

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	- Clarence Hansen
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	- Allan De Genova
	<b>Commissioners</b>	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	<b>General Manager</b>	- Susan Mundick
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	- Liane McKenna
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	- Piet Rutgers
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	- Jim Lowden
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	- Anita Ho
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	- Peter Cech
	<b>Recorder</b>	- Julie Casanova

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 11, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Frank Belfry, President, Kerr Wood Leidal along with Alex Wood and Allan Bonsro advised the Board that the Consulting Engineers of B.C. awarded the Resource and Energy Award of Excellence for the Stanley Park Stormwater Treatment Wetland. Kerr Wood Leidal was retained by Park Board to develop a treatment plan for the causeway runoff which flowed uncontrolled to the forests and streams, where pollutants were dispersed and impossible to clean up. The stormwater treatment wetland in Lost Lagoon collects and cleans all of the run off in one location using natural processes. In addition to containing and treating contaminated causeway runoff, the wetland provides protected nesting habitat for waterfowl and restores part of the Lost Lagoon to its original marshy state. Mr. Belfry presented the Board with a plaque and a picture of the Stanley Park Stormwater Treatment Wetland.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Council will be considering a notice of motion put forward by Councillor McCormick on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 with regard to Road Races. The motion calls for the City to approach the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Park Board and ICBC to work cooperatively to develop a youth-led process to improve education and responsible driving for youth.

### **VanDusen Botanical Garden Concept Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 15, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the VanDusen Botanical Garden Concept Plan for the purposes of guiding future development projects at the Garden.

Staff advised the Board that the vision and strategic document for VanDusen Botanical Garden identified the need to increase visitors, provide good customer service, improve programming, increase funding potential and ensure sustainability. A concept plan for potential improvements was produced. The plan addresses ways to increase the Garden's visibility from the street and expand buildings and facilities to support visitor services and growth in revenue generating opportunities and programming. With gardening representing the number one leisure activity in North America, and strong public concern for the environment and growing movement towards quality of life, VanDusen is well-positioned to fulfill its obvious potential to become a major public facility in the life of the City of Vancouver.

Nancy Dickson, President, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association, Ian Haywood-Farmer, VBGA, Chair Capital Campaign Steering Committee and Michael Legeyt, Bulletin Editor, VBGA Newsletter appeared before the Board to encourage the Board to endorse the concept plan for VanDusen Gardens. The delegations advised the Board that volunteers played a major role at the Gardens and they will continue to work hard to support the plans for the garden. They are working towards establishing new members who would provide financial support. The demographics of visitors at the garden are changing and their school program is quite popular with the children.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

**THAT the Board approve the VanDusen Botanical Garden Concept Plan for the purpose of guiding future development projects at the Garden.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Aquarium - Research Pool - Design Approval**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 14, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the design for the expansion of the research pool facilities at the Aquarium

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Aquarium - Research Pool - Design Approval:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Annelise Sorg, No Whales in Captivity
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE Parks Committee
- Munna Prasad
- Stuart McKinnon
- Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park
- Isabel Minty

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

- preserve Stanley Park in its natural state;
- Aquarium polluted the picnic area;
- opposed to aquarium expansion;
- direct result have been animals in captivity;
- sea lions are not treated well, the reserve tanks are too small;
- lease renewal agreement did not mention the purpose of expansion;
- public consultation was not held prior to lease renewal;
- public deserves to know details on what the holding area will be used for;
- having sea lions goes against referendum, need environmental impact study;
- proposed tank exceeds the footprint;
- an expansion must go to referendum;
- defer this item as there is insufficient information as to implications involved if the project is allowed to go through;
- Stanley Park is a place for enjoying nature,
- not enough accountability on the part of the Aquarium;
- Aquarium should not have been allowed to be in the park;
- hold a referendum let the people decide whether they want an aquarium;
- unfortunate mistake that should have been stopped;
- move Aquarium out of the park, non conforming use of parkland.

Board members invited Dr. John Nightingale, Director, Vancouver Aquarium to provide a brief background on the research pool.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the Aquarium's research and education program was well received and supported their request to expand the research pool.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the attached design for the expansion of the research pool facilities at the Aquarium.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Accomplishment Report 2001**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 7, 2002 recommending that the report be received for information.

Staff reviewed the various accomplishments in 2001 achieved by staff using the the strategic plan as their guide.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**THAT the Board receive the report for information.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

### **Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business**

The Chair advised the Board that he received information that the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation has announced this evening that they are launching an action for a judicial review of Park Board's February 25, 2002 in-camera meeting.

A request was made to staff to organise a proclamation by the Mayor for World Health Day on April 7, 2002 to advocate the benefits of physical activity.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Clarence Hansen  
Chair