

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | <b>Chair</b>   | <b>- Eva Riccius</b>      |
|                 | <b>Vice Chair</b>                                    | <b>- Lyndsay Poaps</b>    |
|                 | <b>Commissioners</b>                                 | <b>- Suzanne Anton</b>    |
|                 |  | <b>- Heather Deal</b>     |
|                 |  | <b>- Allan De Genova</b>  |
|                 |  | <b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>   |
|                 |  | <b>- Loretta Woodcock</b> |
|                 | <b>General Manager</b>                               | <b>- Susan Mundick</b>    |
|                 | <b>Director of Planning and Operations</b>           | <b>- Piet Rutgers</b>     |
|                 | <b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>          | <b>- Liane McKenna</b>    |
|                 | <b>Manager of Recreation, Stanley District</b>       | <b>- Terry Walton</b>     |
|                 | <b>Manager of Revenue Services, Stanley District</b> | <b>- Philip Josephs</b>   |
|                 | <b>Manager of Research and Planning</b>              | <b>- Mark Vulliamy</b>    |
|                 | <b>Manager of Facility Development</b>               | <b>- Rudy Roelofsen</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 regarding the Food Strategy Plan and indicated that it should be noted that the concession operator's notice was extended to three weeks from the initial two week period. The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 14, 2005 were adopted as amended.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that strategic plan open houses were held to discuss the new strategic plan. Comments on the proposed strategic plan are welcomed and can be made through the website or sent in to the Park Board office. The Board also held a workshop to discuss the new Joint Operating Agreement with community associations.

Planning and Environment Committee – The next meeting is on April 12, 2005, the committee will be hearing delegations on the Hillcrest/Riley Master Plan, 37<sup>th</sup> and Oak park site, Coopers Park and the Vancouver Aquarium.

Culture and Recreation Committee – A special meeting to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement was held last Saturday. The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2005, check the website for agenda items. Another special meeting is being proposed to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement.

Finance Committee – The last Finance Committee meeting was held at the end of March where most of the items relating to the budget on the agenda tonight were discussed. The Finance Committee scheduled for April 18 is cancelled. The next meeting is on May 16, which may also be rescheduled.

### **City Council Report**

City Council approved the 2005 budget and Community Climate Change Action Plan report. Council will be reviewing reports with regard to the grant application for the Millennium Sports Centre Project, GVRD Mosquito Control Administrative and Coordination Service, Community Energy System Feasibility Study and Business Case for False Creek Precinct and the Work Plan for the Child Youth Advocate. The City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving a report from the Advisory Committee on Seniors Issues and the Planning and Environment Committee will be receiving an annual report from the Family Court/Youth Justice Committee.

### **Award of Non-Motorised Water Sports Concession at English Bay**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 31, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised that two proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposal for a water sports concession at English Bay. EcoMarine has a good performance record and good community programming already in place. This proposal was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Chris Ladner, owner of EcoMarine appeared before the Board and stated that they have been in business for 25 years and have a good safety record. They would like to extend their programming, rentals and guided tours to the English Bay area.

Board members discussed the proposal and stated that the operator has the experience and expertise in community programming.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT EcoMarine Products Ltd. be granted approval to operate a non-motorised water sports concession at English Bay Beach for 2005 – 2007.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses 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 all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and 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.**

### **Millennium Project Update and Grant Allocation**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 30, 2005 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated March 24, 2005.

Staff advised the Board that the Millennium Sports Facility project has encountered a funding shortfall. To address the shortfall staff applied for Infrastructure funding for Phase II of this project. The Provincial Government has approved a \$400,000 grant with \$200,000 coming from the Society and the Park Board. A Council report has been submitted requesting the allocation of this approved grant to the project.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Alan Webster, Pacific Indoor Bowls Club
- Kevan Tisshaw, Millennium Sports Facility
- Alan Mah, Phoenix Gymnastics Club

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

- thank the Board and staff for their continued support;
- looking forward to the next phase;
- the society will now be able to complete the project with the grant approvals;
- the bowlers are looking forward to their new home.

Board members thanked staff and the volunteers for their hard work and look forward to the completion and opening of this unique facility which will serve both the younger and older generations.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated March 24, 2005.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Aquatics Program Study – Indoor Pools**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 1, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the Aquatic Program Study work plan contained in the report.

Staff presented the Aquatic Services Review's Strategies and Recommendations to the Board. Staff noted that information included in the attached executive summary for Aquatic Services Review was not correct. Britannia indoor pool is not operated by Park Board but rather by the City of Vancouver. Thus, the City and not the Park Board is responsible for infrastructure as well as the programming for this pool.

Gail Uthoff appeared before the Board representing aquatic sports groups and stated that they endorse this program review and would like to be part of the process.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board approve the Aquatic Program Study work plan contained in the report.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Draft 2006-2008 Capital Plan**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 31, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board on the process for the 2006-2008 Capital Plan and the key themes for investment. The Capital Plan will address issues such as the need for Olympic readiness, aquatic renewal, neighbourhood park renewal, land acquisition and development, facilities maintenance and improvements and street trees.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Allan Buium, Riley Park Community Association
2. Paul Stewart, Marpole-Oakridge Community Association
3. Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Ultimate League
4. James Gill, West Point Grey Community Association
5. Suzanne Starr, West Point Grey Community Association
6. Ian Clements, West Point Grey Community Association
7. Gary Richmond, Mount Pleasant Community Association
8. Margie Knox, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association
9. Nancy Dickson, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association
10. Marlene Rogers, Mount Pleasant Community Association
11. Graeme Fell, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
12. Karen Cooke, Vancouver Olympic Club - Track
13. Peter Ogilvie, BC Athletics

14. John McGillivray, Churchill - Track
15. Thelma Wright, UBC - Track
16. Byron Jack, Lord Byng - Track
17. Besnik Meche, Vancouver Olympic Club - Track
18. Simon Cowell, Track
19. Roger Brownsey, Lions Gate Road Runners
20. Tanis Layzell
21. Tom Caverly, Volleyball BC
22. Gail Uthoff, Renfrew Community Association
23. Brian McC Calder, BC Athletics

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

- replace Percy Norman pool now before demolishing the existing pool;
- concerned about parking and traffic if the new pool is a citywide pool;
- the plan for the Riley area must retain the feel of the neighbourhood;
- the Marpole-Oakridge project did not make it to the capital plan and a feasibility study indicated that the Marpole pool house needs to be renovated;
- it is good that there is money allocated for grass fields;
- the Vancouver Field Sports Federation put forward a package of projects and none of the new projects have been acknowledged in the draft plan;
- there is a need for more synthetic turf fields;
- would like to have an addition to West Point Grey Community Centre in the capital plan as Aberthau is not accessible for those challenged with mobility and the fitness centre and pottery studio is operating at full capacity;
- urges the Board to plan and design a multi-use facility at Mount Pleasant;
- #1 Kingsway will be a valuable asset;
- need to retain the pool at Mount Pleasant so what the community loves will not be lost;
- VanDusen Botanical Garden's Board provided an update on their fund-raising efforts and thanked the Board for allocating funding in the plan;
- Vancouver as a first class city does not have a full track and field facility and athletes must leave Vancouver to train elsewhere;
- take the money allocated for road repairs and build a track and synthetic turf field;
- the quest for a track began with the previous capital plan and the citizens of Vancouver should not be deprived of a track;
- a track services all people and helps to build healthy communities;
- the tracks at schools are not in good condition;
- track and field is the basis of all sports and we have to coach in Richmond;
- field sports training is the start of all athletes;
- the worst road in Stanley Park is better than the existing tracks;

- have letters from several organization supporting a track facility;
- Board is showing lack of vision to the young people;
- capital plan does not have beach volleyball courts although the sport is growing and a beach volleyball facility is needed;
- thank the Board for including the changerooms and seismic upgrade for Renfrew in the capital plan;

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the draft 2006-2008 Capital Plan (Appendix A) be approved as the basis for City Capital Plan review and community consultations.**
- B. THAT the consultation process described in this report be approved.**

A member of the Board stated that the Capital Plan should include the recommendations from the field renewal plan. Delegations have indicated that a track is needed in Vancouver, so a planning process should be conducted to investigate possible locations for a track. An amendment motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the following phrase be added to recommendation A of the main motion :  
“Subject to parts C, D and E of this motion, that ....
- B. THAT there be no change in recommendation B of the main motion.
- C. THAT planning money in the draft 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan be designated for a track and field plan to be jointly undertaken between the Vancouver Park Board, the Vancouver School Board and community partners.
- D. THAT the draft 2006-2008 Capital Plan confirm the Vancouver Park Board’s commitment to the 2002 Playfield Renewal Plan by including funding for two synthetic turf playing surfaces.
- E. THAT the draft 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan include funding for a new track and field facility.

Board members requested the amendment motion be severed.

Board members discussed amendment motion C and stated that the capital plan process was ongoing and it was not fair to consider one request and not others.

The amendment motion C was put forward and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Board members discussed amendment motion D and stated that it was important to continue to build synthetic turf fields, however, there is still one field pending to be built for which a location is yet to be determined.

The amendment motion D was put forward and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

The amendment motion E was put forward and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

**The main motion was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **2005 Capital Budget**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 31, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the 2005 Capital budget of \$12,905,000, be approved, with sources of funding being \$5,355,000 from Basic Capital, \$4,200,000 from City-Wide Development Cost Levy; \$1,350,000 from HEI lease for Hastings Park; and grant matched by \$2,000,000 from City Funds for Sunset Community Centre replacement.**
  
- B. THAT the Board approve the inclusion into the 2005 Capital Budget of a grant of \$4,000,000 from the Federal Provincial Infrastructure Program for Sunset Community Centre replacement, and contributions by partner organizations for various projects totalling \$1,245,000 as detailed in this report.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

Commissioner Anton was not present at the time of voting.

## **2005 Operating Budget**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 18, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$53,443,200 including \$778,000 for added basic costs and one-time adjustments and the new and Non-Recurring budget of \$462,500, and, that the Board approve the creation of a regular full time PC Support Technician position as funded in the 2005 Added Basic budget.

Staff advised the Board that the 2005 Operating Budget was prepared using the normal rules for the Global Budget methodology. The Global Budget is comprised of the Basic, Added Basic and New and Non Recurring Budgets.

A Board member requested that the next NNR list be provided to the Board for review before it is reduced by staff to meet the target allocation.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$53,443,200 including \$778,000 for added basic costs and one-time adjustments and the New and Non-Recurring (NNR) budget of \$462,500.**

**THAT the Board approve the creation of a CUPE 15 regular full-time PC Support Technician position, as funded in the 2005 Added Basic budget.**

**-Carried Unanimously.**

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

Board members were encouraged to attend the public consultation meeting regarding East Fraserlands.

A member of the Board attended the 2005 City of Vancouver Heritage Awards. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden Expansion Project received the Award of Recognition and the Heritage Apple Orchard at Strathcona Community Gardens received an Award of Merit.



**In-Camera Meeting**

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board later this evening 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.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Eva Riccius  
Chair