

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2000**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Richardson referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 24, 2000 and stated that he was a reserve police officer with the Vancouver Police Department and not an auxiliary. Commissioner Ledingham stated that it should be noted that Councillor Bass was invited to join the Commissioners at the Board table.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 24, 2000 were adopted as amended.

**City Council Report**

The General Manager advised the Board that City Council approved the Stanley Park Causeway report. Council also approved authority to conclude negotiations and execute and deliver, master legal agreements with Clearnet, Rogers Cantel, Microcell, Telus Mobility and other wireless companies for the installation and operation of antennae and repeaters on City of Vancouver property including parks. Park Board staff will work within the terms of the Master Agreement and consult with the Board on specific applications.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Presentation of Cheque - Bright Nights**

Commissioner Wilson thanked all the volunteers who made Bright Nights so successful last year and presented a cheque to the Firefighters Burn Fund.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Millennium Sports Facility Proposal by Phoenix Gymnastics Club and Pacific Indoor Bowling Club**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 21, 2000 recommending that the Board approve Memorandum of Understanding dated January 24, 2000 between the Board and the Phoenix Gymnastics Club, the Pacific Indoor Bowling Club and the Millennium Sports Facility Society.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding dated January 24, 2000 between the Board and the Phoenix Gymnastics Club, the Pacific Indoor Bowling Club and the Millennium Sports Facility Society.

Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations gave a brief history of the project and the process through which the plan for the sports facility and its location were adopted. He also highlighted various key areas of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Robert Trepanier, Vancouver Racquets Club, appeared before the Board and stated that the Racquets Club supports the project. This is an appropriate site, however, they would like a provision in the plan that would allow the Racquets Club to expand in the future.

Kevan Tisshaw, Millennium Sports Facility Society, stated that they worked with all the partners and have planned a fund raising campaign. Mr. Tisshaw thanked the staff for their assistance in bringing the group together and overseeing the whole process. Mr. Tisshaw asked the Board to assist them in their fund-raising attempt especially in their attempt to obtain funding from other levels of government. He thanked the Board for their partnership in this effort.

Alan Webster, Millennium Sports Facility Society, stated that they looked for a long time for a suitable location for a lawn bowling facility. Now they have an innovative plan which is to build underground as the natural light is not absolutely necessary for the lawn bowlers. They are planning to build an international standard facility so that they could have competitive and recreational bowling.

Scot Hein, Millennium Sports Facility Society, asked the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as it is the pivotal document for them to start their fund raising. They have worked for a lot of years on this project, had lots of consultation with the community. Mr. Hein stated that they will ensure the Park Board standard for donor recognition be met.

Michael Sanderson, Millennium Sports Facility Society, stated that they have put together an organization and financial plan and the next phase is the fund raising campaign. Mr. Sanderson asked the Board to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding and hope other groups looking for a facility will adopt the model of the Millennium Sports Facility.

Board members discussed the matter and agreed that this project was long overdue. They also hoped that other sports may look at this facility as a model. Board members thanked staff for their efforts in bringing two very different interest groups together. Commissioner Cassells stated that she would like to amend the motion to not support any private sports groups that do not have egalitarian principles or exclude the general public from participation at a reasonable cost.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the Board do not support or in any way assist private sports groups that do not have egalitarian principles or exclude the general public from participation at a reasonable cost.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**THAT the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding dated January 24, 2000 between the Board and the Phoenix Gymnastics Club, the Pacific Indoor Bowling Club and the Millennium Sports Facility Society.**

**- Carried**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Prospect Point Cafe Rent Review**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 25, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham

- A. THAT the rent for the Prospect Point Café for the period December 1, 1999 - November 30, 2004 be set at 8% of total gross revenue (including liquor).
- B. THAT a payment in lieu of property taxes of \$5.00/sq ft be set until December 31, 2000 and the rate be reviewed each year effective January 1, 2001 to reflect any change in property tax assessments for businesses in Vancouver.
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.
- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

George Frankel, Prospect Point Cafe, thanked the Board for their continued support. Mr. Frankel advised the Board that their sales figures has changed due to the change of menu in their dining room. The menu change was a result of the demand by park users for basic fast food rather than a sit down dinner.

Korky Day stated that the Board was promoting alcohol use in parks through licensed facilities like the Prospect Point Cafe. The Board should discontinue alcohol sales in the park by eliminating alcohol sales from these restaurants.

Board members discussed the matter and commended Mr. Frankel for listening to the needs of park users.

Commissioner Cassells stated that she would like to amend the motion with regard to the use of organic and non-genetically altered foods and the elimination of alcohol service from Park Board facilities.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the management of the parks food and vending facilities be directed to meet with citizens and groups concerned with helping us in general quality selection and accessibility of food in Park Board facilities and community centres and that whenever possible that restaurants, take-outs, gift shops purchase local organic and non genetically modified produce and products.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT no alcohol be served on parks land or Park Board facilities or community centres as its use leads to impaired driving, aggressive behaviour, addiction and other health problems.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she does not support the amendment motion as it is too broad based.

Commissioner Cassells withdrew her amendment motion and put forward another amendment to specifically address Prospect Point Cafe.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT no alcohol be served at Prospect Point Cafe.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. **THAT the rent for the Prospect Point Café for the period December 1, 1999 - November 30, 2004 be set at 8% of total gross revenue (including liquor).**
- B. **THAT a payment in lieu of property taxes of \$5.00/sq ft be set until December 31, 2000 and the rate be reviewed each year effective January 1, 2001 to reflect any change in property tax assessments for businesses in Vancouver.**
- C. **THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- D. **THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

**- Carried**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

**Use of Space at the English Bay Bath House for Canoe and Kayak Storage**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 25, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board award a one year contract to Matrix Ventures Ltd. for use of a storage room at the English Bay Bath House, for the year January 1, to December 31, 2000.
- B. THAT the General Manager be authorized to approve future extensions of this contract.
- C. THAT the annual payment be set at \$5,775 for the year to December 31, 2000, with future rates to be approved by the General Manager.
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.
- E. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the main motion be discarded amend to provide for the previous agreement of 1996 and before so as to increase participation in the sport of kayaking.

Commissioner Cassells stated accessibility is important and providing a location near the water increases the opportunity of accessibility for low income people.

Commissioner Ledingham stated that the monthly cost for storing the kayaks was not exceptionally high.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

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- B. THAT the General Manager be authorized to approve future extensions of this contract.**
- C. THAT the annual payment be set at \$5,775 for the year to December 31, 2000, with future rates to be approved by the General Manager.**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- E. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Liaison Appointment**

The list of Liaison Appointments was adopted as circulated except for Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden.



## **New Business**

Commissioner Cassells handed out a typewritten note which states as follows:

The City of Vancouver, which operates a Heritage Railway, has the right to take over the corridor as a railway up until the 18 of February, 2000, 60 days after the notice was placed in the Canada Gazette (city lawyers concur with this). Although the CPR is grandstanding and demanding 100 million for the land, it has been assessed at \$409,000, and the city has the right to lease the land (in other words there's no need to buy it from CPR). Parks Board Commissioners and Staff should take an interest in, and be present at any negotiations around the Arbutus corridor. Parks Board must be seen as an integral player in this, not left out. We have significant land holdings abutting the Corridor, as well as a commitment to Greenways and transit corridors. The Park Board is also committed to promoting a clean environment for the citizens of Vancouver. The local citizens have expressed a strong interest that this land be kept for a greenway, with bike paths and community gardens. In the interest of health, taking into consideration that 75% of urban pollution comes from cars and light trucks, and that approximately 19,000 cars are driven from Richmond into Vancouver every day, it would also be a good use to provide light rail rapid transit from outlying areas into the center of Vancouver for commuters. Commissioners should also be aware that Richmond City Council moved today to preserve the corridor as a transportation corridor. There are many interested parties who are working on this issue, including former NPA Park Commissioner Alan Herbert, who I am sure would be pleased to be delegations at an extraordinary meeting on this issue, which will fundamentally impact on the lives of Vancouverites, the local environment, air quality, and other citizens in the lower mainland.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the Park Board support in principle the retention of the Arbutus Corridor as a transit corridor/gateway as stated in existing city policy, that Park Board examine possibilities of incorporating a significant greenways plan in any future plans for Arbutus corridor, and that Park Board staff come back with a report on how much of the corridor touches on park property (Delamont Park, the community gardens, and the area along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Maple and Arbutus for example) and that the Park Board take action on this motion in this meeting due to the February 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for the City to lease or buy the land, or if that is not possible that we hold an extraordinary meeting on this topic prior to the deadline, I suggest following the workshop on February 14, 2000.

Commissioner McDiarmid advised Commissioner Cassells that Alan Herbert was a former City Councillor and not a Park Commissioner.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

**THAT the motion be postponed for an indefinite period of time.**

Commissioner Richardson stated that he does not support postponement to an indefinite period of time as this is an important matter which should be addressed by the Board. He is also concerned that a matter of this magnitude is being brought to the table without notice.

**A Vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioners Cassells and Richardson contrary)

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Duncan Wilson  
Chair