

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001**

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

Commissioner Ledingham was absent from the meeting due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 09, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board that Youth Week will be celebrated during the week of May 5 to 11, 2001.

Jan Eisenhardt Visit.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 9, 2001 recommending that the Park Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff presented some photographs which were retrieved from the archives on Jan Eisenhardt and gave a brief account on the recreational programs and the idea of community centres pioneered by Jan Eisenhardt.

Ella Cail Smith, Secretary to Jan Eisenhardt thanked the Board for inviting her to the meeting. She stated that Jan Eisenhardt worked hard to improve the physical and mental health of people through a very successful program "Pro-Rec". The Board's recognition of Mr. Eisenhardt's work is a message that recreation is important.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked staff for doing the research and organizing the invitation to Jan Eisenhardt to visit Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

- A. That Park Board approve the allocation of up to \$5,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to cover the travel, accommodation and event costs associated with the visit of Jan Eisenhardt in July of this year;**
- B. That the Board invite Mayor and Council, and other interested parties, to a reception celebration honouring Jan Eisenhardt's pioneer achievements in public recreation and fitness leadership development.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Car Free Day in Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 20, 2001 recommending that the Board not pursue the periodic closure of some areas in Stanley Park to automobiles at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board not pursue the periodic closure of some areas in Stanley Park to automobiles at this time.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Car Free Day in Stanley Park:

- Don Buchanan, West End Residents Association
- Dave Thompson, B.E.S.T.
- John Whistler
- Ray Straatsma, B.E.S.T.
- Bev Ballantyne
- Jim Dudley
- Dave Elliott, Vice Commodore and Bruce Gordon, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
- Drew Allan, Fish House Restaurant
- Phillipa O'Grady, Ferguson Point Teahouse
- Stuart Colquhoun, Destination Canada Gifts Inc.
- Lynne DeCew, Vancouver Aquarium

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

- plan a special event such as a car free day in the park in conjunction with Jan Eisenhardt's visit;
- need to find environmentally friendly alternative to cars;
- consultation process was faulty;
- staff only met with stakeholders, general public was not consulted;
- the Board should reject staff's recommendation and start car free days this summer;
- previous car free days were not successful because the timing was not right;
- car free days should not be dependant on special event;
- schedule predictable car free days starting this summer;
- the restaurants and aquarium should be more creative such as providing shuttle service for their customers;
- park is for everyone, cyclists, roller-bladers, walkers and cars;
- car free day will prevent people from coming to the park;
- the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members are dependant on their automobiles;
- insufficient transit to the park, there is no public parking in the west end;
- Fish House is a destination restaurant, they will lose income;
- car free days will have an adverse effect on businesses;
- car free days will only allow the physically fit to visit the park.

Board members discussed the matter and an amendment to the main motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board direct staff to undertake a public consultation process including public opinion research, to determine the level of support among Vancouver residents for :

- (A) full park closure to private automobiles associated with a major special event, one or more times per year; or**
- (B) full park closure to private automobiles on a monthly basis.**

All costs for this evaluation to be funded from the Corporate Sponsorship Account; and,

THAT the consultation take place this summer with a report back to the Board in September, 2001.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Cassells and De Genova contrary)

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried.
(Commissioners Cassells and De Genova contrary)

Little Mountain Reservoir Seismic Upgrade Project

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated April 17, 2001.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the proposed seismic upgrade to the Little Mountain Reservoir. There will be an open house on May 15 to discuss the issue of what kind of activity should be considered for the top of the reservoir. A brochure prepared in conjunction with the GVRD has been circulated in the neighbourhood.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the report on the Little Mountain Reservoir Seismic Upgrade Project be received for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Thornton Park Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 30, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the award of the consultancy contract to Jonathon Losee Ltd for \$36,100 (excluding disbursements and GST) for Thornton Park Upgrade design services.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the consultancy contract to Jonathon Losee Ltd for \$36,100 (excluding disbursements and GST) for Thornton Park Upgrade design services.**

- B. THAT no legal right shall arise hereby and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Strathcona Park Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 19, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the award of the consultancy contract to PD Group Landscape Architecture & Interior Design Ltd. for \$64,000 (excluding GST).

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Park Board approve award of consultancy contract to PD Group Landscape Architecture & Interior Design Ltd. for \$64,000 (excluding GST).**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Volunteer Award Banquet - A very successful evening and the volunteers appreciated the recognition from the Board.

Aquatic Study - There was a concern that there was not enough representation on the East Side of the City. Staff advised the Board that they were aware of this concern and are working on bringing the presentation to the Community Centres.

Thunderbird Community Centre - New Addition Opening - This was attended by all levels of government and the Park Board's contribution was recognized.

Tony McNaughton Memorial - There will be a tree planting ceremony in memory of Tony McNaughton at Cardero Park on Saturday, May 5, 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Mundick

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair