

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 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
	A/Director of Vancouver East District	- Ron Caswell
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved,

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 26, 2000 be adopted.

An amendment was moved,

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Board be amended to include names of Commissioners and comments and discussions of debate.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE AMENDMENT.

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

CHAIR'S REPORT

City Council Report.

The General Manager advised the Board that there were two reports on Council's agenda for July 11, 2000. The Animal Control report requesting two full-time Animal Control Officers and one on-call Kennel position and the Bosa Neighbourhood Funded Developments report requesting Council to approve expenditure from the Bosa CityGate Development Park Payment-In-Lieu Fund to upgrade Thornton Park.

Approval Process for Contract Awards During Summer Recess of Board

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2000 recommending that the General Manager be authorized to approve two contract awards, New Brighton Park Phase II and Lost Lagoon Biofiltration Pond during the Board recess from July 24, 2000 until the next scheduled Board meeting of September 11, 2000.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that the General Manager should not be given the authority to approve contracts during the Board's summer recess. He found the justification for spending to be vague.

Moved,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to approve the following two contract awards during the Board recess from July 24, 2000 until the next scheduled Board meeting of September 11, 2000.

- A. New Brighton Park Phase II to a maximum of \$900,000.**
- B. Lost Lagoon Biofiltration Pond to a maximum of \$1,100,000.**

Comments against the motion:

- no environmental impact report done on the biofiltration pond;
- should not allow a senior bureaucrat to spend money without public input;
- should convene meeting in August to deal with issue.

Moved,

THAT this matter be brought back to the next meeting of the Board.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Bosa Neighbourhood Funded Developments

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2000 recommending that the Board support the request to Council to approve expenditure from the Bosa CityGate Development Park Payment-In-Lieu Fund to upgrade Thornton Park.

The Director of Planning and Operations reviewed the origins of the Bosa CityGate Development Park Payment-In-Lieu Fund and the proposed uses for these funds.

The following delegations requested to address the Board regarding the Bosa CityGate Development Park Payment-In-Lieu Fund:

- Ted McGrath, CityGate Community
- Korky Day
- Nancy Chiavario, Mount Pleasant Community Association

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing speakers:

- concerned about the drug trade in Thornton Park;
- needs improved lighting;
- upgrade landscaping and walkway;
- report is deficient, neighbourhood not consulted;
- drug trade over emphasized;
- support public consultation process for the planning of Thornton Park's upgrade but only if such consultation will be inclusive of all five of the impacted communities, Strathcona, Downtown Eastside, Mount Pleasant, CityGate and residents of Stamps Place;
- upgrading of Thornton Park should be prioritized with the work already underway for upgrade of Strathcona Park and the as yet un-named Bosa Development Park;
- planning for each of these parks not be done in isolation;
- Thornton Park is hub of transportation services, suggest TransLink, SkyTrain, Via Rail, Greyhound, Pacific Coach Lines etc. be invited to participate and contribute to this process with ideas, suggestions, donations and sponsorships.

Moved,

THAT the Board support the Council report dated June 14, 2000 recommending expenditure from the Bosa Fund.

An amendment was moved,

THAT the recommendation be withdrawn until such time as more community consultation with Strathcona, Downtown Eastside Resident's Association, Mount Pleasant, the three adjacent residence hotels and other residences in the immediate vicinity of Thornton Park are consulted

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION

The General Manager advised the Board that the report before them was to seek approval to spend the funds following which a public consultation process will be conducted with regard to the redevelopment of the park.

An amendment was moved,

THAT the adjacent communities such as Strathcona, Downtown Eastside, Mount Pleasant, CityGate and residents of Stamps Place be included in the public consultation process.

- Carried Unanimously.

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried as amended.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Stanley Park Dining Pavilion - Lease Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that the Dining Pavilion should be turned over to the public. Also, this should be the last extension to the lease.

Moved,

A. THAT the Board extend the lease of Pavilion Enterprises (1978) Ltd. at the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion for three (3) months (October 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000) under the current terms and conditions.

- B. THAT staff enter into negotiations for a new lease with the present lessee and report back to the Board with a final recommendation by October 16, 2000.**
- 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.**

An amendment motion was moved,

THAT the current and future operators of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion be encouraged to wherever possible purchase produce and services from ethical businesses and suppliers and offer more healthy food choices such as organic, non-genetically modified organisms, vegan, vegetarian and culturally diverse food options for the satisfaction of the citizens of Vancouver.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment Updating Report

Commissioner Wilson left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest as he is employed by ICBC; one of the parties involved in the Causeway Project.

Commissioner McDiarmid chaired the meeting from this point.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 30, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved,

- A. THAT the Board reaffirm its support for the reconstruction of the Prospect Point overpass as approved on January 31, 2000.
- B. THAT the Board approve the redesign concept for the Chilco pedestrian underpass.
- C. THAT the Board approve the design of the new bus loop at the Children's Farmyard.
- D. THAT the Board approve the electrification of the transit line extension to the Children's Farmyard bus loop.

The Director of Stanley District reviewed the different stages of the Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment with the Board.

The following delegations requested to address the Board regarding the Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment:

- Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park
- Scott Waters
- Korky Day
- Derek Cheung
- Don Buchanan
- Hal Kalman, Chair, Vancouver Heritage Commission
- Dale Laird
- Colin Stark

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing speakers:

- does not support Option A - the heritage component, significant amount of trees lost;
- bus loop re-design - concerned with bringing bus into the park, prefer buses coming off Georgia Street, turn around and go back out;
- re-consider electrification - use natural gas;
- electrifying the buses is good, symbol of preserving environment;
- leave things as they are as they will be torn apart in thirty years;
- trolley buses serve as a guide to bus route for tourists;

- trolley buses are quieter and do not pollute the atmosphere, other world class cities such as San Francisco, London, England and Hong Kong are implementing trolley buses;
- give people a choice of transportation to Stanley Park;
- Prospect Point Overpass has heritage significance, defer discussions on this item until the City Engineer's report is received by the Board;
- opposed to cars in Stanley Park, Children's Farmyard is safer place to change buses;
- public process has been inappropriate, need further public input.

Board members unanimously agreed to vote on each recommendation of the motion separately.

An amendment to Recommendation A was moved,

THAT Recommendation A in the staff report dated June 30, 2000 regarding the Stanley Park Causeway Redevelopment Updating Report be postponed to the meeting of the Board on Monday, July 24, 2000 with a letter to BCTFA requesting that they delay the demolition of the current overpass until the Board has had time to consider the City Engineer's report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Recommendation B was no longer applicable as the Director of Stanley District presented a revised concept plan for the entrance to Stanley Park. This plan was still being developed and will be brought back to the Board for approval in the fall.

Moved,

THAT the Board approve the design of the new bus loop at the Children's Farmyard.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved,

THAT the Board approve the electrification of the transit line extension to the Children's Farmyard bus loop.

An amendment to the motion was moved,

THAT the matter of approving the electrification of the transit line extension to the Children's Farmyard bus loop be postponed to the meeting of the Board on July 24, 2000 in order to solicit public input and those who are concerned with the design of this particular aspect of the design of the Stanley Park Causeway Project be invited to the meeting of the Board to give their input on this section of the report.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Ogden Point

There was an enquiry regarding the clearing of shrubs and bushes at Ogden Point in Vanier Park. The General Manager advised the Board that she will follow-up on the enquiry.

New Brighton Pool

The following notice of motion was put forward:

THAT the New Brighton Pool be kept open for a minimum of two weeks in September in order to address the lack of aquatic facilities in this area of East Vancouver and to make up for the late opening this year.

High Tech Park

There was an enquiry whether there were any bicycle/pedestrian trails to connect the High Tech Park with other city parks in the vicinity. The Director of Planning and Operations stated that there will be a connection between Trillium and Thornton Parks.

Notice of Motion

As the notice of motion referred to the Vancouver Police Department, Commissioner Richardson, and Commissioner DeGenova left the room at 10:50 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest.

A letter dated July 10, 2000 addressed to the Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department was read and is on file.

The following notice of motion was put forward:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board express disapproval of any effort by non-elected civic officials, including the Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department, to in any way threaten, intimidate, rebuke or otherwise interfere with the lawful activities of elected officials or any citizen or resident of Canada, and;
FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board affirm the democratic principle which subordinates all appointed officials to the democratically elected civic power.

Moved,

THAT notice of motion be waived.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

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FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board affirm the democratic principle which subordinates all appointed officials to the democratically elected civic power.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

Moved,

THAT the Board hear delegations on the lost motion.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Hansen, Ledingham and McDiarmid contrary)

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair