

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
	General Manager	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Liane McKenna
	Project Manager - PNE/Hastings	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Communications	- Sue Harvey
	Recorder	- Joyce Courtney
		- Julie Casanova

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In-Camera Meeting :

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

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 paragraphs:

- (c) labour relations or employee negotiations;**
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.**

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board commenced at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 12, 2004, were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Finance Committee - the next meeting will be on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. The committee will be discussing 2003 year end, 2004 Operating Budget and Clubhouse Operations.

Culture and Recreation Committee - the next meeting will be on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. and this will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. The committee will receive a report on the Rink Task Force, Legacy Now Skating Evaluation and a presentation on MoreSports.

Planning and Environment Committee - the next meeting will be on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. There are four items on the agenda, Grandview Park - Playground, Recycling in Stanley Park, Naming of Mini Parks in the West End and Collingwood Hall.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving the report on the Financial Support Request for the Millennium Sport Facility at its meeting tomorrow.

DELEGATIONS

Barrie Mowatt, Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, thanked the Board for their support of the art project Open Spaces. The art is enjoyed by both local residents and tourists and is the largest art project in North America. Mr. Mowatt distributed T shirts to Board members to commemorate this project.

Financial Support Request for the Millennium Sport Facility

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 15, 2004 recommending that the Board endorse the attached Council report and that the Board direct staff to include an additional clause in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Staff advised the Board that the Millennium Sport Facility is a model for developing, funding and building community projects. . The project is at a critical point as confirmed pricing will expire at the end of January, and due to construction cost escalation and increases in DCL charges, the project has a funding shortfall of \$1.18 million. In view of the model of community partnership that this project represents, the Millennium Sports Facility Society requested that the City of Vancouver take on a greater partnership by funding the project's shortfall.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Financial Support Request for the Millennium Sport Facility:

- Alan Webster
- Almira Tanner
- Kevan Tisshaw

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

- Park Board staff and volunteers from the Society have worked very hard;
- need help for project to go ahead;
- new facility will be accessible for physical and visual challenged participants;
- the present facility for gymnasts is too small;
- hope to promote the sport of gymnastics;
- Phoenix Gymnastics always works on inspiring athletes;
- work with families to finance athletes through bursary;
- have segregated programs for disabled children with the ultimate goal of integration.

Board members discussed the project and congratulated the Millennium Sports Facility Society for their fund raising efforts and their patience in working towards a workable solution for the gymnasts and lawn bowlers. It is hoped that Council will recognize that this is a much needed city facility and will approve the request for extra funding.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the attached Council report.
- B. That the Board direct staff to include the following additional clause in the MOU with the Millennium Sport Facility Society ... "that staff will monitor expenditures and be involved in the project management decisions and directions to the satisfaction of the General Manager."

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board indicated that there was a recommendation C from the City Manager in the report to Council. Board members would prefer Council to approve recommendations A and B. An amendment to staff's recommendation A was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT recommendation A in the staff report be amended to read :
*THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the Council
report, Financial Support Request for the Millennium Sport Facility
dated January 13, 2004.***

- Carried Unanimously.

The Amended main motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 19, 2004 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated January 19, 2004 entitled PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process.

Staff reviewed the history of Hastings Park with the Board and stated that staff are now planning a process to generate ideas on what should occur on the site in conjunction with the restoration plan. A framework will be developed and provided to Council and Park Board for the future of the site.

Sue Harvey, Project Manager, PNE/Hastings Park advised the Board that a collaborative Park Board / City Process is in place to work on the future of the PNE/Hastings Park. A Public Consultation process is being planned to gather public feedback on a wide range of interests. A two day ideas fair is proposed where the public will have an opportunity to provide their idea on how they would like to see the park developed. The purpose of this process is to develop a range of different scenarios some with and some without slots for the future of the PNE at Hastings Park and to measure public support for the different scenarios. The primary objective is to seek a new future which will be both responsive to the needs of the many stakeholders and public and to restore certainty for the community and the employees on the site. The public forum is planned for February 26 and the Ideas Fair will be held on February 28 and 29. A report to Council is scheduled for May 18, 2004.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process:

- Mariken van Nimwegen, Hastings Park Conservancy
- Hugh McLean

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

- have not read the modified proposal;
- turnover is so fast and there are mis-communication;
- extremely important to have this piece of work done right;
- timeline is too tight;
- issues of adaptive uses of buildings, slots, racetracks, need to be sorted before going to the public;
- key stakeholders should be consulted more;
- need an agreement among the stakeholders of what the plan is, then bring in the consultants;
- the process is very rushed and complicated;
- the timeline does not allow adequate public consultation;
- city staff need to experience the impact of the fair when the park is fenced off and there is excessive noise and traffic;
- the original restoration plan had the PNE moving to a new location;
- now PNE and park are to coexist, how did Council come to this conclusion.

Board members discussed the plan and indicated that they would like to see an ecologist or environment consultant involved in the first phase of the process. It is important to remember that 111 acres of the park is to remain green. Many public consultations and ideas fair have already been held and the community have spent numerous hours discussing the vision for Hastings Park. Staff should refer to some of these ideas as part of the planning process. Board members referred to the short timeline as indicated by the delegations and agreed that the time frame was tight to consult with the community.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated January 19, 2004, entitled PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process.

An amendment to the motion was proposed to request Council to extend the timeline for this process.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

It is resolved that the Board request Council to extend the time line set out in this report so that the many issues which arise in the determination of the future of Hastings Park may be fully considered.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

**THAT the following phrase be inserted after “Recommendations A” and before “and B” in the main motion:
(subject to an extended time frame)**

- Carried Unanimously.

The amended main motion as follows was put:

That the Board endorse recommendations A (subject to an extended time frame) and B in the attached City Council report dated January 19, 2004 entitled PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process.

- Carried Unanimously.

Results of the Work of the Food Policy Task Force

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 12, 2004. Staff report dated January 5, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board refer this report to the meeting of the Board on February 9, 2004.

- Carried Unnaimously.

Racquets Club - Memorandum Of Understanding

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 22, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Vancouver Racquets Club dated January 1, 2004 which describes the key elements of a new lease.

Doris Young and Robert Trepanier, Vancouver Racquet Club were present to answer questions.

The Vancouver Racquets Club have had a lease for the land and the building since 1969. On advice from the Law Department the Club was advised that the land lease was no longer valid, and discussions with the club to enter into a new lease was held. The new lease will apply specifically to the building and the parking lot. The proposed changes with regard to the type of lease, term and insertion of clauses related to the use of the facility during the 2010 winter Olympic Games will be worked into a Memorandum of Understanding which will be used to develop the new lease.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Vancouver Racquets Club dated January 1, 2004 which describes the key elements of a new lease.**
- B. THAT once the form of the new lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Motions

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

It is resolved that staff be requested to work with the Stanley Park Ecology Society and the Vancouver Trolley Company to develop a plan for the installation of fare boxes into the free summer Stanley Park Shuttle buses for the purpose of collecting donations for the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

Alex Mathias, Stanley Park Ecology Society stated they were excited about the opportunity to explore this idea for the society to raise funds. It will be an opportunity to raise the profile of the society and promote the environmental aspect of the park.

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board indicated that there are committee structures of the Board to which this issue could be directed for discussions.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the motion be amended to replace “develop a plan for” with ‘*explore the feasibility of*’ and the following phrase be added to the end of the motion ‘*and that staff report back to the Planning and Environment Committee in March*’.

- Carried Unanimously.

An amendment to the amendment motion was proposed:

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT staff be asked to report back on the feasibility of donation opportunity for other groups.

-DEFEATED.

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

The amended main motion as follows was put,

**It is resolved that staff be requested to work with the Stanley Park Ecology Society and the Vancouver Trolley Company to explore the feasibility of installing fare boxes into the free summer Stanley Park Shuttle buses for the purpose of collecting donations for the Stanley Park Ecology Society and,
That staff report back to the Planning and Environment Committee in March, 2004.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

The in-camera meeting re-convened at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair