

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Duncan Wilson
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Recreation - Q.E. District	- Gord Lindal
	Manager of Research & Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 15, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report.

Board members were advised that Council was receiving a report regarding design for a portion of Georgia Street, between Chilco and Pender Streets. A separate report on the S-Curve is being prepared.

Chair's Report

The Chair advised the Board that she attended the appreciation dinner hosted by the Il Giardino Italiano Committee. The Board was presented with a plaque thanking them for their contribution in the creation of Il Giardino Italiano.

West Point Grey Academy Proposal re Jericho Beach Park

Commissioner De Genova advised the Board that his daughter attends West Point Grey Academy and would leave the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Greg Clark, Clive Austin, Mark Monteiro and Joe Hruda presented their plan to use the Jericho Youth Hostel buildings as part of their school expansion. The proposal was to provide the community with an improved cultural and recreational facility, improved landscaping, additional programmable space such as a gym, swimming pool and an all weather field.

Board members thanked the delegations and stated that this proposal has significant community partnership potential and referred it to the next Board workshop for more detailed discussions.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the West Point Grey Academy Proposal be referred to a Board Workshop.

- Carried Unanimously.

Jericho Lands

Commissioner De Genova returned to the meeting at this point of the meeting.

Phil Downey, Chair of Jericho Lands Committee, appeared before the Board to request the Board to preserve the Jericho Lands as parkland. Mr. Downey stated that the Jericho Lands was recently re-zoned to CD-1 which would allow the land to be developed for housing, thus destroying the serene landscape.

Board members thanked the delegations and advised him that his presentation will be taken into consideration as part of a master plan for the area.

WCB Memorial

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 12, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a small stone memorial and bronze plaque in the sanctuary area at Hastings Park.

Donna Freeman, Workers Compensation Board, requested the Board to approve the proposed workers' memorial at Hastings Park. Ms. Freeman advised the Board that this particular site was chosen due to its proximity to the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge. The Hastings Park Conservancy are also in support of this memorial.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board approve the installation of small stone memorial and bronze plaque in the Sanctuary at Hastings Park with the following inscription: " Worker Memorial - In memory of those, who have lost their lives as a result of a workplace accident or an occupational disease" with all details to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Strategic Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 29, 2001 recommending that the Board adopt the Strategic Plan. Staff advised the Board that the strategic plan will serve as a reference to guide staff in their business plans and it could also be a tool for the Board to measure successes.

Anita Romaniuk, Chair of COPE Parks Environment Committee stated that before implementing the Financial Sustainability plan the public should be consulted by way of a separate question on the ballot.

Board members thanked staff and all those who participated in the development of the Strategic Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board adopt the Strategic Plan, attached as an appendix to this report dated January 29, 2001.

- Carried Unanimously.

Seniors Fees

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the change to the Fees and Charges Policy increasing the senior's rate from 50% to 70% of the adult rate over the next three years.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen

THAT the Board approve the change to the Fees and Charges Policy increasing the senior's rate from 50% to 75% of the adult rate over the next three years;
and,
THAT the Board direct staff to review the Leisure Access Card with the intent of closing the gap between the middle and lower income seniors.

Staff presented the logistics on why the Board was being asked to change its Fees and Charges Policy with regard to the senior's rate.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Seniors' Fees:

- Edith Lear
- Yuri Cvitkovich
- Ann Judge
- Anita Romaniuk
- Grace Owens
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- seniors are on fixed income;
- better maintenance of parks and facilities will save money;
- Vancouver has highest poverty rate for seniors in GVRD;
- Leisure Access Card has a stigma attached to it;
- try to increase membership rather than prices;
- Loonie swim is not at a convenient time;
- seniors do not like producing proof of income.

Board members discussed the matter and was sympathetic to the delegations remarks that the Leisure Access Card carries a stigma. They agreed to look at the possibility of a general use card for all City of Vancouver facilities.

An amendment motion was moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT staff be directed to work with the City's Corporate Management Team to investigate the possibility of a multi-purpose city access card for Vancouver residents.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The main motion was put and it was Carried.

(Commissioners Cassells and McDiarmid contrary)

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Ledingham left the meeting due to illness.

Hastings Park Restoration - Year 2001 Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 19, 2001 recommending that the Board request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,690,000 to Phase III B of the Hastings Park Restoration with specifics as listed in the report.

Anita Romaniuk appeared before the Board and expressed her concern that if the race track moved to another location, the Board will have to look for other sources of funding.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,690,000 to Phase III B 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 ((\$2.1 million) and the Hastings Park Reserve (\$590,000).

- Carried Unanimously.

Salmon Stream Joint Operating Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 15, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the operating plan outlined in this report and that the Board approve the use of the old bear grotto as a publicly accessible demonstration salmon hatchery to support the salmon stream in Stanley Park.

A member of the Board stated that the recommendation was out of order as it appears to be against the plan approved by a previous Board.

The Chair asked for the Board's direction by a show of hands whether they should proceed with the discussion on the report. Board members agreed to proceed with discussion with regard to the Salmon Stream Joint Operating Plan. Commissioner Cassells was opposed.

Staff reviewed the history and plan of removing in phases the different buildings in the former lower zoo area.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Salmon Stream Joint Operating Plan:

- Anita Romaniuk,
- Rick McCallion
- Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park
- Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce
- Eleanor Hadley
- Dr. John Nightingale, Vancouver Aquarium

The following is a summary of comments submitted by the foregoing delegations:

- Aquarium is again expanding beyond its footprint;
- raise the Aquarium's lease payments as they keep expanding into Stanley Park;
- no need to have hatchery as the salmon are not able to return;
- cannot trust Aquarium, they display animals for profit;
- redundant to have a hatchery as there is one on the North Shore;
- return the bear grotto to green space;
- free use of public land;
- any change should go to a referendum
- need to re-circulate water;
- no revenues from salmon stream to the Aquarium;
- people can see a natural salmon stream in the city, educational purposes.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT due to the lateness of the hour, members be allowed two minutes for debate.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Richardson ,

- 1. THAT the Board receive the operating plan outlined in this report as information.**
- 2. THAT the Board approve the use of the old bear grotto as a publicly accessible demonstration salmon hatchery to support the salmon stream in Stanley Park.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Commissioner Cassells left at this point of the meeting.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Wilson

THAT the Board 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:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair