

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Recreation Services, Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Operations, Queen Elizabeth District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Manager of Planning & Research	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Sheryn Gajjar

Commissioner Richardson was out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 24, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair made a Proclamation to declare July 20, 2002 as Canada Parks Day. The Proclamation is as follows:

“Whereas the history of Vancouver’s parks is as long as the City’s itself; and whereas parks provide green spaces for Vancouver’s citizens to relax and enjoy healthy, active lifestyles; and whereas there are several health benefits attributable to the activities our parks facilitate, including lowering the incidence of coronary heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and some forms of site-specific cancers; and whereas our parks connect

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our communities and families within those communities; and whereas urban green spaces maintain our city's biodiversity and improve our air quality; now therefore I, Clarence Hansen, Chair of Vancouver's Board of Parks and Recreation, do hereby proclaim the Board's endorsement of Canada's Parks Day this July 20th.

I encourage all City residents to visit one of our 200 parks on July 20th and partake in some form of physical activity."

City Council Agenda

Council will be reviewing the following reports at its meeting on July, 9, 2002:

- Champlain Heights Child Development
- Park Board Light Vehicle Fleet
- Arbutus Gardens - Allocation of Community Amenity Contributions

At its June 25th meeting City Council set the Capital Financial Limit for all City Departments and Boards at \$200 million. A supplementary expenditure within the Capital Plan of \$12 million will be from the city-wide Development Cost Levy. The total draft allocation for the Park Board including the Development Cost Levy funding is \$35.5 million. A public consultation on draft allocation proposals is scheduled for September 17, 2002. City Council also approved the following reports:

- Stanley Park Infrastructure - Sewer
- Proposed Joint Use Project - #1 Kingsway
- Strathcona Park Public Art

STAFF REPORTS

Kitsilano Beach Basketball Courts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 27, 2002 recommending that the Board approve leaving the Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball Courts as they have been in prior years, increasing programming activities around the Ksilano Beach Park Basketball and playground area, installing a code of conduct sign, and that the Board continue to work with the Community Police Office to resolve night time noise problems.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Kitsilano Beach Basketball Courts:

- Patrick Santoro
- Martina Quail
- Dr. Analee Yassi
- Constable Pat Pagazzi
- Ralph Taylor/Stuart Parker, Black Historical & Cultural Society of B.C.
- Digby Peers
- Philip Cunliffe (on behalf of John Owen, Kits Point Residents Association)

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

- noise issues, speeding vehicles, and vandalism are not caused by serious basketball players;
- solutions would be to create speed bumps along road to deter speeding vehicles;
- convert parking lot into green space, this would prevent noise of revving engines;
- expand basketball courts and have lowered hoops for kids;
- too many players for too few courts;
- the courts are in a prime location and are extremely popular;
- residents are not happy with the location of the courts i.e. next to a children's playground;
- the re-location of these courts would be the solution to many problems;
- public consultation was flawed;
- programming will not solve the problems;
- ensure that by laws are strictly enforced;
- gated parking lot may assist in preventing these illegal activities
- the number of complaint calls received by the Community Police regarding noise have been quite high in previous years;
- thanks to staff and the Board for carrying out this consultation process;
- programming activities should not erode casual play opportunities;
- additional staff may be required to enforce by-laws and proper usage of facilities;
- should be a shared area for all citizens ;
- some of the best basketball players utilize these courts;
- there is a 50 year history behind these courts, Emery Barnes played at these courts, so some sort of plaque or tournament in recognition of this

was suggested;

- “Code of Conduct” sign will not have any effect unless strongly enforced.

Board members discussed the matter and suggested that staff may want to contact the University of British Columbia for assistance in future public consultation processes.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson

- A) **THAT the Board leave the basketball courts as they’ve been in prior years.**
- B) **THAT the Board increase the programming activities around the Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball and playground area and install a code of conduct sign.**
- C) **THAT the Board continue to work with the Community Police Office to resolve night time noise issues.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Playing Field Renewal Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 2002 recommending that the Board endorse, jointly with the Vancouver School Board, the recommendations of the Playing Field Renewal Plan. The recommendations in the Plan will serve as a reference for future capital funding opportunities and for decision making in relation to field maintenance and allocation practices.

Staff presented a brief overview of the Vancouver Park Board/Vancouver School Board Field Renewal Plan. The following recommendations were suggested in the plan for field maintenance and allocation:

- Increase supply to meet growing demand
- Maintain to sustain
- Increase investment in fields
- Harmonize Vancouver Park Board/Vancouver School Board policies and practices
- Review and evaluation

Suzanne Anton and Colin Metcalfe, Vancouver Field Sports Federation appeared before the Board and commended Park Board and School Board staff and Commissioners for their efforts in this project. There must be continuous maintenance of the existing

grass fields and a joint booking system between Vancouver School Board/Vancouver Park Board would be beneficial to field users. More synthetic/artificial fields is an important aspect for youth practice fields.

Board members thanked the Vancouver Field Sports Federation for their assistance in the development of this plan, and staff for their research effort and quality report.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board approve the recommendation of the Playing Field Renewal Plan (June 12, 2002) as a reference for future capital funding opportunities, and for decision making in relation to field maintenance and allocation practices.

- Carried Unanimously.

Strathcona Park Upgrade Construction Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 4, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the award of contract for the construction of Strathcona Park to Terra Designworks Inc. at a cost of \$588,850.

Staff advised the Board that some components of the plan had to be adjusted to bring the cost in line with the bid.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of Tender T-2002-12 to implement construction of Strathcona Park for \$588,850 to Terra Design Works Inc.**
- B. That no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**
- C. THAT staff work with the stakeholders to determine which project components can be included in the current construction budget or can be funded separately.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Financing Growth Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 4, 2002 recommending that the Board receive for information the “Financing Growth Draft for Discussion” and its accompanying staff report to Council.

Staff made a presentation to the Board and indicated that the challenges facing the City is maintaining services to people already living here and providing for new residents and employees. The summary of policy changes for public discussion are as follows:

- increase DCL rates to cover more growth costs
- charge DCL to projects with less than 4 units
- expand DCL relief for institutions/non profit housing
- allocate DCL revenue in proportion to costs
- expand list of facilities eligible for DCL revenue
- CACs: Standard and Non standard rezoning

A public discussion on the Financing Growth policy option is being planned. A report to the Board and Council is planned for March 2003 after the consultation.

Board members discussed the matter and indicated that they would prefer an ongoing dialogue with Council so that the Board’s needs are not lost in the process.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive for information the “Financing Growth for Discussion”, appended to this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Open Spaces, Vancouver International Sculpture Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 21, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the revised request of the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery for a temporary exhibit of sculpture from August through April 2003, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the revised request of the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery for a temporary exhibit of sculpture from August through April 2003 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Board Light Vehicle Fleet

Board members received copies of an Administrative Report dated June 24, 2002 recommending that the Board request Council to approve allocation of \$516,000 from the Truck Plant Account to add nineteen light duty vehicles and that Council approve funding from internal rates with a \$29,000 decrease to the Operating Budget commencing 2003.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$516,000 from the Truck Plant Account to add nineteen (19) light duty vehicles to the Park Board light vehicle fleet to replace 19 existing rental vehicles**
- B. THAT Council approve funding from internal rates with a \$29,000 decrease to the Operating Budget commencing 2003.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Arbutus Gardens - Allocation of Community Amenity Contributions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 27, 2002 recommending the Board endorse the Council Report recommending that Arbutus Gardens Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) be shared equally between Park Board and Engineering projects, and that an initial \$450,000 of the collected funds be allocated to a major upgrade of Quilchena Park.

Staff advised the Board that Quilchena Park was in need of upgrading and the Board's share of the CAC will be directed towards this project. A public consultation

process will be conducted to gather input from the community with regard to design and any other ideas which may be generated for this project.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board endorse the attached Council Report recommending that Arbutus Gardens Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) be shared equally between Park Board and Engineering projects, and that an initial \$450,000 of the collected funds to be allocated to a major upgrade of Quilchena Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Canadian Cancer Society - Relay for Life Special Event

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 20, 2002 recommending that the Board give approval to the Canadian Cancer Society for the use of Brockton Oval for a weekend in June 2003 for the 2003 Relay for Life event with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised that as this was an overnight night event, additional field lighting will have to be used.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board give approval to the Canadian Cancer Society for the use of Brockton Oval, for a weekend in June 2003 (7 p.m. - 7 a.m.) for the 2003 Relay for Life event with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Notice of Motion

Commissioner Cassells submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT any Board policy, by law, rule, regulation or other mechanism which interferes with an individual's right to Freedom of Religion, and in so doing, violates the Canadian constitution, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights (to which Canada is a signatory) be immediately rescinded.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT Notice on the motion be waived.

- Carried

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Board members discussed the Motion and stated that more information was required.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT this matter be referred to a Staff Briefing for further discussion of what process we would follow.

- Carried

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter

- Staff have requested that this organization share their ideas with regard to safety in Stanley Park for consideration and review. Staff have not yet received this information.

Sculpture at Trout Lake

- Staff have been working with the artist to seek a solution.

Portside Park

- Staff will investigate the problems encountered by the organizers during the Canada Day celebrations

Wendy Poole Park

- Request for a park bench for Wendy Poole Park is in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair