

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003  
AT VANDUSEN BOTANICAL GARDENS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Heather Deal</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Allan DeGenova</b>
		<b>- Lyndsay Poaps</b>
		<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Lori MacKay</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 07, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair thanked Nancy Dickson, President, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association and members of the garden staff for hosting the Board meeting. The Chair congratulated VanDusen Gardens staff and volunteers for a very successful annual plant sale.

The Chair advised the Board that she took part in the Earth Day celebrations at Everett Crowley Park. She also announced the BCRPA conference scheduled to begin this weekend and the Slam City Jam, a skateboard festival at the Coliseum.

The Board asked for a minute of silence to recognise the International Day of Mourning, to remember those workers who lost their lives as a result of work-related accidents or occupational diseases.

### **Youth Empowerment and Safety**

Rachel Dillman and Dipesh Mehtani, high school students, gave a presentation to the Board on the Sears Young Futures Youth Forum. The forum was an intensive brain storming session on the issue of community safety and how it impacts youth. Some of the recommendations provided by the youth to bridge the gap between youth and adults was to have more organized community events, programming and spaces for youth, develop peer counseling programs in schools and to have more trust and respect from adults.

Board members thanked the delegation and stated that the Mayor's youth legacy program will be providing a number of opportunities for youth. Council also recently approved the Board's recommendation for a new skateboard park.

### **Open Question Period**

Eleanor Hadley stated that the mini park in on the corner of Cardero and Burnaby has been taken over by the homeless people. People are no longer able to enjoy the park and the workers are having difficulty maintaining the park.

June Binkert, Save Our Parkland Association, enquired whether the Board has started on the waterfront park plan. The Chair advised that staff was working on this plan.

Edith Frankl stated that we should provide help to people addicted to alcohol rather than criticize them.

A member from the audience requested that the community be involved with the planning process for waterfront parks.

Philip Walsh found that the development of the park at Davie and Richards has been slow and would like to have more information with regard to the development of this park.

Ben Wong wanted to know if the Board was committed to a partnership with the community centre association. The Chair advised that this was a consultative Board and there is Joint Operating Agreement Task Force working on revising the Joint Operating Agreement.

Marion Olivieri, invited the Board to join the Hastings Park Conservancy on Saturday for a presentation and a tour of Hastings Park.

Michael Chubak builds vehicles for the soap box derby for young people. He asked if it was possible to have a practice track in a park, so that it would be safer for the children to do their trial run.

### **Sunrise Park Project**

Board members received copies of a Planning and Environment committee report dated April 07, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee presented the committee's recommendation to the Board.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Sunrise Park Project:

- Marion Olivieri
- Richard Saunders

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

- need assurance that there will be money in the next capital plan for New Brighton Park;
- change recommendation D to indicate that \$150,000 will be allocated for New Brighton Park in the 2006-08 Capital Plan;
- thank the Park Board and the Planning and Environment Committee for supporting the plans to upgrade Sunrise Park playfield.

Board members discussed the delegation's request for assurance that additional funding for New Brighton Park will be considered as a priority in the next Capital Plan and an amendment motion was suggested. After further discussion, members of the Board felt that the recommendation should remain as written as there were many other factors which will be influencing the next capital plan, such as the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT recommendation D be amended to include the words "as a priority" after the word 'consider'.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Anton, Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board approve the upgrading of the diamond and soccer field at Sunrise Park to include a full size baseball diamond and a drained and irrigated soccer field.**
  
- B. THAT the Board transfer \$150,000 from the New Brighton Capital account to upgrade the baseball and soccer fields at Sunrise Park.**
  
- C. THAT the New Brighton Park Concept Plan (1998) be updated in consultation with the local community.**
  
- D. THAT the Board consider additional funding for the next phases of the updated New Brighton Park Concept Plan to be included in 2006-08 Capital Plan.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **2003 Operating Budget**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 17, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the Park Board Global Budget and the budget initiative to meet the reduction impacted by the restoration of senior discounts from 25% to 30%.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that she was pleased to see that the seniors's discount was being continued.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board approve:**

- A. The Park Board Global Budget of \$47,518,000, including \$455,000 for added basic costs and one-time adjustments.**
  
- B. The budget initiative of \$85,000 to meet the revenue reduction impacted by the restoration of senior discounts from 25% to 30%**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society Capital Grant 2910 St. George Street**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the Council Report titled “Capital Grant for Mount Pleasant Family Centre” for information and approve the proposed expansion of the Mount Pleasant Family Centre by 250 sq.ft.

Staff advised the Board that the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society currently leases space for a nominal rent from the Park Board on the north west corner of Robson Park. Council approved a capital grant to Mount Pleasant Family Society to assist in the expansion and renovation of the facility. The proposed addition to the building will not increase the building’s footprint.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- C. THAT the Board receive the attached Council Report titled “Capital Grant for Mount Pleasant Family Centre” for information.**
  
- D. THAT the Board approve the proposed expansion of the Mount Pleasant Family Centre by 250 sq. ft. as illustrated in the Council Report- Appendix “A”.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**By-Law Amendment**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 17, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report prior to consideration of the revised Park Control By-law and the Parks Removal of Animal Manure, Dung, Refuse and Waste By-law.

Staff advised the Board that the changes to be considered in the by-law were housekeeping items and do not introduce any substantive changes to the application of these regulations. They are primarily intended to update and standardize these sections within our by-law and with other civic by-laws.

**By-Laws**

**Amendments to the Parks Control By-law and the Parks Removal of Animal Manure, Dung, Refuse and Waste By-Law**

The Board to approve By-Law to amend sections of the By-Law enacted by the Board on February 01, 2001.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**THAT a by-law to amend the Parks Control By-law regarding offences and penalties be given a first reading.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**THAT the by-law to amend the Parks Control By-law regarding offences and penalties be given second and third reading and the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign the by-law.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the by-law to amend the Park Removal of Animal Manure, Dung, Refuse and Waste By-law regarding offences and penalties be given a first reading.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the by-law to amend the Parks Removal of Animal Manure, Dung, Refuse and Waste By-law regarding offences and penalties be given second and third reading and the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign the by-law.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

A member of the Board advised that the Christmas Family Ball Society donated money for improvements to Strathcona Park. The Board acknowledged this contribution and thanked the organization for this donation.

A member of the Board referred to a recent newspaper article with regard to the off-leash dogs enforcement issue and stated that the comments noted in the article was not a position that the Board has made and requested that their comments should be clear to the media in respect to personal or Board positions on issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Deal  
Chair