

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2004**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Heather Deal</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
		<b>- Lyndsay Poaps</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 Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Manager of Operations - Vancouver</b>	
	<b>East District</b>	<b>- Ron Caswell</b>
	<b>Manager of Revenue Services</b>	<b>- Philip Josephs</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A member of the Board referred to page 3 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 15, 2003 and stated that it should be noted that the Planning and Environment Committee discussed the rebuilding of Sunset Community centre at their December meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 15, 2003 were adopted as amended.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Board participated in the following events:

- free skating kick-off event at Trout Lake Community Centre, the Mayor was also present;
- various free skating events in the city;
- Polar Bear Swim on January 1, 2004;
- Mayor's forum on Safety and Making our Neighbourhood More Livable.

## **City Council Report**

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving a report with regard to Pesticides Use on Private Properties at its Planning and Environment Committee meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2004.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** The committee discussed the operating budget at its meeting on December 16. The next meeting will be on February 2 and everyone is invited to attend as the committee looks at prioritizing the 2004 budget.

**Planning and Environment Committee:** The next meeting will be on January 13. Items on the agenda are beach volleyball, discussion on separating pedestrians and cyclists on the seawall and the Vancouver Aquarium will be making a presentation to the committee regarding their plan of renovation for their laboratories.

**Culture and Recreation Committee:** The committee met on January 7 and discussed childcare programs and policies at the Park Board. The committee heard a delegation from the Gingerbread Daycare Centre who have been asked by BC Hydro to vacate their present location. This facility provides a service needed in the area and the committee would like to recommend that the Board ask BC Hydro to grant an extension to the daycare until August 31, 2004 to allow the Gingerbread Daycare Centre to find an alternate location. The next meeting will be on February 4 and one of the items on the agenda is MoreSports, the full agenda will be available on the website.

## **Kitsilano Beach Restaurant Facility**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 19, 2003 recommending that the Board increase its contribution towards the Kitsilano washroom/lifeguard facility redevelopment to \$800,000 with payment terms as outlined in this report.

Staff reviewed the Board's involvement in providing a redeveloped public facility as part of the Kits Beach Restaurant construction project. The public facility would include washrooms, public change rooms, a lifeguard station/storage and a gardener's storage area. The Board's contribution towards the construction of the new public facilities was estimated at \$500,000. This contribution is to be paid by a rent rebate over the first ten years of the proposal. While the total project has increased from \$3,200,000 to \$5,300,00, the cost for the public facilities has risen from \$500,000 to \$800,000, Park Board's share of these costs has increased by \$300,000.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Kits Beach Restaurant Facility:

- Adam Smith
- James Goodman
- Tzipora Mann
- Tony Mears

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

- Save Our Waterfront Society is opposed to the restaurant at Kits Beach;
- lack of public consultation;
- violation of noise by-law;
- public park trust has been violated;
- there is a legal case against this project;
- if construction goes ahead, there will be breach of trust;
- authority, zoning and public park trust should be addressed first;
- park should be used for park purposes
- the Board should reject this proposal until it is heard in court;
- existing facility in the park is a disgrace;
- this is a year-round park, should have proper facilities;
- aware that when the scope changes it involves additional costs;
- encourage Board to approve the recommendation;
- beach is dark and gloomy during winter;
- restaurant will provide lighting and safety to users;
- an attractive restaurant would be a welcome addition to the neighbourhood;
- more people would use the beach in the winter evenings;
- concession revenue seems to have decreased;
- financials are not well defined;
- need independent audit of finances.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentations and stated that the Board recognizes rising construction costs is a serious issue for most projects being built now. For future projects they will build in contingencies. This project has had some major items added to it such as the fire lane which was not anticipated. A member of the Board stated that she has been on record of not supporting this project and although she respects the cost increases, she does not agree that there should be a decrease in revenue.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

**THAT the Board increase its contribution towards the Kitsilano washroom/lifeguard facility redevelopment to \$800,000 with payment terms as outlined in this report.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

**THAT the Board have a 5 minute recess at 8:15 p.m.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

### **Schematic Design for the Killarney Community Pool**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 5, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the schematic design for the Killarney Community Pool as illustrated in Appendix 1.

Staff and the architect, Roger Hughes presented a detailed schematic design for the proposed Killarney Community Pool. Staff advised the Board that the proposed pool meets the Aquatic Services Review goal. With rising costs, there is a challenge to complete the whole project at once, some of the components might have to be phased in. The architect explained the design details which included the natatorium, the change rooms and program areas. The pool would accommodate a range of activities such as lane swimming, water sports, scuba diving classes and other recreational swimming activities. The building materials for this project will be environmentally friendly and other sustainable elements include, heat recovery systems, natural ventilation and using recycled materials.

Keith Jacobsen, President of Killarney Community Association, advised the Board that he used to sit on the building committee but has now withdrawn from it, due to the fact that the scope of the project has been reduced. He felt that too many cuts were being made to the budget and there was no special feature such as a water-slide, that would be a distinguishing feature for Killarney as a community pool.

Gail Uthoff stated that she was concerned when the Killarney Community Pool project got smaller, people became disappointed as they expected a bigger facility. She does not know if this will meet the needs of the area which is growing, most facilities have competitive equipment in place.

Board members discussed the matter and enquired whether there was a request for more money from the city due to rising construction costs. Staff advised the Board that a report is being prepared for Council by the Director of Finance and the City Manager to address cost escalation. Staff was asked to investigate the possibility of having a green certification for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius

**THAT the Board approve the schematic design for the Killarney Community Pool, as illustrated in Appendix 1.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Results of the work of the Food Policy Task Force**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 5, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

**THAT this report be deferred the meeting of the Board on Monday, February 9, 2004.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Pesticides Use on Private Property**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 7, 2004 recommending that the Board endorse Recommendations A to F in the attached City Council Report dated October 21, 2003 entitled Pesticide Use on Private Properties for information.

Park Board staff have played the lead role in pesticide use reduction with the introduction of its Integrated Pest Management Program. The Board has also provided leadership with regard to use of pesticides on private properties. The regulation of pesticide use on private property in Vancouver does not fall under the Board's jurisdiction, however the Board can advise Council of its views through the endorsement of the recommendations contained in the report to Council.

Nick Losito, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, advised the Board that the Medical Health Officer supports the direction of eliminating use of pesticides on private properties, however, he is concerned about the regulatory approach, they would prefer to work on behaviour change. It would be difficult to enforce the by-law as proof of application would be required.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that one of the steps would be to lobby the Federal Government to regulate that store owners removed pesticides from their shelves. There was a suggestion that stores selling environmentally friendly products could be certified by the city as an encouragement for them to not carry chemical pesticides on their shelves. A member of the Board suggested that a pesticide free signage system could be developed for the parks.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**THAT the Board endorse Recommendations A to F in the attached City Council Report dated October 21, 2003 entitled Pesticide Use on Private Properties for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## **MOTIONS**

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT the Board send a letter to BC Hydro requesting that they grant an extension until August 31, 2004 to the Gingerbread House Daycare Centre's use of Hydro property in order to allow the organization sufficient time to fully explore alternatives for the relocation of their childcare program.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

The Chair will be making a decision on the liaison representative to Council's Women Task Force.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Anita Romaniuk  
Chair