

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002**

<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>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>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 22 were adopted as circulated.

**Chair's Report**

The Chair introduced Ryan Fralic, a new member of the Communications team who will be assisting with the graphics presentation at Board meetings.

The Chair advised the Board members of a Special Meeting on Thursday, Oct 3 to discuss the 2003-2005 Capital Plan.

**City Council Report**

City Council received the report entitled "Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver" for information. Council will work with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and other government and non government partners on the development and implementation of an education program aimed at promoting the use of integrated pest management on private property. Staff have been asked to report back on the status of these initiatives by July 1, 2003, including the potential effectiveness of a ban on harmful chemical pesticides in the City of Vancouver.

## **Nat Bailey Stadium Lease Agreement 2003**

Staff report dated August 23, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver Canadians presented a preliminary proposal for a new long term lease which would include some required stadium upgrades and a new lease rate. The Canadian Baseball League, a new organization is also looking for a venue to begin playing in Vancouver in 2003. The Canadian Baseball League has requested that a new lease for Nat Baley Stadium include the requirement for the facility to be shared. Staff do not recommend the facility to be shared. The existing tenant have met their obligations under their present lease agreements with the Board. The Board's endorsement of the Vancouver Whistler 2010 Olympic bid included a number of new and renovated facilities to be used during the games and one of them is the venue for a curling facility at Nat Bailey Stadium Park. Until the announcement of the host city, a short one year lease renewal for Nat Bailey Stadium is recommended.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Tony Riviera, Chair, Canadian Baseball League
- Fred Hermann, Vancouver Canadians
- Dan Kilgrass, Vancouver Canadians
- Terry Mackay, UBC Athletics Department

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

- introduced the Canadian Baseball League with a video presentation;
- would like to co-exist and not compete with the Vancouver Canadians;
- want to share the use of Nat Bailey Stadium;
- want to develop Canadian professional ball players;
- developed close partnership with a number of groups in the community;
- has partnership with UBC, B.C. Amateur Baseball;
- developed the best minor league baseball;
- enhanced youth baseball with clinics, youth centre for baseball in B.C.,
- Vancouver Canadians provide youth with the best opportunity to be exposed to sports including sports management, sport medicine and sports field management regardless of their calibre as a ball player;
- already provide affordable family entertainment;
- involved with community groups such as Big Brothers, Variety Club, Breast Cancer Research;
- support kids sports programs with equipment;

- upgraded the plumbing and electrical systems in the building;
- the logistics of sharing a building will be too complicated;
- there needs to be ownership for maintenance and upkeep of the grounds;
- the UBC athletic program has improved due to partnership with Vancouver Canadians.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and discussed the benefits of baseball to the community. The Board was supportive of the development of a new baseball league in Canada, however, the present tenant at Nat Bailey Stadium has met their obligations under their lease agreement.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board enter into a one year lease extension under the current terms and conditions with the National Sports Organization Inc. for the use of Nat Bailey Stadium in 2003.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- C. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**
- D. THAT subsequent to a favourable decision on Vancouver/Whistler's bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, assess the implications and develop a master plan for the Nat Bailey Stadium Park site to reflect the new proposed curling venue and defer consideration of any proposal for use of the Stadium beyond 2003 until this work has been completed.**
- E. THAT the Board direct staff to report back in 2003 on the alternatives for the lease for Nat Bailey Stadium for 2004 and beyond.**

- Carried Unanimously.

## **Sunset Community Centre Renewal - Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program Grant Application**

Staff report dated September 3, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Walter Schultz, President, Sunset Community Association
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE Parks Committee

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

- the renewal of Sunset Community Centre must be done;
- project could get lost if Olympics come to Vancouver;
- request to put this project on the "A" list;
- do not lose the opportunity for a federal grant;
- having uncertainty is not acceptable;
- facility is old, needs upgrading and try to keep the swimming pool.

Board members discussed the matter and agreed that Sunset Community Centre needs upgrading.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova

- A. **THAT application to the Canada - B.C. Infrastructure Works Program for \$4,000,000 in funding towards the Sunset Community Centre renewal project be approved, subject to Council approval as outlined in Recommendation B.**
- B. **THAT staff be authorized to seek Council approval for the allocation of \$3,000,000 to the Sunset Community Centre renewal project, the source of funds to be the \$20,000,000 pool of funding within the 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan for projects in receipt of senior government cost sharing, subject to voters approval of the funds and approval of senior government cost sharing for this project.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **AIDS Memorial**

Staff report dated September 6, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the construction of the full 60 feet of the AIDS memorial.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that memorials did not belong in parks. Parks should be kept for recreational purposes. There has been no public consultation on this issue, people are not aware of the wall being extended to 60 feet.

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board expressed concern over the length of the wall and would prefer to see a design change.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

**That the Board approve the construction of the full 60 feet of the AIDS memorial.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Ledingham contrary)

### **Park Board Pre-2000 Budget Close Outs**

Staff report dated August 27, 2002 recommending that the transfer of Capital Funds for Park Board capital account close out as detailed in this report be approved.

Anita Romaniuk, COPE Parks Committee, appeared before the Board and stated that she was concerned with some of the transfers. The funds could have been used for projects such as traffic calming around New Brighton Park or the purchase of parkland in park deficient areas such as Grandview-Woodland.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

**THAT the transfer of Capital Funds for Park Board capital account close out as detailed in this report be approved.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

### **Champlain Heights Community Centre - Passing of Donna Tilley**

The Board extended condolences to the family of Donna Tilley, a member of the Champlain Heights Community and dedicated volunteer at Everett Crowley Park and Champlain Heights Community Centre.

### **Heron Rookery**

A member of the Board expressed concern over the news that a tree with a heron rookery was cut down. Staff advised the Board that the heron rookery outside the Administration office was protected and she was not aware of any trees being cut down.

### **Homeless in the Park**

A member of the Board expressed concern that staff were utilizing the water sprinkling system on homeless people living in parks. Staff were also confiscating their belongings. Staff advised that the sprinkler system is automated and set to go off in the evenings when the park is least busy. Staff work with the Vancouver Police Department and Community Services staff to assist the homeless locate shelter. Belongings are removed if they are left unattended in the park.

### **Victory Square**

A member of the Board was concerned that mature trees were being removed from Victory Square and the shrubs have been cut back so much that they are now bare. Staff advised the Board that the removal of some trees was identified in the design for the new lights approved by the Board. The purpose of trimming the shrubs is to discourage drug users from storing their drugs in the bushes.

### **Oppenheimer Park**

A member of the Board advised that the evangelist group are still being harassed by staff from the Carnegie Centre. Staff advised the Board that the meeting between the evangelist group, Carnegie and Park Board staff did not take place as the group did not want to meet to resolve concerns. Park Board staff continue to work with Carnegie staff on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Clarence Hansen  
Chair