

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT KILLARNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004**

PRESENT :	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Arts and Multiculturalism Coordinator	- Susan Gordon
	Special Events Coordinator	- Daisy Chin
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Poaps was absent due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 05, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Capital Construction Cost Escalation report be discussed before the Board hears the delegation on Killarney Community Swimming Pool.

- Carried Unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Killarney Community Centre Society board members and staff for hosting the community Board Meeting and their hospitality.

The Chair noted that it was busy summer and that some members of the Board attending the following events:

- Pool Closing Party at Killarney Community Centre
- Opening of Strathcona Park

- Open House at Strathcona Community Gardens
- Opening of Tea Swamp Park
- Parks Day celebrations
- upcoming events are Heather Park opening, Little League Championships and the Gay Pride Parade.

Finance Committee : met on July 12 and discussed ethical purchasing and bus parking fees. The next meeting will be in September.

Planning and Environment Committee: met on July 6, discussed the possibility of a running track, cell phone tower in Fraserview and the community gardens policy. The next meeting will be in September.

Culture and Recreation Committee : discussed the horizontal climbing walls, public art and art donation by the Chilean Consulate.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that the public hearing regarding slots at Hastings Park continued tonight. Council will be receiving the Choices and Directions for South East False Creek on July 20 and the report will be referred to a meeting on July 26. Council will also be receiving the Capital Construction Cost Escalation report. The City Services and Budgets committee will be receiving a report with regard to establishing a bylaw on the use of leaf blowers. If leaf blowers are prohibited in the West End resources are required to maintain the parks. Additional funding may be required to implement a manual system. The report on Olympic Youth Legacy funding was approved by Council.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Keith Jacobson welcomed everyone on behalf of the Killarney Community Centre Society Board and thanked the Board and staff for their efforts to build the new community swimming pool. Mr. Jacobson advised the Board that Killarney had an artist in residence program and invited Board members to view the work.

DELEGATIONS

Special Event - 8 + 1 Planets Exhibition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that this request was reviewed and recommended by the Culture and Recreation Committee.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board :

- Matthew Joscelyn
- Lynn Rainville
- Janet McCarthy

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

- working with staff on locations with the least impact to residents;
- lighting on the exhibits are not directional, the power will be from silent generators with quiet fans;
- the exhibition will be over a 10 day period;
- an appropriate exhibition to complement the International Astronomical Congress
- will reinforce the importance of space and an opportunity to provide education.

Board members stated that this was a creative exhibition and a great way to engage the children.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT the Board approve the display of an inflatable globe (the Sun) by Procreation Design Works and 8 + 1 in Vanier Park from October 2, 2004 until October 9, 2004 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- B. THAT the Board approve the display of the 8 + 1 Planets Exhibition by Procreation Design Works and 8 + 1 in Coal Harbour and Stanley Park from September 2, 2005 until September 11, 2005 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Donation of Public Art by the Chilean Consulate and the Chilean Community of Vancouver

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 28, 2004 recommending that the Board accept the donation of the public artwork by the Chilean Consul General and the Vancouver Chilean community to be located at the south end of Cardero Park at no cost to the Board.

Staff advised the Board that the Chilean government along with the Chilean community would like to present Vancouver with the gift of a sculpture to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the renowned Chilean Poet, Pablo Neruda. Pablo Neruda won the Nobel Prize for poetry in 1971. He was also a Chilean diplomat who held posts in many countries. The City does not have formal guidelines to consider gifts of state, however, this donation was considered under the Park Board's Review Guidelines for the Donation of Public Art or Memorials. A technical review and a public consultation were conducted and the Public Art Advisory Committee provided advice on the design.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Francisco Marambio, Consul General of Chile
- Adam Policizer, President, Chilean Cultural Institute
- Alfred Kottek
- Monica Escudero

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

- Neruda was an internationally known poet;
- history and background of the sculpture;
- Neruda impacted many lives;
- sculpture will commemorate his life and recognise his work;
- sculpture is a good addition to Cardero Park.

Board members thanked the delegations and stated that the sculpture is a welcome addition to the art collection in Vancouver. The selection of a poem used for this sculpture should relate to the city and culture of Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board accept the donation of the public artwork (Neruda's Papers) by the Chilean Consul General and the Vancouver Chilean community to be located at the south end of Cardero Park at no cost to the Park Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

-Carried Unanimously.

Open Spaces Sculpture Exhibits

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 5, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the development of an agreement with The Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale as per the terms in the report to regulate eighteen month sculpture exhibits for up to 10 years in Vancouver parks at no cost to the Board.

Staff advised the Board that public art has a successful history of exhibits and the proposal was to create a sustainable biannual internationally renowned sculpture festival in parks throughout the city. Open Spaces provides opportunities for the people of Vancouver to enjoy a wide range of sculpture in parks at no cost to the Board.

Barry Mowatt from Buschlen Mowatt Galleries was present to answer questions.

Board members supported the project and stated that they would also like to see exhibits in the eastern and southern part of the city.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board approve the development of an agreement with The Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale as per the terms in this report to regulate eighteen month sculpture exhibits for up to 10 years on Vancouver parks at no cost to the Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Capital Construction Cost Escalation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 5, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff provided an explanation on the recommendations in the report and advised the Board that cost escalation has been a significant factor in the realization of the capital works program.

Board members thanked staff for their work in addressing the capital construction cost escalation.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board request Council to set up a Park Board cost escalation fund in the amount of \$1,041,000 with the source of funding to be the payment from TransLink related to the Eburne Lands purchase.**
- B. THAT the Board reserve \$1,041,000 for a Marpole land acquisition with the source of funding to be the approved Park Board's 2003 - 05 land acquisition fund, subject to Council's approval of the Recommendation as per the attached Council Report.**

C. THAT subject to Council's approval of B, the Board authorizes an initial allocation of this fund as follows:

- **Killarney Pool \$550,000**
- **Victory Square \$60,000**
- **Queen Elizabeth Reservoir \$431,000**

- Carried Unanimously.

Killarney Community Swimming Pool

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 15, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to F.

Staff reviewed the plans for the pool which will be built to a LEED silver certification capacity with a high efficiency heat and ozone purification system. Staff thanked the Killarney Community Centre Society for their financial contribution towards this project.

Gail Uthoff, a member of the Killarney Building Committee and representing aquatic groups, thanked the Board for the new Killarney pool. This pool will provide opportunities for youth to participate in swim clubs.

Board members thanked staff and the Killarney Community Centre Society for working together to overcome the cost escalation in construction costs.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock:

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations D, E and F, the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Smith Bros. and Wilson (B.C.) Ltd. for the construction of the new Killarney Community Swimming Pool at a price not to exceed \$9,226,709, not including GST, with funding to be derived from the sources as described in this report, and subject to City Council's approving the establishment of a Park Board cost escalation fund.**
- B. THAT the Board approve additional funding for the project as detailed in this report.**
- C. THAT the Board gratefully accept a donation of \$450,000 toward construction of the Killarney Community Swimming Pool from the Killarney Community Centre Society.**
- D. THAT all legal documentation be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager.**

- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations shall arise hereby, and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- F. THAT the Board exercise its option to reject all tenders submitted in response to Invitation to Tender T2004-10, and that the General Manager be authorized to formally notify each of the bidders that their respective bids have been rejected, both as of right and as being in excess of the Board's budget for this project.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Changes to Bus Parking Charges in 2005 and 2006

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board on Monday, July 5, 2004. Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that this matter was discussed at the Finance Committee where representatives from the bus companies made a presentation to the committee. The staff recommendation has been amended to reflect the results of this discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve phased increases over two years to the bus parking rates in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park as set out in this report, commencing January 1, 2005**
- B. THAT the Board approve a requirement for companies which offer "hop on, hop off" style bus tours which stop in Stanley Park to purchase bus access passes which will be phased in over three years commencing January 1, 2005**

- Carried Unanimously.

Implementation of a Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy for the Vancouver Park Board

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 12, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the report on the Implementation of a Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy was reviewed by the Finance Committee. A task force co-chaired by City Councillors will be created in the implementation of Phase 1. It is recommended that this task force include a member of the Park Board.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. **That the Board approve the process to work with City Council in developing and implementing a sustainable and ethical procurement policy as approved by Vancouver City Council on June 22, 2004 (copy attached).**
- B. **That a request be made to City Council to add a Park Board Commissioner to the Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy Task Force to prepare and present the draft policy to the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2004 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts for the Period Ending June 30, 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the 2004 financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Committee. The variations are seasonal and a further report will be brought to the Board in September.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Bates Park - Right of Way

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 9, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way in perpetuity in favour of the City of Vancouver over a portion of Bates Park, based on the details provided in this report .

Staff advised the Board that the Canadian National Railway use the road that crosses through the northern edge of Bates Park to access the rail tunnel and rail bridge northeast of Bates Park. A part of the Trans-Canada Trail connecting Vancouver to Burnaby was recently established by the City's Engineering Department. The review of granting a statutory right of way was initiated when BC Hydro requested to place underground the existing overhead electrical utilities parallel to this road.

Board members discussed the report and stated that there were a lot of natural areas and would encourage that the Park Board be informed should a major redevelopment be planned for this area in the future.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way in perpetuity in favour of the City of Vancouver over a portion of Bates Park, based on the details provided in this report and Appendix 1, subject to the legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motion

East Fraserlands

Commissioner De Genova left the room on a conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Whereas:

- 1. The City of Vancouver is conducting a planning process for the future of the East Fraserlands; and**
- 2. The Planning Department has agreed to commission a community needs assessment; and**
- 3. The community needs assessment will assess levels of service for existing facilities in Victoria/Fraserview/Killarney (VFK), including West Fraser Lands (WFL), determine the needs of a future population in East Fraserlands, and gauge the potential impact of East Fraserlands on existing facilities in VFK;**

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Vancouver Park Board endorse the inclusion of the following objectives into the terms of reference for the community needs assessment:

- A. public parks per the park standard of 2.75 acres per 1,000 people;**
- B. community centre space at the existing citywide level of service, inclusive of the Park Board city wide pool and rink strategies;**
- C. park programming that covers a broad range of park uses from ecological restoration, eco-system features to passive and active recreation;**
- D. the community needs assessment to be conducted in a public process; and**
- E. the results of the assessment to be reported to the Park Board.**

Delegations to speak to the Motion:

- Rick Evans
- Keith Jacobson

Summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- developer's dream but residents nightmare;
- do not agree that the property is worth less;
- do not lower standards for park space;
- community is being given less quality space;
- there is a railway line which runs through the property;
- do not sell East Fraserlands, treat it as False Creek;
- leave it zoned industrial;
- consider the ratio of 2.75 acres for parks and 2.29 for community centre;
- support motion, need to maintain city standards,
- area has been neglected, hope needs assessment will be approved.

Board members discussed the motion and stated that they look forward to the needs assessment and they have confidence that staff will work towards achieving the city standards.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board give approval to Commissioner Heather Deal to attend the 2004 Canadian Parks and Recreation Conference in Halifax at an estimated cost of \$1,800 to \$2,000.

-Carried Unanimously.

John McBride, resident of Champlain Heights, appeared before the Board and stated that the plans for East Fraserlands should include playing fields.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair