on the creation of sixteen courts and that this would be paid through user fees over a period of eight or nine years. Since this is a self financing proposal it has not been included in the capital plan.

Board members thanked the staff for a well organized public process in the development of the 2000-2002 Capital Plan

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board approve the 2000-2002 Capital Plan (Appendix I) revised according to the \$31,500,000 envelope set by City Council.

- Carried Unanimously.

Consultant's Appointment

Commissioners Chesman and DeGenova left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 16, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the appointment of Philips Wuori Long Landscape Architects for \$198,750 (plus \$19,875 for disbursements) a prime consultants for the Stream Development Project.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Philips Wuori Long Landscape Architects for \$198,750 (plus \$19,875 for disbursements) as prime consultants for the Steam Development Project.

- Carried Unanimously.

Harbour Ferries Ltd. Parking Lot - Rent Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 20, 1999 recommending that the rent for the period September 1, 1998 to August 30, 2000 be set at \$84,000 per annum.

Moved by Commissioner Warren

- A. THAT the rent for the Harbour Ferries Ltd. Parking Lot for the period September 1, 1998 to August 30, 2003 be set at \$84,000 per annum.**
- 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.

Commissioners Chesman and DeGenova returned to the meeting at this point.

Vancouver Rowing Club Parking Lot

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 16, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the extension of the sub-lease with the Vancouver Rowing Club for its parking lot for five years and that the rent be set as detailed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board extend the sub-lease with the Vancouver Rowing Club for its parking lot for five years, from September 15, 1999 to September 14, 2004.**
- B. THAT the rent be set at \$17,170 for the period September 15, 1999 to September 14, 2000, with annual increases thereafter that reflect the rate of inflation for each of the following four years.**
- 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 document.**

- Carried Unanimously.

By-law to Require a Nomination Deposit

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 20, 1999 recommending that the Board adopt a by-law to require a nomination deposit for the position of Park Commissioner on the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Moved by Commissioner

- A. THAT the Board adopt a by-law to require a Nomination Deposit for the position of Park Commissioner on the Board of Parks and Recreation as part of the Park Board's election procedure.**
- B. THAT the Park Board Election Procedure (Nomination Deposit) By-Law be given three readings.**

Commissioner Wilson suggested that maybe an alternate process could be having a 100 signatures in support of a nomination rather than \$100 deposit. Rod Drennan , Assistant

Elections Officer advised the Board that the City Clerk will be reviewing the process and submitting a report after the election.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Park Board Election Procedure (Nomination Deposit) By-Law be given the first reading.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Park Board Election Procedure (Nomination Deposit) By-Law be given the second and third readings.

- Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Volleyball

Commissioner Wilson stated that beach volleyball is growing in popularity and would like to encourage staff to proceed as soon as possible to assist Volleyball BC to identify a site for a self-funded beach volleyball facility.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board encourage staff to identify a site for the self funded beach volleyball proposal of Volley ball BC.

- Carried Unanimously.

Update on Damage Caused by the Wind Storm

Commissioner Wilson requested an update on damage caused to trees during the recent windstorm. Piet Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that up to 200 street trees were blown down. The street tree crews were out on Saturday and Sunday coordinating the clean-up.

Solstice Grove at Connaught Park /Artist in Residence Templeton Pool

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that the Solstice Grove was opened at Connaught Park on the weekend. This is another neighbourhood project where mosaic tiles and a grove of trees were put together in Connaught Park. A new tile will be added each year in conjunction with the Annual Solstice Parade. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she also attended the celebration of Artist in Residence program at Templeton Pool.

Stanley Park Causeway

Commissioner Warren stated that the Stanley Park Causeway issue seem to be re-appearing in the media and this would be an appropriate time to comment on it.

Commissioner Wilson stated that his new employer had made a presentation to the Board a year ago on the subject of the causeway, for this reason he will leave the room and absent himself from the discussions on a potential conflict of interest. However, he wished to be clear that this will not affect his ability to participate in an advocacy role with the Board to pursue a mid harbour crossing or out of the park solution in the future date, specific to the issue of the causeway lanes.

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that in recent weeks some West Vancouver residents began advocating for a widened Stanley Park Causeway . These residents have launched a petition seeking support for their position and are here tonight to present it to the Board. The Park Board firmly believes in and is committed to public participation in its decision making. On behalf of the Board he welcomed the West Vancouver petitioners to the meeting, however, prior to receiving their petition, Commissioner Warren reiterated the Board's position on this issue. The Park Board actively participated in the consultation process that was established by the Provincial Government to review options for the First Narrows Crossing. This extensive process took place over four years and involved stakeholders from a broad range of regional interests, as well as members of the public at large. Like other participants the Board brought its interests to the table and consistently voiced its support for a new First Narrows Crossing that would meet the transportation needs of all stakeholders while reducing environmental impacts on Stanley Park. The final decision on this public process was to simply upgrade the status quo crossing. Since the completion of the process the Board's position has not changed. Moreover, our position is consistent with our Mission " to provide, preserve and advocate for parks open spaces and leisure services to enhance the well being of individuals and communities."

Ms. Marion Nodwell presented a petition with signatures she collected regarding the widening of the Stanley Park Causeway.