

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services	- Terry Walton
	Stanley District	
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 12, 2001 were adopted as amended.

City Council Report.

The Board was advised that the South East False Creek - seawall extension report and the Symphony of Fire report were approved by Council.

Seasonal Outfield Fences on the North and West Diamonds

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 16, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Seasonal Outfield Fences on the North and West Diamonds:

- Andrew Grant, President Vancouver Community Baseball
- Dave Chisholm
- Peter Tom

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

- to provide proper baseball facilities for the children in Vancouver;
- hitting the ball over the fence for a home run is exciting for the children;
- it enhances the standard of play and provide safety.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board approve the proposal by Vancouver Community Baseball to put two temporary outfield fences on Hillcrest Park; subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the Board.**

- B. THAT the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Vancouver Community Baseball to place and remove the temporary outfield fences annually, as described in Appendix A.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Sterling Udem Delegation

The following delegations asked to speak to the Board as part of Sterling Udem's delegation request:

- Michael Udem
- Don Chakawa
- Nancy Gonerich
- Christina Liu
- J. Johnson
- Sterling Udem

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

- a video clip was shown to apprise the Board on what Mr. Udem, as Bobus the Clown does in Stanley Park;
- need performers and entertainers in the park for visitors;
- sold balloons and entertained children for many years.
- should grandfather his performer's permit rather than revoking it.
- children look for activity and colour, adults look for tranquillity in the park;
- strike a task force to look at entertainment in the park;
- signed petitions were presented to the Board

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

WHEREAS Bobus the clown helps Vancouver Park Board meets its mandate providing leisure activities for Vancouver residents and other visitors to the park, and,

WHEREAS this Board has sworn to uphold this mandate,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

1. The Board great-grandparent Sterling Udem in perpetuity.
2. The Board strike a citizen's task force on entertainment in Vancouver Parks and that we continue to try to expand leisure activities that are positive for the citizens of Vancouver particularly those who have no voice.

-DEFEATED

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

Board members discussed the matter further and it was agreed that the Artists Permit process need to be reviewed.. The Chair advised Mr. Udem that he could continue to entertain as a clown in Stanley Park provided he followed the Busking guidelines.

Park Ranger Evaluation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 16, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the continuation of the Park Ranger Program.

Staff updated the Board on the objectives and achievements of the Park Ranger Program.

Imtiaz Popat appeared before the Board and stated that the Park Rangers make people feel unsafe and harassed in the park; having rangers in the park is like having police in the park. People feel unwelcome in the park. This program should be discontinued.

Board members discussed the matter and directed staff to consider candidates for park ranger positions with multiple language skills.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve the continuation of the Park Ranger Program.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Application for Infrastructure Program Funding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 15, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Kevin Tisshaw, Millennium Sports Facility asked the Board to include their project as part of the list being submitted by the Board.

Staff advised the Board that the Millennium Sports Facility had already submitted their application for the infrastructure grant and the Park Board is endorsing their request with the approval of the staff recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Board submit to Council the projects outlined in this report for possible funding under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program.**

- B. THAT the Board endorse the proposal by Millennium Sport Facility Society for possible funding under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program, with the understanding that this endorsement entails no additional funding commitments to this project by the Park Board.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Capital Project Process Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 9, 2001 recommending that the Board accept the Capital Project Process Review dated February 2001 and its recommendations as described on pages 4, 5 and 6 of the report.

Staff reviewed the benefits of each of the recommendations in the Capital Project Process Review report for the Board's information.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board accept the Capital Project Process Review dated February 2001, and its recommendations as described on pages 4, 5 and 6 of this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

False Creek Community Centre Addition - Design Development Approval

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 14, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B in the report.

Staff gave a brief overview of the design for the proposed addition to False Creek Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen

- A. THAT the Board approve the schematic design for the addition to False Creek Community Centre as prepared by Henriquez Partners Architects.**
- B. THAT the Board permit further project development when a development permit is received and the False Creek Recreation Association has secured the required funding.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Folk Festival 2001

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 16, 2001 recommending that the Board give approval to the Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society for one additional evening concert in Jericho Park on Thursday, July 12, 2001.

Staff was requested to review the guidelines for special events.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board give approval to the Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society for one additional evening concert in the Jericho Park on Thursday July 12, 2001.

-Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries and New Business

- There was a suggestion to equip the parks with animal proof garbage containers. Staff advised that this is already being done.
- The key to existing with coyotes is education. A program developed for the schools have been well received and there is a plan to extend this for the parents.
- Board Workshops are cancelled. If there is a need for further information on issues a staff briefing will be scheduled for the Board by the General Manager.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was put forward by Commissioner Ledingham:

THAT the Board strike a committee to review the Procedure By-Law.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair