

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 04, 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	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 20, 2000 adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT - 2000

Commissioner Wilson reported that the year 2000 was a challenging year. The Board completed major projects such as the Il Giardino Italiano. Commissioner Wilson commended staff on their professionalism in managing the recent civic strike.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The following are excerpts from the Board's Procedure By-law:

"The General Manager shall call the first Board meeting of the year to order and conduct the meeting for election of the Chair or until an acting Chair is appointed. The General Manager shall proceed in the same manner whenever the chair is vacant until the Board fills the vacancy."

CHAIR

"The presiding officer of the Board shall be its Chair who shall be elected by a majority vote from among the Board members present.

The election of Chair shall be by ballot and shall take place at the first meeting in December of each year but if the vote is indecisive, the election shall take place at the next or subsequent meetings until the matter is determined.

If a Chair is not elected at the first meeting, the Board shall appoint an acting Chair who shall conduct the Board's meetings until a Chair is elected.

The term of the Chair commences on the date of the election as Chair and terminates on the date of the first meeting in December next ensuing or, if in the last year of a term of office as a member of the Board, at the end of the term of office.

If the office of Chair becomes vacant, the Board shall forthwith elect a new Chair on the basis herein described.

The Chair shall vote on all questions submitted and shall have the same rights and be subject to the same restriction on participating in debate as other members of the Board."

Commissioner Wilson nominated Commissioner McDiarmid as Chair. Commissioner Richardson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ballots were provided to Commissioners and completed. Commissioner McDiarmid was declared Chair for 2001.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

-Carried Unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

VICE CHAIR

"There shall be a Vice Chair elected in the same manner and for the same term as the Chair. The Chair shall preside during the election of the Vice Chair.

When the Chair is unable to carry out all or any of the duties of the presiding officer, the Vice Chair of the Board or in the absence of the Vice Chair, such other appointed Board members, shall act for the Chair until such time as the Board makes other arrangements.

If the office of Vice chair becomes vacant, the Board shall forthwith elect a new Vice Chair on the basis herein described."

Commissioner Richardson nominated Commissioner Hansen as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Ledingham seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ballots were provided to Commissioners and completed. Commissioner Hansen was declared Vice-Chair for 2001.

Commissioner McDiarmid thanked Board members for supporting her as Chair of the Board. She looks forward to working with members of the Board and staff in the coming year.

Year 2001 Board Meeting Dates

Board members received copies of the Year 2001 Board Meeting Dates. A member of the Board stated that the summer break was too long and would like it to be shortened.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Year 2001 Board Meeting Dates be approved.

- Carried .

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

EXPENDITURE WARRANTS -Year 2001

Recommendation: THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to draw warrants pursuant to Section 493 of the City Charter for the twelve month period of Year 2001.

It is normal practice for the Board at the first meeting in each year to authorize the General Manager to draw warrants pursuant to Section 493 of the City Charter for expenditures by the Board for the twelve month period of Year 2001. The following are the pertinent sections of the City Charter.

- Section 493 - 1. Save by resolution of the Council, the Board shall not authorize or make any expenditures except those provided for in the estimate as adopted by the Council.

2. The Board may, for a period of not more than twelve months at a time, give authorization in advance to the General Manager to draw warrants for payment prior to approval of the Board, but every warrant for a payment so authorized in advance shall be reported in writing by the General Manager to the Board within fifteen days after the end of the month in which the warrant is drawn.”

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to draw warrants pursuant to Section 493 of the City Charter for the twelve month period of Year 2001.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

DELEGATION

Dick Bradshaw, Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre, on behalf of volunteers and the Vancouver Aquarium Board thanked the Board for supporting the salmon stream project. Mr. Bradshaw presented a salmon sculpture to thank the Board for their participation in the Salmon Stream Project.

Board members thanked Mr. Bradshaw for his presentation. The educational component provided by the Marine Science Centre has increased awareness for the protection of natural habitat.

Year 2000 Capital Projects Update

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated November 23, 2000.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive the report on the Year 2000 Capital Projects Update for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting :

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

That the Board later tonight go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

Enquiries

A letter was received from the National Skate Patrol with regard to creation of trails for cyclists, rollerbladers and skateboards. Staff is working with the National Skate Patrol on this.

There was a question whether additional funding for Wendy Poole Park was available. Staff did not have any information on this matter.

Liaison Responsibilities will be discussed at a workshop in the New Year.

More information was requested regarding the bio-filtration marsh project at Lost Lagoon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair