

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Litigator - City Legal Services	- Tom Zworski
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Manager of Recreation Services -	
	Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair stated that the special meeting was called at the request of two members of the Board. She thanked the Board for attending the meeting with short notice and thanked staff for their hard work.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(i) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session

The Board re-convened the Special Meeting

The Chair read the following prepared statement regarding Victory Square:

The Vancouver Park Board is authorizing the commencement of the contract to begin work on the renovation of Victory Square Park. We hope that those involved in the encampment will be responsible and voluntarily leave the site. We are formally requesting that the tents and structures leave Victory Square on or before noon on Tuesday, July 22, 2003.

We will provide assistance to anyone seeking housing and we will also assist with the removal of items if requested by anyone in the encampment. Our intention is to have the site available next week to commence construction and if we are not successful, then we will proceed with other measures.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair