

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2001**

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

Commissioner Wilson was away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 11, 2001 were adopted as revised.

City Council Report

- Donna Tilley, Everett Crowley Park Committee received the Mayor's Environmental Achievement Award.

- Council received the Anti-Graffiti report and asked staff to prepare a proposal call. A three day removal standard is being considered; in order to achieve this goal, Park Board staff will gather pertinent information and report back to the Board before the summer recess.

- Council will be receiving a report with regard to Ray Cam Co-operative Centre Renovations at its next meeting.

Senior Fees - Leisure Access Program Review

Board members received copies of a staff information report dated June 5, 2001.

Staff advised the Board that the review of the Park Board's Leisure Access Program with respect to qualification for seniors involves highlighting the principles of the Board's Economic Access Policy, investigating measures for determining low income as well as reviewing other cities access policies. The eligibility criteria for Leisure Access Cards are residents who either receive income assistance or meet the Board's low income criteria. Staff reviewed the economic access policies and programs from various Park and Recreation Departments across Canada. Access criteria and procedures were similar for all cities. The Policy provides residents access to basic services regardless of their ability to pay which ensures that all citizens of Vancouver have an opportunity to have the benefits of recreation.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Senior Fees - Leisure Access Program Review:

- Yuri Cvitkovich
- Philip Lyons, Seniors Network
- Eleanor Hadley
- Betty Greenwell
- Ellen Woodsworth, Seniors Summit
- Korky Day
- Art Trovato

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

- up to date LICO information should be used as the basis for the Leisure Access Card;
- have the LAC card valid for a longer period than one year;
- seniors discount is recognition for their contribution to society and help them live a healthy lifestyle;
- a means test deters people from utilizing the LAC program;
- all community services should be free and funded through the tax base;
- do not support user pay model;
- seniors worked hard for the community and should be entitled to all privileges;
- recognizing seniors is a tradition in Vancouver, Park Board should hold that tradition up with pride;
- do not use seniors as a revenue source;
- work with other levels of government to provide a centre to offer free programs for seniors.;
- seniors have a right to transportation, housing, health and recreational services.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to correspond with Provincial Ministry officials from long term care and health services to investigate possibilities of programs for seniors. Staff will also work with a member of the delegation to ensure that the LICO figures are accurate and up to date.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board receive this report as information.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Sculpture Exhibits on English Bay

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending that the Board approve a temporary sculpture exhibit for up to seven months during the summer and fall of 2002 in park lands abutting the Seaside Bicycle route from Spanish Banks to Portal Park sponsored by the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in collaboration with the Yorkshire Sculpture Garden at no cost to the Park Board.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that he supports the staff recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve a temporary sculpture exhibit for up to seven months during the summer and fall of 2002 in park lands abutting the Seaside Bicycle Route from Spanish Banks to Portal Park sponsored by the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in collaboration with the Yorkshire Sculpture Garden; at no cost to the Park Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

False Creek Community Centre Appointment of Architect

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the appointment of Henriquez Partners Architects to provide further architectural services for the addition and alterations to False Creek Community Centre.

Korky Day appeared before the Board and stated that the architect should be present to answer questions. He suggested that the contract should reflect that the building should be designed to last 100 years.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Henriquez Partners Architects to provide further architectural services for the addition and alterations to False Creek Community Centre, at a cost not to exceed \$ 84,884.00, including disbursements, excluding GST.

- Carried Unanimously.

Signage Program for Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 14, 2001 recommending that the Board allocate \$71,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account to fund the first phase of the Stanley Park signage program.

Staff advised the Board that the Stanley Park signage program was to provide better and simpler way for visitors in the park to find information, reduce visual pollution in the park and to emphasize international symboling.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Signage Program for Stanley Park:

- Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park
- Korky Day

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

- support the program, looking forward to phase 2;
- signs are intruding this is a good idea;
- does not agree with spending money on new signs;
- replace signs as and when needed.

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board indicated that money from the corporate sponsorship program could be better used on other services and programs.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board allocate \$71,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account to fund the first phase of the Stanley Park signage program.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

- A Central Parking attendant advised a member of the Board that if a ticket was written within fifteen minutes of the expired time, there is an appeal process for the ticket to be cancelled. The customer service provided by the attendant indicated that he was a good ambassador for the park

- Staff were requested to work with the media to sensitize them to the negative impact of publicity surrounding wildlife issues in the park.

- Staff were asked to advise on the removal of bushes and some trees in Vanier Park.

- Staff were requested to advise Community Centres and facilities to fly the Canadian Flag on Canada Day.

- The community planting celebration to launch the program to restore native plant habitat in Slocan Park and Renfrew Ravine was well attended.

- Responding to an enquiry regarding the impact of the Transit strike on services, the General Manager advised that there has been a reduction in attendance in Seniors programs and concerns regarding access to field trips for summer children's programs.

- Inner city youth are invited to participate in a free Youth Golf Program developed by Muncie Booth, the professional at McCleery.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair