

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE

ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005

PRESENT: Chair
Vice Chair
Commissioners

General Manager
General Manager – Engineering Services
Director of Planning and Operations
Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Director of Stanley District
Manager of Revenue Services
Manager of Communications
Recorder

- Eva Riccius
- Lyndsay Poaps
- Suzanne Anton
- Heather Deal
- Allan De Genova
- Anita Romaniuk
- Loretta Woodcock
- Susan Mundick
- Tom Timm
- Piet Rutgers
- Liane McKenna
- Jim Lowden
- Philip Josephs
- Joyce Courtney
- Julie Casanova

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

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 paragraph:

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

- Carried Unanimously.

**In-Camera Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Reconvened at 7:00 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 27, 2005 were adopted with an amendment to page three. Discussions with regard to the Pandora Park and Playground should include the comment that a skate park plan be brought back to the Board in September.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board on the following:

- the restaurant and concession at Kits Beach is now opened;
- the Monsters in the Meadow series featuring two films begins on July 29;
- invited everyone to participate in the HSBC Celebration of Light event;

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting will be on September 14, the committee will be discussing the World Peace Forum Art Display, Moberly Field House, Dogs off Leash and the Rest and Read program update.

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting will be on September 13, items on the agenda are Water Conservation, Waterfront Planning, Skateboard Strategy and Hillcrest /Riley Parking.

Finance Committee: the next meeting will be on September 26 at 7:00 pm, the committee will be discussing the 2005 Budget Operating Statement, 2006 Operating Budget, 2006 Fees and Charges, Fraserview Cell Tower and Jericho Hostel Agreement.

Council Report

Council approved the Sunset Community Centre request for \$3 million and the contract for #1 Kingsway. The report on the Animal Control Bylaw has been referred to the September meeting of Council.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Romaniuk, Park Board liaison to the Library Board, presented members of the Board with a copy of "Obason", the book chosen for the One Book One Vancouver program.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Brian Young, Vice President, Renfrew Community Centre Association, wanted to know why the \$2.5 million allocated for the renovations at Renfrew Community Centre was deleted. Mr. Young was advised that the priorities were set by the Capital Plan Staff Review Committee. Council will be having public meetings on the capital plan and he should attend the meeting to ask Council for support of Renfrew's request to be included the capital plan for 2006-08.

Daryl Wheatcroft lives across from Vanier Park and wants the off leash hours enforced. The constant barking of the dogs are very disturbing and he would like the Board to consider some sort of enforcement. He asked the Board to consider an alternate site for an off leash dog site as the present one at Vanier Park is too close to the residential area.

Pat Ormidale, Renfrew Community Association Board member, read a letter from a mother with a special needs child, requesting a family change room at Renfrew Pool.

Carrie Randall, with a group called Canine Citizens, requested the Board to consider providing an off leash park in the Yaletown/Downtown area. Ms. Randall also felt that the fines for by-law infractions were too high.

Margaret Newton, Vancouver Dog Owners Association, asked the Board to put aside a portion of Creekside Park as an off leash area for residents of City Gate and to make Vanier Park an all day off leash area.

Larry Eagan from Renfrew area asked the Board to consider putting in family and accessible change rooms. The present changeroom is not adequate for the needs of the physically challenged and their care givers. Mr. Eagan stated that there a number of group homes with physically challenged residents in the Renfrew area who uses Renfrew Pool. A member of the Board asked Mr. Eagan to let the Board know of any grants that may be available for a unique project such as the accessible change rooms.

Pay Parking Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 18, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that the General Manager of Engineering Services was present to answer questions.

Staff advised the Board that the performance of Central Parking System over the last five years has been satisfactory, they work well with staff, and the new management fee is a good deal for the Board. Central Parking has committed to install new pay station equipment which will have updated components.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Paul Faoro, CUPE Local 15
2. Herb Anderson, Imperial Parking
3. Ronald Downey, Parking Corporation (EasyPark)
4. Ken Davidson, CUPE Local 1004
5. Matt Adey, Central Parking

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

- CUPE Local 15 is concerned that the parking in Stanley Park is contracted out;
- this work can be done more efficiently in-house;
- the city should have a global parking strategy;
- object to private company making a profit;
- service provided in-house will cost less;
- do a second review, reissue an RFP;
- Imperial Parking was the first company to provide parking service in Stanley Park;
- agree with going through a competitive bid process;
- Imperial Parking is a local company and supports local charities;
- Easy Park has over 50 years of local experience in parking service in Vancouver;
- a bidding process will help the Board to consider the best RFP;
- CUPE 1004 asked the Board to not automatically award a contract to the cheapest vendor;
- the Board should call for an RFP and be responsible to the tax payers;
- Central Parking managers are parking ambassadors providing good customer service;
- parking complaints have been reduced;
- proposed to replace the pay stations at no cost to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the award of the contract to manage its pay parking operations to Ideal Parking Inc. dba Central Parking System, for a second five year term, commencing December 1, 2005.**
- B. **THAT the management fee be set at 6% of the parking revenues collected and Ideal Parking Inc. be entitled to retain 100% of parking violation fines collected.**

- C. **THAT, where applicable, Ideal Parking Inc. be authorised to recover from parking violation recipients the fee charged by ICBC for providing vehicle owner information.**
- D. **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.**
- E. **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, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

Board members discussed the issue and stated that the present operator has done a good job, however, a few members of the Board felt that to a request for proposal might bring a better deal to the table. A member of the Board stated that when the Board determines to call a request for proposal, an alternate pay parking method should be looked at. An amendment to the motion by adding a recommendation F was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT staff pursue alternate models of city owned and operated pay parking operations for the park system and report back prior to issuing the next request for proposal for parking.

A member of the Board stated that this motion is a direction for a future policy and should be voted on separately.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT Commissioner Woodcock's motion be referred to after the main motion has been voted on by the Board.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried.
(Commissioner Deal, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Commissioner Woodcock's motion was put forward at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the motion be amended to read:

“That staff pursue alternate pay parking operations for park systems including city owned and operated, and report back prior to issuing the next request for proposal for parking.”

Board members discussed the amendment motion and stated that it changes the intent of the motion.

The amendment motion was put and it was DEFEATED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the word “or” be inserted after “and” and before “operated”.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

The amendment motion was put and it was Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and De Genova contrary)

The amended motion as approved by the Board reads as follows:

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MOTION

Board members agreed to move this item forward on the agenda as there were delegations present to speak to the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

WHEREAS the Park Board recognizes community gardening as a valuable recreation activity that contributes to community development, environmental awareness, positive social interactions and community education;

WHEREAS the Strathcona Community Gardeners Society has been in operation since 1985 and has been providing exceptional experiences to community members, as well as an invaluable ecological teaching resource and re-establishing habitat for local wildlife;

WHEREAS Strathcona Community Gardens is considered a model community garden and the society has a significant history in the ongoing management of the gardens and has recently been recognized for their work as recipients of such awards as the Mayor's Environmental Achievement Award and an award from the Vancouver Heritage Commission for their work in preserving and cultivating one of British Columbia's largest public collection of heritage apples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back at the regularly scheduled meeting of September 19, 2005 on:

1. the revised policy on community gardens;
2. license agreements with community gardens including a license agreement with the Strathcona Community Gardens Society for the ongoing use of Strathcona Gardens with consideration of a term of no less than 20 years.

Muggs Sigurgeirsen and Susan Kurbis from the Strathcona Community Gardens appeared before the Board and stated that their members would like the Board to grant them a long term lease. The garden is open and provides resources for people free of charge. They would like to approach sponsors for funding for various improvements to the garden such as a wetland, but are not able to do so without a lease.

Board members thanked the delegation and stated that Strathcona Community Gardens are different, however, there is a concern regarding a twenty year lease. Staff were asked to bring back information on lease agreements with different community partners for the Board to review.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was Carried Unanimously.

Purchase of Rolling Stock for Stanley Park Miniature Railway

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 18, 2005 recommending that the Board approve a loan of up to \$90,000 from its donation reserve to finance purchase of an engine and three carriages.

Staff advised the Board that the purchase of an extra engine and three carriages will accommodate extra visitors during the two popular events, Bright Nights and Ghost Train. The spare engine held in reserve will allow for rotation to spread wear and tear and to cover breakdowns.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve a loan of up to \$90,000 from its donation reserve to finance purchase of an engine and three carriages at an interest rate of 5%, to be repaid over up to 4 years from additional net revenues generated at the Ghost Train and Bright Nights from operation of this additional train.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event – VSO Performance

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 13, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the use of Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park for a free performance of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on August 7, 2005 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board approve the use of Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park for a free performance of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on August 7, 2005 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Architect Selection

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 19, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the agreement with VANOC to build a legacy facility provides for VANOC to hire an architect and related sub consultants. The Percy Norman Pool is included as a project in the 2006-08 Capital Plan and it would be advantageous to design the Hillcrest Curling Venue and proposed Percy Norman Aquatic Centre at the same time.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to appoint an architect for the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre.**
- B. THAT the Board reallocate up to \$50,000 from the Major Maintenance Painting account (\$21,000) and the Cathedral Square account (\$29,000) to cover preliminary architectural services for the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre. This funding to be repaid out of the project budget at such time as the funding for this project is approved.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Artificial Turf Project: Construction Contracts

Board members received copies of a staff report July 19, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the Civil Work & Lighting contract, (T2005-10) to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. for the sum of \$1,212,600.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the award of the Request For Proposal (P2005-15) for the Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf to Fieldturf, Inc. for the sum of \$543,000.**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contracts. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contracts.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Coal Harbour Balustrade Railing Rehabilitation: Construction Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 20, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the rehabilitation of the balustrade railing at Coal Harbour (T2005-7) to Van Den Kerkhof and Son Masonry Ltd. for the sum of \$342,570.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contracts. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contracts.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board stated that she visited the new Watermark at Kits Beach restaurant and commended staff and everyone who worked on the project.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair