

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	- <b>Heather Holden</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	- <b>Ian Robertson</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	- <b>Allan De Genova</b>
		- <b>Spencer Herbert</b>
		- <b>Korina Houghton</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>Director of Stanley District</b>	- <b>Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	- <b>Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	- <b>Lori MacKay</b>
	<b>Manager of Recreation Services</b>	
	- <b>Stanley District</b>	- <b>Terry Walton</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	- <b>Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	- <b>Julie Casanova</b>

**Commissioner Zlotnik was absent.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 05, 2005.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**City Council Report**

There were no Park Board related issues at Council, however, a motion regarding the development of South East False Creek is on the Planning and Environment Committee agenda.

**PRESENTATION**

John Maxey, Project Coordinator, Park Board and Patricia Thompson, Executive Director, Stanley Park Ecology Society advised the Board that the Cob House in Stanley Park received the Construction Association's Innovation Award of Excellence. Ms. Thompson described the work of the Stanley Park Ecology Society and the different fund raising efforts to support their work. One of their fund raising efforts is selling popcorn in Stanley Park. They needed an improved facility for these sales and in

working with Park Board staff they decided on the concept of building a Cob House, an environmentally sensitive structure that is aesthetically fitting in the park. Ms. Thompson thanked the Board and staff for their support and she looks forward to their continued involvement.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Childcare Developments – Kitsilano Area Park Site and Burrard View Park**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 30, 2005 recommending that the Board receive for information an update of the Kitsilano Area Childcare project and the results of the community consultation on the replacement of the Harbourview Daycare facility on Burrard View Park.

Staff reviewed the background with regard to the conversion of aging BC Building Corporation portables into updated childcare facilities on city, school and park land. The status of the childcare portables on the Kitsilano Area Parksites and on Burrard View Park were reported to the Board.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Nancy McRitchie ) Hastings Townsite Childcare Society and Kiwassa
- Carol Wood ) Neighbourhood
- Dick Woldring )
- Rory O'Donnell
- David Henderson

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

- asked the Board to support the staff report;
- have researched the possibility of relocating, but did not find a suitable site;
- doing a fundraising for the playground, considering the possibility of shared play space;
- looking forward to continuing a positive relationship with the community;
- working with the architect on design concept and modular buildings;
- prefer to conserve green space south of the present daycare;
- prefer new facility to be built on the present site;
- preference for a two storey facility with the bottom level partly below ground.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that a child care facility in a park provides the children with an opportunity to experience nature and the environment.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. **THAT the Board receive for information an update of the Kitsilano Area Childcare project;**
- B. **THAT the Board receive for information the results of the community consultation on the replacement of the Harbourview Daycare facility on Burrard View Park.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

*Commissioner De Genova left the meeting, at 7:55 p.m.*

### **Olympic Celebrations**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 25, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff reviewed the celebrations planned for Vancouver when Mayor Sullivan brings the Olympic flag home to Vancouver. The celebrations are meant to encourage tourism and generate involvement from community residents. Park Board will be participating in the celebration by encouraging citizens to participate in programs such as ice skating and there is a plan for your consideration to light the Inukshuk sculpture on English Bay.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. **THAT the Board approve waiving user fees for skating sessions on February 26, 2006 to celebrate the handover of the Olympic Winter Games from Torino to Vancouver and mark the four year countdown to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;**
- B. **THAT the Board approve capital improvements for and ceremonial lighting of the Inukshuk on English Bay, reflecting its role in inspiring the official emblem of the 2010 Winter Games.**

Board members discussed the project and some members of the Board felt that funding for the Inukshuk should not come out of capital money, rather that staff should find donors to sponsor the lighting of the Inukshuk. An amendment to recommendation B of the motion was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the following phrase be added to the end of recommendation B:  
'.....and seek a corporate donor for up to \$50,000'.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Holden, Houghton and Robertson contrary)

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

**A vote was taken on Recommendation B of the motion and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

### **Award of Stanley Park Pay Tennis Concession for 2006-2008**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 29, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff provided the background on the pay tennis concession in Stanley Park. There were two replies to the request for proposals, one of them was the current operator.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board award the Stanley Park Pay Tennis Concession to Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng, doing business as G & G Tennis Services, for the 2006 season, to be renewed annually for the 2007 & 2008 seasons by mutual consent of the Board and the Operators;**
- 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 authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## 2006 Special Events

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 29, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival and the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, subject to all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and, receive for information the 2006 Calendar of Major Events.

Staff reviewed the special events policy and stated that new events need Board approval for the first three years.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. **That the Board approve the following major events: Alcan Dragon Boat Festival June 16-18, 2006; Weekend to End Breast Cancer August 18-20, 2006. All arrangements will be to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- B. **That the Board receive the 2006 Calendar of Major Events as information (see Appendix B).**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

**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:**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Information on community participation on committees for the Riley/Hillcrest Park design planning was requested. Board members will be briefed on the overall process for the Olympic facilities at the staff briefing scheduled for January 5, 2006.

There was an enquiry regarding Council committees, staff advised the Board that Council is reviewing the terms of reference for the various committees to determine which committees are required to deliver service to the city.

A concern from a resident regarding the caretaker at Memorial West Park was received. The General Manager will follow up on this request.

Information on whether a youth worker is an employee of the Park Board or the community association was requested. Staff advised that youth workers are Park Board (City) employees with some being supported by funding from the Community Associations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Holden  
Chair