

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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>- 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 Communications</b>	<b>- Peter Cech</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

Commissioner McDiarmid sent her regrets as she could not attend meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 16, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Thursday, October 03, 2002 were adopted as circulated

**City Council Report**

Staff reported that Council has considered a revised procedure bylaw which has been amended to follow Roberts Rules of Order. Copies of the revised Council Procedure By-law will be provided to the Board when the new by-law is passed.

Council also approved the following:

- a flag policy
- allocated \$700,000 CAC contribution for Champlain Heights Community Centre
- 2003-05 capital plan of \$45.5 million for Park Board
- a new SAP module for plant and facility maintenance

### **Seasonal Lights in Victory Square**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 8, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account for a seasonal lighting project for Victory Square.

Richard Evans, Friends of Victory Square, thanked the Board and staff for their support in the revitalization of Victory Square. The summer program was successful and the lighting of the square is another step towards their goal of revitalizing the square. The Royal Canadian Legions from all over the Province have been supportive and have contributed generously toward this project.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the Friends of Victory Square and staff for bringing the community together to work on the revitalization of the park.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

**THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account for a seasonal lighting project for Victory Square.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Fees and Charges - 2003**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 8, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the 2003 Fees and Charges be adjusted to reflect an inflationary increase of 2.75%.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Stuart Mackinnon

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

- protest senior's fee increase;
- higher fees mean seniors cannot afford to use the facilities;
- 2.75% increase in fees is too much for people on fixed income;
- seems parking fee is not being increased;
- should be encouraging participation in recreational activity and discouraging cars coming into the park.

Board members discussed the matter and requested staff to report back on seniors participation at community centres and other facilities when the information becomes available. Board members also suggested that the leisure access program should be reviewed to ensure that it is directed towards those who need it.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT the Board approve the 2003 Fees and Charges be adjusted to reflect an inflationary increase of 2.75%.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **2002 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 10, 2002 recommending that the Board adopt the plan recommended by staff to balance 2002 Operating Budget.

Anita Romaniuk, COPE, appeared before the Board and stated that the revenue from the outdoor pool was up. This indicates that the pools are popular and the Board should not close the outdoor pools as per the aquatic services review. The golf course revenue is down and has been since they were renovated.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

**THAT the Board adopt the plan recommended by staff to balance 2002 Operating Budget.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Renewal of License Agreement with AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd.**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 11, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Stuart Mackinnon
- Gerry O'Neil

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

- AAA Horse and Carriage is a local company and should be supported;
- they provide educational tours for school children at a reduced rate;
- would like the Board to consider allowing AAA Horse and Carriage to leave from an alternate location due to the new traffic configuration.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that AAA Horse and Carriage has been a good operator in the park and they have assisted the Vancouver School Board in providing educational programs for school children.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT the license agreement with AAA Horse & Carriage Ltd to operate a horse drawn tour service in approved areas of Stanley Park be renewed on its expiry for an additional 5 years, from May 1, 2003 to April 30, 2008, on the same terms as the existing license except for the changes noted in this report.**
- B. THAT the annual license fee paid to the Board by AAA for the period of the license agreement renewal be set at 6% of its gross revenues from its horse drawn tour operations and 10% of its gross revenues from sale of other items.**
- C. THAT the licence granted to AAA to occupy a portion of the Stanley Park Service Yard, be renewed for an additional period of 5 years from May 1, 2003, to run concurrently with its license to operate the horse drawn tour service, subject to AAA making capital improvements of a minimum of \$75,000 during the license term, as set out in this report.**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses 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.**

- E. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Project Management and Overhead Costs - Ongoing Projects Funded from Previous Capital Plans**

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

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

**THAT the report be received for information.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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

A member of the Board enquired why the West End Community Centre was flying an American flag. Staff responded that they would investigate the matter.

An update on the pond at Momiji Gardens and the Sanctuary at Hastings Park was requested by a member of the Board. Staff advised that the Park Board was not responsible for the pond at the Momiji Garden. With regard to the pond at Hastings Park staff are still investigating the water issue.

A member of the Board requested staff to investigate a report she received from a marine biologist that the Vancouver Aquarium was selling permits to other institutions and this causes Canadian wildlife to end up in zoos. Staff requested the name of the person who provided the information to conduct the investigation.

Commissioner Cassells put forward the following notice of motion:

THAT the Board temporarily suspend the Parks Control Bylaw with regard to loitering and curfew in parks; and, open municipal buildings and toilet facilities daily for access for homeless people; and, open community kitchen and food distribution facilities.

The Board agreed to waive notice.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO THE MOTION.

Board members noted that this was a social service issue and would be best dealt with by the City's Social Services department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Clarence Hansen  
Chair