

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2001**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 25, were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report

City Council approved proposed amendments to the Noise By-law that would prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers city-wide, within 50 metres of any residential premises. Council also passed the amendment that effective February 2, 2004 the Noise By-law would prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers throughout the City of Vancouver at all times.

Ian Eisenhardt Visit

Board members welcomed Ian Eisenhardt, a recreation pioneer and former Park Board employee. He was Supervisor of Recreation for the Vancouver Park Board from 1931 to 1934 and subsequently, from 1934 to 1939, the first Director of Recreation and Physical Education for the Provincial Education Ministry.

Mr. Eisenhardt thanked the Board for the invitation to return to Vancouver. He advised the Board that he had always supported recreation and physical education. He created the "Winter Fieldhouse Program" which provided low-cost recreation and fitness activities to the unemployed youth. He also founded "Pro-Rec" which established similar programming through a network of "recreation centres" throughout the Province.

STAFF REPORTS

Painters Corner - Policy Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2001 recommending that the Board reconfirm the original conditions of use for the Painters Corner and that staff review the temporary permit site on English Bay in consultation with the existing artists.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Painters Corner - Policy Review:

- Lawrence Jacob
- Rex Owen
- Hermione Greene
- Robert Arsenault

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

- bring enjoyment to the people;
- small percentage of artists make money;
- artists at English Bay are ambassadors to the city;
- provide direction to tourists, spot problems and call for help;
- need the regular volume of pedestrians at English Bay;
- if moved from English Bay it will cause hardship to the artists;
- will meet with staff to come up with a compromise;
- Park Board is being confrontational by using Park Rangers to police the artists;
- the artists get the feeling that they are not wanted.

Board members discussed the matter and advised the delegation that the recommendation before them tonight was to review the temporary permit site on English Bay in consultation with the existing artists. Somehow there seems to be a misunderstanding among the artists that the Board is considering terminating their use of the English Bay area.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board reconfirm the original conditions of use for the Painters Corner.

THAT staff review the temporary permit site on English Bay in consultation with the existing artists.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Charleson Park Dogs off- Leash

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 5, 2001 recommending that designated dogs off-leash areas in Charleson Park be defined in accordance with this report.

Staff gave a brief review on the issues related to dogs-off leash in Charleson Park. The signage identifying the off-leash areas was not clear, this led to conflict between dog owners who thought that the entire park was off-leash. A community meeting was held on June 14, 2001 at the False Creek Community Centre and a consensus was reached whereby the Meadow Area will be off-leash all day 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and there will be no dogs allowed at any time in the Sportsfield and Playground area. Dogs would be required to be on-leash between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the waterfall pond area during the summer.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding Charleson Park - Dogs-off Leash:

- Marjorie Stevens
- Jill McLachlan
- Lin Bompas
- Jane Braun
- Marlene Wells

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

- support staff recommendation;
- dog owners are cautious about keeping dogs away from the waterfall area;
- east of duck pond should be included as off-leash area;
- meadow area is mud zone for most part of the year;
- children should not be encouraged to play in the pond at the waterfall;
- designate school summer holidays as on-leash time.

Board members discussed that matter and enquired if it was feasible to include the area east of the duck pond to be included as off-leash. Staff advised the Board that this area could be included.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT designated dogs off-leash areas in Charleson Park be defined in accordance with this report including the area east of the duck pond.

-Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Appointment of Consultant - VanDusen Garden Building Study

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 20, 2001 recommending that the Board award a contract to Downs/Archambault & Partners in the amount of \$38,500 including disbursements, not including GST, with the funding to be split between the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association and the Park Board as described in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board award a contract to Downs/Archambault & Partners in the amount of \$38,500, including disbursements, not including GST, with the funding to be split between the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association and the Park Board as described in the report.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Administrative Report - Staff Changes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 5, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of three regular full-time positions.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of three regular full-time positions.

- Carried Unanimously.

Celebration of Light Fireworks Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 6, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the attached Council report as information. A member of the Board suggested that staff develop a policy or framework for sponsoring city events with economic and financial gain for the city. Staff advised the Board that Council has already requested such a report and both City and Park Board staff will be involved in the preparation this report.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

That the Board receive the attached Council Report as information.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Ian Eisenhardt - Naming of Park - A member of the Board enquired if a park on the east side of Vancouver could be named after Ian Eisenhardt. The General Manager advised the Board that the Mayor will be making a proclamation to honour Mr. Eisenhardt, however, if the Board wishes, a park could be named after him. Staff will investigate options and advise the Board.

Wildlife Rescue - A member of the Board indicated that a report from staff with regard to the proposed wildlife rescue program was requested, however, a memorandum was received. Also, the netting at Lost Lagoon should be removed as wildlife is getting caught in it and eventually dying. The General Manager advised that staff have provided a report as requested. A staff report to be received at a Board meeting requires the Board to give this direction in the form of a motion. With regard to the netting at Lost Lagoon, the netting is not the problem, it is people lifting the netting which allow the ducks to swim in and get caught. Staff monitor the nets daily and the nets will be removed as soon as the plants are established.

Wendy Poole Park - A member of the Board enquired if funds would be available to bring the parents of Wendy Poole to the official opening of the park. The Chair advised that the official dedication of Wendy Poole Park was held on February 14, 2001, with representation from Wendy Poole's family.

Co-existing with Coyote Program - A member of the Board enquired if further funding could be provided to the Co-existing with Coyote Program. Board members advised that a staff report is scheduled for the next Board meeting.

PNE - A member of the Board suggested that it was important to respond to the Mayor's letter to Ian Aikenhead with regard to the PNE's request for an extension to their lease.

Commissioner Cassells left at 10:15 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board request the City withhold consideration of granting an extension to the PNE license at Hastings Park, subject to confirmation from the Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise that:

- A) the Provincial Government has approved the PNE's business plan pertaining to its relocation to Surrey,**
- B) all funding for the project has been approved by the Provincial Government and is securely in place.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Golf Lessons for Inner City Youth - A member of the Board advised that this program received a very favourable response. However, there is a funding shortfall and he hopes the Board will contribute a portion of the funding through the Corporate Sponsorship Account. The Chair advised that organizers be referred to staff to review the request.

Impact of Transit Strike - A member of the Board referred to the current transit strike and indicated that some of the community centres might be having problems carrying out their programs. Board members were advised that community centres encountering problems due to the transit strike should be referred to staff.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair

