

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Daisy Chin
	Special Events Coordinator	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Julie Casanova
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 06, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board that she attended the UBCM Symposium on First Nations Summit held in Vancouver on March 10, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: The Planning Committee met on March 7 and discussed the Leaside Tunnel Skatepark area and the proposed development of South East False Creek.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on March 13 and reviewed the 2006 Operating Budget.

STAFF REPORTS

Special Event Request – Red Bull Flugtag

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the use of Creekside Park as a spectator area for the Red Bull Flugtag event on August 19, 2006 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that the Flugtag event was a national flying contest offered free to the public. Creekside Park would primarily be used for spectators as a viewing area, the main event will be held on Concord Pacific property. There will be minimal set up on the park and a perimeter fence will be used for safety and park preservation purposes. The organizers will not be providing samples, however, they will be selling their products on Concord Pacific property.

Michael Cornwell, Red Bull, and Andrew Markey, Hangman Productions, advised the Board that they have experience in producing action sports events and have produced the Flugtag event in other countries and received positive responses from the community. This is a free event and they are sensitive to preserving the parks and the environment. They have met with Citygate residents who have offered their support for this event. This event will attract a large number of participants and spectators. They will be offering subsidies to individuals who might be eligible to participate but are short of funds.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve the use of Creekside Park as a spectator area for the Red Bull Flugtag event on August 19, 2006 with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Board members discussed the event and stated that they were glad to see that the residents at Citygate were supportive. This is a fun event, open to the public and free of charge for all to participate in. A member of the Board indicated that the Board should not promote a product which Health Canada does not endorse for children. An amendment to the motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT “no sampling, advertising or promotion of products, and no Park Board branding be allowed in the spectator area” be added after ‘2006’.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and stated that it was not the role of the Board to determine the appropriateness of products. The public can make

informed decisions for themselves, and staff will work with the organizers to meet our policy guidelines.

The amendment motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

A further amendment to the motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the motion include “no free sampling of product be provided in the spectator area”.

The Chair indicated that this issue was already dealt with in the previous amendment which was defeated. Upon discussion and further consideration the Chair agreed to allow the amendment to be discussed.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

The main motion was put forward and it was CARRIED.
(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby Reconstruction

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 15, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the Killarney Ice Rink will be used as a practice rink for hockey during the 2010 Winter Games. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2007.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre Society, advised the Board that the building committee unanimously supported the appointment of Acton Ostry Architects Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A) **THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Commissioners authorize the Board to enter into a contract for full consulting services for the design and construction contract administration of the Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby with Acton Ostry Architects Inc. for a fixed fee of \$1,028,000 , plus GST and disbursements, as detailed in this report;**

- B) THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board and the Director of Legal Services;**
- C) THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board and Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;**
- D) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Award of Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Design Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 9, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the architect for the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre has now been selected and this report is to seek the Board's authority for the General Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$2,172,487.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Allan Buium
- Carol Bomke

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

- does the report include the feedback from the people who attended the open house;
- if funds were available, would the parking facility be changed;
- the Board is being short sighted about vehicular traffic;
- vehicular access from the Ontario greenway is not acceptable;
- don't think there is enough money for the project, major concern is parking.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and stated that they will continue to take the community's ideas into consideration.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. **THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a design services contract with Hughes Condon Marler: Architects, for the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre in the amount of \$2,172,487 for fees and disbursements with sources of funding to be the 2006 Capital Budget (\$1,872,277) and a contribution from the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) of \$300,210;**
- B. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Redevelopment of Existing Childcare Centre on the Delamont Park Site

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 27, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the design for a new modular building for the Kitsilano Area Childcare Centre at 2041 West 6th Avenue to replace the existing potable building as illustrated in Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that a community consultation process for the proposed new modular building to replace the existing portable Kitsilano Child Care Centre building was completed and the development permit for this project has been issued.

Board members discussed the project and were pleased to see that the community needs were being met.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the design for a new modular building for the Kitsilano Area Childcare Centre at 2041 West 6th Avenue to replace the existing portable building, as illustrated in Appendices A and B.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

Whereas the Park Board strives to create a balanced compromise between restraint and freedom for dogs and has worked to create a happy leisure experience for all;

Whereas dogs in an urban environment necessitate specific practices, rules and regulations so that we can all share public spaces;

Whereas it is estimated that less than one-third of dogs in Vancouver are licensed;

Whereas the density and character of Vancouver's neighborhoods have changed significantly;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board request staff to develop terms of reference and structure for a dog strategy task force, and report back on the membership and involvement with the Vancouver School Board, City Council, Commissioners, Park Board staff, and members of the public to fairly represent all views.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Megan Carvell Davis
- Margaret Newton, Vancouver Dog Owners Association

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

- no need to establish a Dog Task Force, there is enough information available for the Board to work with;
- supports the motion, there is a need for a strategic task force;
- need a comprehensive study of the dog issue;
- supports the motion, and would like to see results.

Board members thanked the delegations for their comments and the Board looks forward to hearing from all stakeholders in the development of the strategy.

The motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

Whereas previous Park Boards approved the Playing Field Renewal Plan created in 2002 which outlined a strategy to address the playing field maintenance and supply concerns in Vancouver;

Whereas this report identified that 8% of city residents regularly participate in organized sports and further estimated that if 40% of Canadians became involved in regular physical activity, the net savings to health care would be \$6.5 million per day;

Whereas this report called for an additional six artificial turf fields to be constructed on either Vancouver Park Board or Vancouver School Board land by 2011;

Whereas the residents of Vancouver approved the capital expenditure for the installation of two new artificial fields in the 2002 – 2005 Capital Plan;

Whereas the residents of Vancouver approved the capital expenditure for the installation of one additional field in the 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to immediately begin work on an additional field in 2006 and another in 2007 and report back on the locations, budget and project schedules.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jeff Malmgren, President, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Bob Sarti, Strathcona Parks Planning Committee
- Randy Brophy, President, Point Grey Soccer Association

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

- capital plan approved the artificial turf fields, would like to have them built;
- do not put artificial turf field in Trillium park;
- community in Strathcona already has have destination fields;
- population is increasing, youth registration in soccer has increased;
- youth sport should be a priority.

Board members discussed the motion and stated that the voters have agreed to additional fields and we need to put them in. A member of the Board indicated that as projects are being added we need to look at staff resources and this information should be part of the report staff bring to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT “and staff resources” be added after the word ‘schedules’.

- Carried Unanimously.

The amended main motion was put as follows:

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Whereas the residents of Vancouver approved the capital expenditure for the installation of two new artificial fields in the 2002 – 2005 Capital Plan;

Whereas the residents of Vancouver approved the capital expenditure for the installation of one additional field in the 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to immediately begin work on an additional field in 2006 and another in 2007 and report back on the locations, budget, project schedules and staff resources.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

Whereas the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society has requested that the Park Board formally support the naming of the Canada Line Station nearest to the Roundhouse as the "Yaletown-Roundhouse" Station;

Whereas the Roundhouse has a petition with over 700 names supporting this station name;

Whereas the Main Street Skytrain station was renamed Main Street Science World, and the Stadium Skytrain station was renamed Stadium Chinatown;

Whereas the Roundhouse is a hub for the City as a "public" arts facility specializing in community cultural development, and such events as Black History month, Asian Heritage month, Diwali, and the Winter Solstice celebrations draw thousands of people of all cultures each year;

Whereas the Roundhouse was built in 1886, and became a central hub for the CPR operations in Vancouver when the CPR's rail yards were moved from Yale to this location - thus the name Yaletown arose;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Park Board formally endorse the Society's request, and ask that City Council support the goal of having the Yaletown Canada Line station named "Yaletown Roundhouse Station".

Trevor Figuerirido, Director, Roundhouse Arts and Recreation Society, advised the Board that they have over 700 signatures on a petition requesting the name of the proposed Canada Line station reflect the importance of the community centre to the community. Roundhouse has a very rich history and has served as host to city organizations and other recreation and arts program.

Board members requested clarification on how the stations were named. Staff advised the Board that the stations were named by the Greater Vancouver Transit Authority. There is a consultant's report which reviews the process used to name each of the stations. The recommendations in the consultant's report will be going to an upcoming GVTA meeting in April.

Board members suggested that this issue be discussed at the planning committee to allow more discussion and input from the public. In consideration of the time line, the planning committee could be authorised to make a decision on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the motion be referred to the Planning Committee for discussion, and, the Planning Committee be authorised to make a decision.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Notice of Motion

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Woodcock had a notice of motion, however, it is now being re-written and will be submitted in time for the next Board meeting agenda.

In-Camera Meeting

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 paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.
- (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.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair