

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Clarence Hansen
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Allan Argent
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 6, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 6, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

STAFF REPORTS

Hastings Park Year 2000 Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 1, 1999 recommending that the Board endorse Recommendation A in the attached City Council Administrative report dated November 26, 1999.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board endorse the following recommendation in the Administrative Report dated November 26, 1999 to City Council:

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$3.75 million on Phase 3 of the Hastings Park Restoration, with specific contracts for landscape design, engineering, removal of asphalt, landscape construction and planting to be let by the Vancouver Park Board: Source of funds to be borrowing authority approved as part of the 2000-2002 Capital Plan (\$2.9 million) and the Hastings Park Reserve (\$850,000).

Staff presented a condensed history on Hastings Park relating Mayor Oppenheimer's vision for Hastings Park as the Stanley Park of the east, the emergence of the PNE and other concrete structures on Hastings Park. Mr. Rutgers advised the Board that it was through the diligent research done by Guy Faint, a resident in the Hastings Park area that the terms of the Hastings Park Trust was challenged with regard to the use of the park. Mr. Faint's hard work led to the Hastings Park Restoration Plan.

Chris Philips, Consultant for the restoration of Hastings Park presented the plan for Phase 3 of the Hastings Park Development Plan. Mr. Philips reviewed the concept design for Phase 3 of the development plan for Hastings Park and stated that it will focus on a renaissance garden sponsored by the Italian community of Vancouver called Il Giardino Italiano.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Cassells expressed concern with regard to the welfare of the race horses. Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that discussion regarding a recreation area for the race horses were held, however, staff was advised by the Racing Association that race horses were managed in a different way in the industry.

Marion Olivieri, Hastings Park Working Committee appeared before the Board and stated that they were pleased with the progress at Hastings Park. The Hastings Park community is happy with Phase 1 and 2 of the development and they will be happy with Phase 3. Ms. Olivieri stated that she was sad that David Chesman was no longer on the Board as he worked very hard to claim Hastings Park back for the community. She hopes the new Commissioners will follow the lead and urge them to pass the motion tonight.

Commissioner De Genova stated the he wished to put forward an amendment to approve the concept design for Il Giardino Italiano.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board approve the conceptual design plan (dated December 1, 1999) for the Renfrew Street area of Hastings Park (Il Giardino Italiano) in principle with all design details to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. **THAT the Board endorse the following recommendation in the Administrative Report dated November 26, 1999 to City Council: THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$3.75 million on Phase 3 of the Hastings Park Restoration, with specific contracts for landscape design, engineering, removal of asphalt, landscape construction and planting to be let by the Vancouver Park Board: Source of funds to be borrowing authority approved as part of the 2000-2002 Capital Plan (\$2.9 million) and the Hastings Park Reserve (\$850,000).**

- B. **THAT the Board approve the conceptual design plan (dated December 1, 1999) for the Renfrew Street area of Hastings Park (Il Giardino Italiano) in principle with all design details to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson commended Commissioner De Genova for bringing the Italiano community together to work on this project.

Special Events 2000

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 26, 1999 recommending that the Board approve the Year 2000 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager. Commissioner Cassells expressed concern that some of the special events such as the fireworks and folk festival has an negative impact on wildlife. Commissioner Wilson asked staff to review the environmental impacts with regard to the two events pointed out by Commissioner Cassells. The General Manager advised the Board that staff will investigate and bring it back to a workshop.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board approve the Year 2000 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

1999 Park Board Capital Budget Amendment

Board members received copies of an Administrative Report dated November 26, 1999 to City Council and Park Board recommending that the 1999 Park Board Capital Budget be increased by \$458,450 with the source of funding being Senior Government grants and contributions from various community organizations.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the 1999 Park Board Capital Budget be increased by \$458,450 with the source of funding being Senior Government grants and contributions from various community organizations.

Commissioner Cassells referred to the Stanley Park Salmon Stream, Aquarium to Coal Harbour project and expressed concern that this report was not circulated to interested groups for their comments and would like to defer this item to another meeting of the Board to allow for public input. Commissioner Cassells also read a letter dated December 13 from Lifeforce with regard to this matter.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the Stanley Park Salmon Stream Aquarium to Coal Harbour project be deferred until the New Year to allow for public input.

Board members discussed the deferral and Commissioner Richardson enquired whether this matter was ever discussed before. The General Manager advised the Board that the report before the Board was an Administrative housekeeping report, the project referred to was approved by the Board and Council. At those times the public was invited and has commented on the project.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion:

THAT the Stanley Park Salmon Stream Aquarium to Coal Harbour project be deferred until the New Year to allow for public input.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the 1999 Park Board Capital Budget be increased by \$458,450 with the source of funding being Senior Government grants and contributions from various community organizations.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

T99-10 Kensington Community Centre Renovation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 3, 1999 recommending that the Board award the contract for the renovations to Kensington Community Centre to Zagreb Construction Ltd.

Commissioner Cassells stated that she would like to specify that Zagreb Construction use union workers only. Board members discussed the matter and were advised by staff that contractors must follow Worker Compensation Board's safety rules.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the renovations to Kensington Community Centre (Tender 99-10) to Zagreb Construction Ltd.**
- 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.

ENQUIRIES

PNE Playland “Turbo Shot” Ride Form of Development: 2901 East Hastings Street DE404628 - CD-By-law Number 3656

Commissioner Cassells referred to the above report and stated that the environmental impact has not been addressed. Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that this report was prepared by city staff and it is forwarded to the Board for their information only. Commissioner Wilson stated that he wished to record his displeasure with the PNE’s statement that “a vibrant and successful Playland will fund the greening of Hastings Park”, in a letter sent to the community.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair