

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2002**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | <b>Chair</b>                                 | <b>- Clarence Hansen</b>        |
|                 | <b>Vice-Chair</b>                            | <b>- Allan De Genova</b>        |
|                 | <b>Commissioners</b>                         | <b>- Roslyn Cassells</b>        |
|                 |  | <b>- Laura McDiarmid</b>        |
|                 |  | <b>- Dianne Ledingham</b>       |
|                 |  | <b>- Christopher Richardson</b> |
|                 |  | <b>- Duncan Wilson</b>          |
|                 | <b>General Manager</b>                       | <b>- Susan Mundick</b>          |
|                 | <b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>  | <b>- Liane McKenna</b>          |
|                 | <b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b> | <b>- Piet Rutgers</b>           |
|                 | <b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>   | <b>- Lori Mackay</b>            |
|                 | <b>Manager of Planning &amp; Research</b>    | <b>- Mark Vulliamy</b>          |
|                 | <b>Manager of Recreation Services -</b>      |                                 |
|                 | <b>Stanley District</b>                      | <b>- Terry Walton</b>           |
|                 | <b>Manager of Communications</b>             | <b>- Peter Cech</b>             |
|                 | <b>Recorder</b>                              | <b>- Julie Casanova</b>         |

**2003 - 2005 Capital Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 1, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that City Council at its meeting on October 1, 2002, approved the 2003-2005 Capital Plan, with a total allocation of \$45.5 million for Parks Capital projects. The proposed 2003-2005 capital allocations as outlined in the report includes changes that were made to align planned spending with the Council-approved capital envelope and also to respond constructively to inputs received during the public consultation process. Funding allocations in this proposed plan achieve an approximate balance between park and facility oriented programs. In addition, street tree planting, forest regeneration, neighbourhood matching funds, and other long term plans and initiatives will be maintained at the level of past Capital Plans. The overall plan is reduced from the capital program originally submitted. As a result, some major maintenance and infrastructure replacement will have to be deferred although critical work will be addressed. As well, the Board's policy of allocating 15% of Capital Plan funding to land acquisition is not met in the proposed plan. The decision before the Board is to approve the 2003-2005 Capital Plan with additional allocations from City-

wide DCL and other funding to a combined total of \$45.5 million, and to accept additional financial contributions that may be received over the next three years for parks and recreation capital projects subject to a 3.75% charge for project management costs.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the 2003-2005 Capital Plan:

- Keith Jacobsen, President, Killarney Community Association
- Don Larson, CRAB Water for Life Society
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Cynthia Friesen, Playground at Holland and Crown Street
- Wendy Tupling Guest, President, Riley Park Association
- Colin Metcalfe, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Suzannne Anton, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Marion Olivieri, Hastings Park Conservancy
- Patricia, Miller, Hastings Park Conservancy
- Nancy Dickson, President, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association
- Ian Haywood-Farmer, Chair, VanDusen Gardens Capital Campaign
- Eleanor Hadley
- Roberta Howie, Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory
- Gayle Uthoff, Gator Swim Club
- Moe Coll, President, West End Community Association
- David Frid, Meraloma Club

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

- thank the Board and staff for a good process;
- support the aquatics renewal plan;
- Killarney pool has reached the end of its life-cycle, hope upgrade will be done in this capital plan;
- Park Board need to be pro-active and protect Portside Park from the encroachment of developments around the park;
- should not have artificial turf field in a park deficient area such as Trillium;
- would like to see a reduction of asphalt and paving in future capital plans;
- would like to have playground equipment next to the soccer field at Musqueam;
- Percy Norman Pool needs upgrading;
- there is a lack of programming space for seniors at Riley Park Community Centre;
- do not want the need of Riley Park Community Centre to be lost, in case the 2010 Olympic Bid is unsuccessful;
- the Vancouver Field Sports Federation is appreciative of the Board's support for artificial turf field;
- glad to see the allotment for fields;
- compliment staff on a good field at Musqueam;

- need grass fields for Ultimate which is a fast growing sport;
- good news that money has been allotted for the next phase of the Hastings Park redevelopment;
- thank the Board for their commitment to the restoration of Hastings Park;
- the sanctuary and the Italian gardens are very important to the community;
- VanDusen Gardens is in need for more revenue generating opportunity;
- would like the Park Board to support VanDusen's fund raising efforts by committing some funds to their capital project;
- concerned about Stanley Park, there seem to be a lack of interest for the park;
- the Neighbourhood Matching Fund has been very successful since its inception;
- hope the Board will continue to support this program;
- it encourages stronger community connections and neighbourhood involvement in improving our park system;
- West End Community Centre need additional programming space;
- there is 2,600 sqft of space which became available with the closing of the restaurant;
- the project would cost \$250,000 approximately and the Association will contribute \$100,000;
- request Board to keep the fire sprinkler system for Connaught fieldhouse in the capital plan.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that they appreciated the immense support provided by the community for the Park Board capital plan. The community's presentation and support at Council was instrumental in the increase of the capital plan funding allocation. This capital plan is well balanced and Board members and staff were commended for producing the capital plan in accordance with the strategic objectives for parks and recreation in Vancouver. Staff was requested to bring a report to Board with regard to the addition of programming space at the West End Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the 2003-2005 Capital Plan, as outlined in Appendix I to this report be approved.**
- B. THAT additional financial contributions received over the next three years in connection with the capital program described in this report be subject to a 3.75% charge for project management and overhead costs.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The Chair advised that the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, October 7, is cancelled. The agenda was set to continue discussion on the Capital Plan, however as the Board has reached a decision tonight the meeting is not required.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Clarence Hansen  
Chair