

**REVISION #2
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**

**REVISED
MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000**

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 Vancouver East District	- Allan Argent
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services - Stanley District	- Jule Hopkins
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 06, 2000 were adopted as circulated.

Update on Stanley Park Ecology Society

Christine Lampa, Executive Director of Stanley Park Ecology Society appeared before the Board to share their successful working relationship with the Park Board. Ms. Lampa reviewed the various environmental education programs offered by the Stanley Park Ecology Society. These programs including the nature walks every Sunday afternoon offered through the Nature House and urban camping for school children have been extremely successful over the years. There is also a large volunteer participation in all of the programs.

Board members thanked Ms. Lampa for her presentation and congratulated the Stanley Park Ecology Society for their efforts in reaching out to the people especially the

schools. A Board member enquired about the Canada Geese Management Program conducted by the Stanley Park Ecology Society. Ms. Lampa advised the Board that the Vancouver Park Board has been actively involved with Canada Goose Management issues since 1970.

Resident Canada Geese populations increased in the seventies and eighties to record numbers causing increased damage to vegetation, unsafe coliform levels to gardens, playgrounds beaches and pools as assessed by the health department.

This public health risk which arose from increased populations of Canada geese caused the Greater Vancouver Health Board to fund population control programs.

The Canada Goose is a federally protected migratory species. The Canadian Wild Life Service (CWS) in Delta look after the species and their management, including the decision making on issuing permits, choosing release sites and approving roundups.

At present the Vancouver Park Board manages the City's Canada goose population on behalf of CWS, funded by the Health Department.

The management program is a three pronged program aimed at the reduction of Resident Canada Geese in the inner city where they have no predators to naturally control their populations.

1. Egg Addling - Locating nest sites and addling eggs to prevent recruitment of new birds to the resident population.

2. Gosling Removal and Relocation- Moving young birds before they imprint on their surroundings, preventing them from the instinct to return to that area to breed.

3. Roundup and Translocation- Canada geese lose the ability to fly during moulting once a year and at this time we are able to round them up in Stanley Park and False Creek

- *Roundups have never had mortalities directly resulting from the round up and translocation process. Some birds that are rounded up have injuries from previous encounters and are given proper medical care if required. No birds have been injured from roundups, although some bleeding is evident from scrapes to beaks (The Canada goose beak has blood vessels very close the surface and are in comparison like getting a nose bleed.)*
- *Numbers of birds rounded up and released has decreased over the years from several thousand to less than 400 birds in 1999. Roundups involve volunteers to assist in channeling geese to roundup sites and include volunteers and employees of CWS, MOELP, Ducks Unlimited, Vancouver Park Board, Ecology Society, VNHS, BCIT FWR program and several other government and non government organizations.*

The contact for the Canada Goose management is Mike Mackintosh, Supervisor of Queen Elizabeth Park.

A Board member stated that the removal of approximately 3000 Canada Geese from Stanley Park and placing them outside of Vancouver in hunting areas was unacceptable and this project is outside the mandate of the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

Busking at English Bay

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 9, 2000 recommending that the Board approve a by-law to amend the Parks By-Law with respect to the regulation of entertainment in parks.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve a by-law to amend the Parks By-Law with respect to the regulation of entertainment in parks.

Frauke Owen appeared before the Board and stated that she was grateful to the Board is considering a by-law to regulate entertainment in the park. She stated that the buskers do not keep to the 10:00 p.m. stop time and continuously create a lot of amplified noise.

Gloria Larson thanked the Park Board for considering the implementation of a by-law to regulate the entertainers.

Norah Thompson thanked the Park Board for considering the by-law and hopes that it will work.

David Owen stated that the buskers create a lot of noise and they do not respect the conditions on their permits with respect to the noise level and stopping time. He hopes the proposed by-law will bring about some order.

Katrine Valut asked the Park to pass the by-law and should the by-law not pass, the Board should consider moving the buskers away from the residential area to Second Beach.

Alexander McKenzie stated that he appreciated the bylaw was being considered by the Park Board. However, there is also a safety issue when performers use torches

and chain saws which he would like addressed.

Don Walsh, a busker, stated that they were being forced out of Vancouver. He suggested that the Board have a staff member out there to measure and enforce the noise levels. Entertainment by buskers are generally supported and danger to the audience is limited.

Craig Seline stated that buskers are being pushed out of Vancouver which is a detriment to the city, we need entertainment like other larger cities. We should find out from the other cities on how they deal with the problem of noise. The infractions should be dealt with on an individual basis. He suggested that the Board work with the buskers to come up with a solution which will allow the buskers to continue their act and the residents to have their peace.

Board members discussed the matter,
in favour of the bylaw commented:

- is a means of self-regulation
- to be used as a last resort
- balance the needs of the residents and the buskers
- a sense of goodwill
- will allow the park ranger the authority to enforce the conditions on those who ignore them

opposed to the bylaw commented:

- does not address the noise, safety or enforcement issue
- taking the public process away and giving authority to the General Manager
- on what basis will the General Manager make her decision
- ***General Manager, only an employee, be on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.***

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the amendment to the Parks Control Bylaw with respect to the regulation of entertainment in parks be given a first reading.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the amendment to the Parks Control Bylaw with respect to the regulation of entertainment in parks be given a second and third reading.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Strathcona Park Capital Funding

Commissioner Cassells requested that the Board now hear from a speaker who was on the speaker's list for another item. Members of the Board requested and received clarification as to the identity of the speaker and the item. *As no motion to vary the agenda to move the item forward was forthcoming, and there was interruption from a member of the public in the gallery, the Chair called for order, the interruption continued.* The Chair called for another recess at 9:10 p.m.

At 9:20 p.m. the meeting reconvened, with all members present.

Strathcona Park Capital Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 13, 2000 recommending that Council provide \$400,000 from Hendersen Development (Canada) Ltd. pay-in-lieu land purchase fund for the upgrade at Strathcona Park and that this amount be reimbursed from the \$1.5 million from the Hendersen Development (Canada) Ltd. pay-in-lieu park development fund when it becomes available to the City.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT Council provide \$400,000 from Hendersen Development (Canada) Ltd. pay-in-lieu land purchase fund for the upgrade at Strathcona Park.

- B. THAT \$400,000 be reimbursed from the \$1.5 million from the Hendersen Development (Canada) Ltd. pay-in-lieu park development fund when it becomes available to the City.

As Commissioner De Genova moved the motion, there was an interruption from *a member of the public* from the gallery. The Chair called for order. The interruption continued.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

- Carried..

After the Chair called for a vote in favour of adjournment and those in favour voted, Commissioner Cassells asked for the vote to be called again as she wished her opposing vote recorded and the Chair refused.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair