

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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>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 Queen Elizabeth District</b>	- <b>Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	- <b>Lori MacKay</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	- <b>Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Manager of Planning and Research</b>	- <b>Mark Vulliamy</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	- <b>Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	- <b>Julie Casanova</b>

The Chair advised that Commissioner De Genova was at a meeting and would be arriving late, and Commissioner Woodcock was attending to a family emergency and will also be arriving late.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 9, 2004 should also note that the Planning and Environment Committee discussed continuing the recycling program in Stanley Park in 2004.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 9, 2004 were adopted as amended.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that she attended the unveiling of the artist in residence project at Renfrew Community Centre. Other up coming events included the South East False Creek Open House, public consultation for Hastings / PNE and the ground breaking for the Millennium Sports Facility. The Berger Commission will be having a number of public information meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Finance Committee : The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2004 and the agenda for the meeting is to discuss the ice rink fees.

Planning and Environment Committee : The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2004. Items on the agenda include the feasibility of having a donation box in the Stanley Park Shuttle for the Stanley Park Ecology Society, a long range plan for VanDusen Gardens and Evergreen would like to speak to the committee regarding native plants and nature in the city.

Culture and Recreation Committee: The next meeting will be on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will be discussing daycare portables, a proposal for a storyscape project and an overview of the 2004 artists in residence program.

### **City Council Report**

Council will be receiving a report on Homelessness which includes a recommendation for a long range action plan, the Advance Approval of the 2004 Capital Budget and the CD-1 Rezoning of 900 Pacific Boulevard.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Collingwood Hall**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the building in which Collingwood Hall is located is old and the cost to repair the recent water damage would be quite high. With the realignment of Kerr Street the building stretches out of the property line. This matter was discussed at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting and it has been recommended that the building be demolished. A memorial with a plaque would be placed at the location of the building to commemorate the contribution of this building to the community.

Keith Jacobson, President of Killarney Community Centre, stated that when the Tai Chi group was moved into the centre the Board was not advised of the change. Mr. Jacobson was also concerned about storage for the playground leader's equipment and the soccer groups.

Board members ensured that staff would provide assistance to the groups to move their assets from Collingwood Hall and to identify their storage needs. Board members also asked staff to include the volunteers who worked at Collingwood Hall at the annual volunteer recognition event.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. **THAT Collingwood Hall be closed and that notice be given to the Collingwood Community Association to terminate the operating agreement;**
- B. **THAT staff support a smooth transition for the Association and its programmes including the disposition or relocation of equipment and assets;**
- C. **THAT staff proceed with plans to demolish the building and restore the area as soon as possible, contingent on available funding through existing Park Board budgets;**
- D. **THAT staff work with the Association on a commemorative feature or event in Killarney park as a tribute to the many years of dedicated service and enriching activities operated through Collingwood Hall since 1947.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Riley Hillcrest Master Plan Update - Appointment of Consultants**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 11, 2004 recommending that the Board appoint Hughes Condon Marler Architects to develop an updated Master Plan for the Riley, Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks.

Staff advised the Board that the previous master plan was approved in September 2000. Since then the decision to use Nat Bailey Park between the stadium and Vancouver Racquets Club as the site of the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Curling Facility and the Board's plan to replace Percy Norman Pool with a major aquatic facility necessitated the need to review and update the master plan. The terms of reference for the master plan revision were developed in consultation with partner organizations and other stakeholder groups involved with sport and recreation facilities in the subject area.

Commissioner Woodcock arrived at this point of the meeting.

Gail Uthoff, representing aquatic groups requested that the new aquatic facility planned for the Riley/Hillcrest area would be of international competition size. There are no pools in Vancouver for water hockey, synchronized swimming and water polo. Ms. Uthoff asked that the aquatics group be included as a stakeholder in the master plan process.

Board members stated that it was important to have a plan for the facilities and the community have been looking forward to this process. Staff was requested to keep the farmers' market in mind during the consultation.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT the Board appoint Hughes Condon Marler: Architects to develop an updated Master Plan for the Riley, Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks for the fee of \$45,000.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Initiative to Improve the Energy Efficiency of City-Owned and City Occupied Buildings**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 9, 2004 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report entitled Initiative to Improve the Energy Efficiency of City-Owned and City-Occupied Buildings dated February 24, 2004.

Staff explained that the report outlined the scope of work for an Energy Performance Contractor that will review energy consumption patterns for City and Park Board buildings and recommend a program of capital improvements and revised energy management practices. Capital funding required is repaid from identified and agreed upon energy savings. Financing is either from City sources or secured by the Contractor at the time when the various capital works are undertaken.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre appeared before the Board and stated that the Board should consider adding the Killarney Project for a grant from BC Hydro.

Board members thanked staff for rising to the challenge and responding to the recommendations of the Corporate GHG Plan, the timeline is ambitious. This is a new direction and we look forward to the implementation as there are a number of community centres that need retrofitting. Referring to the delegation's presentation, Board members enquired whether the Killarney Project could be considered. Staff advised that the energy efficiency program is to retrofit existing buildings and not new ones.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report entitled Initiative to Improve the Energy Efficiency of City-Owned and City-Occupied Buildings dated February 24, 2004.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Golf Clubhouse Coordinator Positions**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 12, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of 2 full-time Clubhouse Coordinator positions in Golf Operations.

Staff reviewed in detail the process for the establishment of the 2 full-time Clubhouse Coordinator positions in Golf Operations. Staff undertook an analysis of the clubhouse management functions and identified a number of areas for improvement. On a pilot basis, a revised management model was created with two Clubhouse Coordinator positions being established on a temporary basis. After the evaluation period, the management model was presented to the Finance Committee and a report recommending the approval of establishing 2 full time positions were presented to the Board at its meeting on November 3, 2003. At that meeting CUPE 15 representatives addressed the Board, citing concerns about the lack of formal consultation with the union and offering alternative options. Staff was asked to meet with the union to evaluate an alternative structure. A meeting between management staff and representatives from CUPE 15 was held and the results were reported to the Finance Committee.

Board members thanked staff for their work and suggested that a more open dialogue at labour management meetings was needed. It is good to have in house staff and a good working relationship with the union is required. The golf course operations is a vital source of revenue for the organization.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

**THAT the Board approve the establishment of 2 full-time Clubhouse Coordinator positions in Golf Operations.**

**- Carried Unanimously**

### **Nat Bailey Stadium Lease Agreement**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 13, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the current tenant at Nat Bailey Stadium, the Vancouver Canadians will be participating the Riley / Hillcrest Master Plan process and in the interim until the Master Plan is completed, a one year renewal to their lease is being requested.

Moved by Commissioner Deal

- A. THAT the Board enter into a one year lease extension (Jan 1, 2004 - Dec 31, 2004) under the current terms and conditions with the National Sports Organization Inc. (Vancouver Canadians Professional Baseball Club) for the use of Nat Bailey Stadium**
  
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
  
- C. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Capital Budget Advance Approvals**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 13, 2004 recommending that Council be asked to approve capital spending of \$2,030,000 for current Park Board projects, outlined in the attached Council Report in advance of the 2004 Park Board Capital Budget to be forwarded to Council later this year.

Staff advised the Board that there were a number of capital projects that need to start before the capital budget is approved in April.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT Council be asked to approve capital spending of \$2,030,000 for current Park Board projects, outlined in the attached Council Report, in advance of the 2004 Park Board Capital Budget to be forwarded to Council later this year.**

**- Carried Unnaimously.**

### **Seawall Walkway Separation and Widening**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 10, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the award of a tender to implement construction of the widening and separation of 2.3 kilometers length of the Stanley Park Seawall

Staff advised the Board that the reconstruction of a 2.3 kilometer length of the Stanley Park Seawall was part of an overall plan to separate bicycles from pedestrians. As part of the design process, environmental issues associated with construction on the seawall have been addressed. There will be no loss of trees however, there will be a reduction of some lawn areas.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of Tender 2004-3 to implement construction of the widening and separation of 2.3 kilometers length of the Stanley Park Seawall to Grandview Blacktop Ltd. for \$856,237 subject to Council approving advance request on the 2004 Capital Budget and subject to finalizing all necessary regulatory approvals.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Operating Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2003**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 3, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the 2003 year end financial position with the Board. This is a preliminary report pending more adjustments by the City or its external auditors.

Board members thanked staff for their efforts. A member of the Board requested that she would like to have a break down of revenue sources for each facility.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

**THAT the Board receive the report for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

#### **Motions**

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

Whereas :

The HSBC Celebration of Light is an important event for the City of Vancouver, drawing many thousands of residents and visitors for each evening's show;

The City of Vancouver has recently decided not to designate the HSBC Celebration of Light as a civic event;

The Mayor has indicated that the City would be willing to make good any cost overruns, suggesting the City might be willing to reconsider its decision;

The Vancouver Park Board is an integral part of the HSBC Celebration of Light as much of the event takes place on Park Board sites;

It is resolved that:

This Board supports the designation of the HSBC Celebration of Light as a civic event and requests that the City make that designation.



Board members expressed concern with regard to the financial implications and the liability involved in designating the Celebration of Light as a civic event.

The motion was put and it was DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Deal, Riccius, Romaniuk, Poaps and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

Whereas:

Park Board sites are host to the vast majority of Celebration of Light spectators, including English Bay, Vanier and Hadden Parks, Kitsilano Beach and Park and the small parks along Point Grey Road;

Park Board staff work throughout the night after each display to clean the beaches and parks (this cost is compensated by the City);

Park Board rangers are present each fireworks night to assist with the crowds;

Park Board management devotes considerable resources to supporting the Celebration of Light;

Park Board staff do extensive site rehabilitation following the events;

The Vancouver Park Board has not to date been recognized as a partner to the event;

It is resolved that:

This Board respectfully requests that the HSBC Celebration of Light designate the Vancouver Park Board as a sponsor/partner of the HSBC Celebration of Light;

This Board requests the support of the City of Vancouver in this request to the HSBC Celebration of Light.

Board members stated that although the intent of the motion was appreciated, they were concerned with the liability and financial risks in being identified as a sponsor. The Board would require more information on the risks involved to display our logo.

Moved Commissioner Anton,

**THAT the motion be referred to a future meeting with a report back from staff with further information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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

A letter received from Steve Bouchard, President, Ray Cam Co-Operative Centre with regard to the recent meeting of the Board with Mr. Berger was read.

There was an enquiry for information with regard to the golf course certification by the Audubon Society. Staff advised that a report will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board was advised that money to replace damages caused by Cirque du Soleil was received.

Staff was asked to investigate the possibility of providing low cost shower facilities for bicycle commuters at community centres close to business areas.

There was a request for the Chair to report the Board's meeting with Mr. Berger, Vancouver Electoral Commission. The Chair agreed to make this report at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Anita Romaniuk  
Chair