

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003
AT TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 12, 2003 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Grandview Community Association Board and volunteers for hosting the Board meeting at Trout Lake Community Centre and the hospitality provided by the Association Board members, volunteers and staff.

The Chair thanked staff for a well organised opening of David Lam Park Extension, congratulated Commissioner Poaps and Jim Lowden on restoring Portal Park to its original use, and reported on the Woodward visioning process and the Dunbar Salmonberry Festival.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Alan Fox, a Vancouver resident was unhappy with the present tee-time reservation practise which allows the clubs prime tee times. He suggested that the Board review this practice so that morning tee times will also be available to a person who does not belong to a club.

Devorah Kahn thanked the Board for their support of the Farmers Market and the staff for their quick response to maintenance issues. Ms. Kahn requested that additional bike racks be provided to accommodate visitors who visit the market. There is a plan to propose a memorial bike rack in memory of one of the participants of the Farmers Market who was killed while riding her bike.

Beth Beech, Vice President of the Grandview Park Community Association stated that there was concern with regard to liability if someone was bit by an off-leash dog in an on-leash area. Would it be the Park Board, Association or Police that would be liable?

A mother in the Grandview-Woodland area was concerned with dogs in the playground area. She presented a petition to ask for a fence be put around Garden Park. She also asked that the sand in the playground areas be removed and replaced with rubber matting as there are usually broken glass in the sand and concern with regard to the arsenic leached from the pressure treated wood.

Matt, a resident of Vancouver stated that the Board should review the practice of preferred time for clubs, as UBC Golf Course has already discontinued this practice.

Cory McIntyre thanked the Board for approving the Downtown Skate Park. The Chair referred to a possible grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and stated that she will ask staff to work with the Vancouver Skatepark Coalition with regard to programming and park planning for a skate park .

Phil would like the washrooms in the park to stay open all the time.

DELEGATIONS

Trillium Park Planning Process

Bob Sarti, Strathcona Park Planning Committee along with members from Ray Cam and Mount Pleasant Community Association appeared before the Board with regard to the planning process for Trillium Park. The delegation stated that any plan for Trillium must involve the community. The plan should take into account the open habitat and bio diversity which is important for park development.

Board members discussed the matter and advised the delegation that next week the Planning and Environment Committee will ask staff to put together a public consultation process on how to site artificial turf fields and the Trillium site will be part of the recommended sites.

STAFF REPORTS

West Nile Virus Surveillance and Mosquito Control Procedures for Vancouver

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2003 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the report to Council dated May 14, 2003 entitled "West Nile Virus Surveillance and Mosquito Control Procedures for Vancouver".

Staff advised the Board that the response to the West Nile Virus is a potential threat to public health and preventive action needs to be taken immediately. The response is a staged plan, which begins with surveillance and monitoring of mosquito larvae population and may escalate to include larvicide treatment of standing water in ponds, ditches and catchbasins. Staff will ensure that the program will be consistent with the Board's Integrated Pest Management policy.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board endorse recommendations A) and B) of the attached City Council report entitled "West Nile Virus Surveillance and Mosquito Control Procedures for Vancouver".

Board members discussed the issue and were concerned that once the report was approved there might not be an avenue for more input from the public and the Board with regard to the implementation of the control procedures.

An amendment to the motion was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT recommendation A and B be voted on separately.

- Carried.

(Commissioner De Genova contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the City Manager be authorized to initiate the larvicide treatment program should circumstances warrant such an action up to a maximum expense of \$100,000 with funding to be provided from Contingency Reserve funds during Council's summer break in August and in the case of an emergency.

- DEFEATED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT staff be requested to bring regular reports on this issue back to the Board and that this Board will be open to hearing public opinion and debate on the West Nile issue throughout the mosquito season in 2003.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT if a larvicide treatment is called for, the Chair and the public should be notified as soon as possible.

- DEFEATED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board endorse recommendation A in the report to City Council dated May 14, 2003.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board endorse recommendation B in the report to City Council dated May 14, 2003.

- Carried Unanimously.

Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society - Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 5, 2003 recommending that the Board renew the lease with the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society for Robson Park Clubhouse for a term of five years from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2008.

Staff advised the Board that the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society has operated the Robson Park Clubhouse since 1980. The society provides a place for families with young children to drop-in, make new friends, learn new skills, and receive support in times of need. The Family Centre also coordinates services with the local elementary schools, neighbourhood houses, and other child serving agencies in the local area.

Jean Woodcock, Executive Director, Mt Pleasant Family Centre stated that the centre was an integral part of the neighbourhood, there are summer programs for the children and the parents benefit from the social programs. They work closely with the community centre and neighbourhood houses.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. THAT the Board renew the lease with the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society for Robson Park Clubhouse for a term of five years from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2008.**
- B. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager is authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver International Jazz Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 14, 2003 recommending that the Board grant permission for a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the Vancouver International Jazz Festival on June 28 and June 29, 2003 from 12:00 noon to 9:30 p.m. with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that the organizers are requesting permission from the Board to relocate a portion of the licensed area to the plaza area above the False Creek Pump Station in David Lam Park. This location would allow the Festival's patrons to view the main stage from the licenced area. The proposed licensed area would have a capacity of 175 people and would operate from 12:00 noon -9:30 p.m on June 28th and June 29th. Security and food services would also be provided by the sponsor. All net proceeds from the sale of alcohol would be used to support the Coastal Jazz & Blues Society's education and outreach programs.

Robert Kerr, Executive Director, Vancouver International Jazz Festival, stated that the Jazz festival is very well attended and presents 42 concerts and free educational workshops. It is one of the largest free music event in Western Canada. The plaza area above the False Creek Pump Station in David Lam Park will provide a nice viewing area during the festival.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board grant permission for a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the Vancouver International Jazz Festival on June 28 and June 29, 2003 from 12:00 noon to 9:30 p.m. with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Staff at the Roundhouse Community Centre were commended on their efficient handling of a medical situation when a volunteer collapsed during the celebration for Engine 374.

Staff was requested to work with the Vancouver School Board and city staff with regard to bike racks to maximize benefit of bulk purchasing and to investigate the possibility of having bike racks built as an art form.

The Board requested that a meeting is arranged with the Vancouver Police and Lifeguards with regard to beach patrol in the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair