

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2003**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Heather Deal</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Allan De Genova</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 Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Manager of Facility Development</b>	<b>- Rudy Roelofsen</b>
	<b>Manager of Recreation Services - Stanley District</b>	<b>- Terry Walton</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

The Chair thanked the Mt Pleasant Community Association and staff for hosting the Board meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 09, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

### **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that Board members participated in several events during the past week such as the VanDusen Flower and Garden Show, Dragon Boat Festival, Burlesque Show at the Roundhouse Community Centre, Bard on the Beach, Stanley Park Bike Festival, Quilchena Park Open House, South East False Creek Urban Design Workshop, Opening of Empire Fields at Hastings Park, Killarney Pool Open House, Greenway up to New West, Renfrew Days, Dog Day Afternoon at Trout Lake, Fiesta Days, Opening of Thornton Park and the Jazz Festival.

## **City Council Report**

The General Manager reported that :

- Council received the West Nile report and authorised the City Manager to initiate the larvicide treatment program if necessary, the use of adulticides was not approved and staff was asked to develop an education program.
- The Financing Growth report is on Council's agenda June 24 and two amendments recommended by the Board are included for Council's consideration. This is a detailed report and the Board and staff are to be commended for working with the community through these long term planning and financing changes. The report with changes are available on the city website.
- Council will be reviewing the Cool Vancouver Task Force report which asks Council to approve the report going out for public discussion and the development of an action plan.
- Council's City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving a report on the Civic Youth Strategy. The report recommends additional staff to work with youth to involve them in civic activities. Park Board and the Office of Cultural Affairs will also be approaching Council for funding the Olympic Youth Legacy and Council will need to consider priorities as the contingency reserve for new programs is limited.

## **Finance Committee**

The Chair of the Finance Committee advised the Board that the next meeting will be on Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 8:30 AM, there will be three items on the agenda, fundraising opportunities, 2003 operating budget as at the end of May and public process for next year's operating budget.

## **Planning and Environment Committee**

The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee advised the Board that the next meeting has been re-scheduled to July 17, 2003.

## **Culture and Recreation Committee**

The Chair of the Culture and Recreation Committee advised the Board that the next meeting was on July 2, 2003 and the items for discussion were special events, ice allocation and late night opportunities in parks and facilities.

## **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**

Following were questions / comments from the floor:

- a concern was raised that the outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant might be closing, the pool is enjoyed by the community and the Board was requested to try and continue to keep the pool open;
- Board members were requested to review the field booking system which only allows organized play, however, time for casual play is not available for those who do not belong to organized leagues;
- there was a concern that the daycare program at the new community centre might not be providing the same programs. Parents would like the before and after school program to continue.
- there was a request for more skate parks in the city, so that those who wish to participate in the sport of skateboarding will not have to travel too far from their community to access a skate park.

## **Presentation : Mount Pleasant Community Centre Redevelopment**

Staff presented an update on the redevelopment of the Mount Pleasant Community Centre. Board members were provided with the background, scope of the project and the concept design for the new centre. The Chair provided an opportunity for the audience to ask questions for clarification on the presentation.

Board members thanked the building committee and staff for their hard work on this project.

## **Conversion of Auxiliary Positions to Regular Full-Time and Regular Part-Time Positions - Regular Seasonal Employee's Committee**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 11, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the conversion of 26 existing auxiliary CUPE 15 positions to regular status effective June 23, 2003.

Staff advised the Board that this report was the result of a series of meetings held with CUPE Local 15 following the last round of collective bargaining in which it was agreed that a joint Union/Management committee would be struck to review the Union's concerns regarding auxiliary staff throughout the organization. The review has now been completed and the joint committee has identified those positions it feels should be established as regularized positions.

Donalda Greenwell-Baker, CUPE 15, stated that CUPE 15 was pleased to see this report before the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT effective June 23, 2003 the Board approve the conversion of 26 existing auxiliary CUPE 15 positions to regular status (i.e. Regular Full-Time or Regular Part-Time) and one Temporary Full-Time Marina Operator to Regular Full-Time, as outlined in Appendix A of the staff report dated June 11, 2003.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association Donation - Lobby Renovations**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 12, 2003 recommending that the Board accept a donation of up to \$100,000 from the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association for renovations to the lobby of Kitsilano Community Centre and approve the same amount to the 2003 Capital Budget.

Staff advised the Board that the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association would like to install a dividing wall in the main lobby to create more programmable space. An architect was hired by the Association to prepare a feasibility study for the proposed renovations to the lobby. The Association has reviewed and approved the schematic design and agrees to fund the entire project.

Chris Semenick, Chair of the Lobby Redevelopment Project, Ken Hillman, Chair of the Building Committee and Robert Haines, President of the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association were present to answer questions from the Board.

Board members thanked the Community Association for their generous donation and look forward to the opening of the new lobby.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT the Board accept a donation of up to \$100,000 from the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association for renovations to the lobby of Kitsilano Community Centre, and approve an increase in the same amount to the 2003 Capital Budget.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**WHEREAS accessible, affordable and quality childcare is essential to the health and well-being of the City of Vancouver's children and families;**

**AND WHEREAS child development and childcare play a crucial role in the economic stability of our City;**

**AND WHEREAS it is critical that all levels of government, including those at the local level, and the private sector take an active partnership in ensuring successful child development opportunities;**

**AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has been a leader at the municipal level on the issue of childcare;**

**AND WHEREAS many partners of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, such as community centre associations, provide childcare;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Board commit to working in collaboration with the City of Vancouver and Vancouver School Board on childcare services in the City;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Board participate in a policy forum, organized by City staff for City, Park Board and School Board elected representatives and staff to develop a process to achieve these ends.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

Staff was requested to prepare a report on the bike system in Stanley Park, including:

A) a review of opportunities for shorter bicycle loops in Stanley Park to accommodate families and others who may not choose to ride the whole seawall. The loops should include routes to the totem poles and back, to Lumbermans Arch and back and to Third Beach and back.

B) creating consistent signage for cyclists and bladers - on the pavement and directional signs (i.e. yellow lines on path sometimes separate 2-way bike traffic, sometimes separate cyclists from pedestrians).

C) a review of pavement conditions for cycling and blading paths in and around Stanley Park - there are currently some very rough areas.

The report should include what can we do now within our current year's budget and how much the options cost for those items that fall outside of this year's budget. One option to explore is doing the work in 2 stages - now and over the next year or two. Staff was requested to have at least one cyclist and one blader play a significant role in the process - perhaps members of the cycling and blading park rangers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Deal  
Chair