

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2006**

<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>- Martin Zlotnik</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 Revenue Services</b>	<b>- Philip Josephs</b>
	<b>Manager of Park Development</b>	<b>- Kate Davis Johnson</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 20, 2006 were amended to indicate that TransLink was making a decision on station names in April, which resulted in the Planning Committee being authorised to take action on the motion of naming the station near the Roundhouse Community Centre. The amended minutes were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that members of the Board attended the opening of the first indoor ozone treated pool at Killarney.

**City Council Report**

The General Manager advised the Board that the 2006 Operating Budget was on Council's agenda for Tuesday, however, if there are delegations to this issue, the item will be moved to the Community Services and Budgets Committee on Thursday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks and Recreation Planning Committee:** The Planning Committee met on March 21 and discussed the Chilean monument in Cardero Park, Downtown Eastside Arts project, off leash dogs consultation and the Brockton Lighthouse.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: The Finance Committee has not met since the update at the last meeting.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Inukshuk Lighting**

The Chair advised the Board that Coast Hotels were the generous donors for the recent landscape and lighting improvements of the Inukshuk sculpture at English Bay. A plaque to recognise this donation was unveiled at the Inukshuk earlier this evening. The Board looks forward to an ongoing relationship with Coast Hotels.

Graham Barritt, President of Coast Hotels, thanked the Board for the recognition and stated that Coast Hotels was originally involved with locating the Inukshuk at its present site. They are proud to be partners with the Board on a very impressive project. Mr. Barritt presented a cheque of \$25,000 to the Chair, and the Chair, on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to commemorate the event to Mr. Barritt.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Transfer of the Brockton Point Lighthouse to the Park Board**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 23, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans no longer needs the Brockton Lighthouse for navigation purposes and are willing to transfer the structure to the Board to be used as it sees fit. As reported to the Planning Committee, staff propose creating a plaza area around the lighthouse and during summer set up a portable service counter to sell snacks and drinks. This service will be run on a pilot basis by the operator of the Legends of the Moon gift shop at Brockton.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that she was against any commercialisation in Stanley Park. The lighthouse is a part of Stanley Park's history and should be preserved.

Board members discussed the proposal and enquired what type of food will be served. Staff advised the Board that only packaged snacks and ice cream will be sold at this location as there is no running water at the lighthouse.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board approve the transfer of the Brockton Point Lighthouse from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to the Park Board with all conditions subject to the approval of the General Manager;**
- B. THAT the Board approve Destinations Canada Gifts Inc. operating a summer take-out service as a pilot project for one year as a modification of their licence agreement for the Legends of the Moon Gift Shop at the Brockton Totem Poles site;**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences 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;**
- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the 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.**

### **Nelson Park Upgrade – Landscape Contract Award**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 23, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff reviewed the concept plan with the Board and stated that they still have to address the teachers' parking lot and to negotiate with the School Board regarding cost sharing for the project.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Tara McDonald, Executive Director, Your Local Farmers Market Society
- Eleanor Hadley
- Rowly Johnson, West End Citizens Action Network

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

- realised the report was awarding an architectural contract, had no comments;
- no need for a design contract to clean up Nelson Park;
- putting lights in the park for big sports league is not acceptable;
- too much space for dogs, not enough space for people;

- there is too much process, need more collaboration between School Board and Park Board;
- no need for an asphalt parking lot in the middle of the park.

Board members discussed the plans for Nelson Park and is anticipating the completion of this project.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board award the Phase II landscape architectural contract for the upgrade of Nelson Park to Durante Kreuk Ltd. at fees plus disbursements of \$50,000;**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park Site: Consultant Award**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 23, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the report recommends the approval of a contract for consultant services for Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park Site project to Durante Kreuk Ltd.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park Site: Consultant Award report:

- Don Larson
- Terry Slack

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

- want to make sure the consultant understands that the community needs a passive natural park;
- do not want to have organized sports fields;
- must preserve the trees and protect the habitat for the birds;
- this park is a jewel and must be preserved;
- VanDusen could use this park as part of their educational program;
- concept plan addressed most of the community issues;
- need to blend in with the history of the area;
- continue to work with the community to refine details.

Board members discussed the plan and stated that it shows a balance for passive and active recreation and the integrity of the natural area is maintained.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. **That the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Oak and 37th Park Site project to Durante Kreuk Ltd. for the sum of \$40,000 (fees and disbursements);**
- B. **That no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **South East False Creek Update**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 27, 2006 recommending that the Board support the concept plan for a rainwater wetland and a children's play park in Southeast False Creek.

Staff advised the Board that a rainwater wetland and children's play park is planned as part of the Olympic Village phase in Southeast False Creek. The park concept plan that was presented to the public at two open houses was very well received. There was support for the play park concept and in particular the natural play elements and focus on children.

Claire Newell, a member of the South East False Creek Stewardship Group, appeared before the Board and stated that the proposed play wall did not fit the natural theme of the park, however, the whole concept of a natural park is good.

Board members discussed the plan for the children's play park in South East False Creek and look forward to the implementation of this project.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

**THAT the Board support the concept plan for a rainwater wetland and a children's play park in South East False Creek.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Burrard View Park – Commemorative Cairn and Plaque**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 28, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a cairn and plaque in Burrard View Park commemorating Judge Helen Gregory MacGill to be funded by Parks Canada and installed and maintained by Parks Canada under terms satisfactory to the General Manager of the Park Board and Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management.

Staff advised the Board that a proposal was received from Parks Canada to install a cairn and plaque in Burrard View Park commemorating Judge Helen Gregory MacGill, the first woman judge in British Columbia. The proposal was discussed at the Culture and Recreation Committee on May 14, 2003 and Parks Canada was asked to refine the wording on the plaque for increased clarity. A brief overview on Judge MacGill's life history was presented to the Board.

Board members discussed the cairn and plaque installation and stated that this was an appropriate memorial and is consistent with our public art guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board approve the installation of a cairn and plaque in Burrard View Park commemorating Judge Helen Gregory MacGill, to be funded by Parks Canada and installed and maintained by Parks Canada under terms satisfactory to the General Manager of the Park Board and Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Whereas, women in our cities are showing incredible leadership in Olympic sports, business, and in building communities; and

Whereas, of 200 parks in the City of Vancouver, there are approximately eight parks with names that recognize women;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Vancouver Park Board explore ways of recognizing the historical achievements of women in the City of Vancouver, and of recognizing International Women's Day as significant to the accomplishments of all women; and

Therefore be it Further Resolved that staff report back on naming a park in recognition of the significant contributions made by women to their

neighborhoods and communities, as well as to the City of Vancouver as a whole.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Christine Hayvice
- Mary Sherlock
- Litsos Tsulos
- Margaret Birell
- Barbara Berry

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

- important to celebrate International Women's Day;
- need to recognise that the women's movement has improved the workplace;
- women are still segregated and harassed;
- other events are celebrated, why not International Women's Day?;
- women should not be called a special interest group;
- need to empower women;
- do not support motion, it is about focus;
- Park Board's mandate is to provide recreation and parks;
- women are celebrated everyday within the Park Board system;
- the cause is noble but takes the focus away from the mandate of the Board.

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and discussed whether the Board should be using its resources as required in the motion. The City Manager has been directed by Council to review and work with the Park Board on this issue and we should wait for the City Manager's report. Discussions also centred on the Board supporting other celebrations including the celebration of International Women's Day. The celebration could be cost efficient, such as a proclamation or naming a park after a woman.

The motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

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

#### **Late Reports**

A question on the procedure for receiving late reports by the Board was raised by a member of the Board. The General Manager advised the Board that the agendas for the

meeting are set in consultation with the Chair and sent out ten days in advance of a Board meeting. Sometimes there is a need for a late report to be added to the agenda. The Chair approves including a late report or determines on which meeting the item should be discussed.

### **Submission of a Motion by Board Members**

The Chair stated that in order to streamline the receiving of motions for discussion at Board meetings and to allow the public enough time to review the motions, Commissioners should follow the procedure by-law 8.7 which states:

- 8.7 Any member may give notice of a motion by giving a copy to the Chair during a meeting of the Board and upon being acknowledged by the Chair in a formal session, the resolution portion of the motion shall appear in the minutes of that meeting as Notice of Motion and be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Board.

In order to allow some flexibility when the procedure bylaw cannot be met, members of the Board could submit a motion one week preceding the week in which the meeting will occur.

Board members discussed the Chair's proposal and some members of the Board felt that submission of a motion on a Friday before the Monday's meeting was sufficient and Board members have the option to table a motion. Board members also discussed the need to provide consistency.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

**THAT the Board adopt for a three month trial, the submissions of motions for discussion at a Board meeting in accordance with procedure by-law 8.7, and in cases where Board members require a shorter time frame, notice of motion, in both written and electronic form received by noon on the Monday of the week preceding the week in which the meeting will occur will be accepted.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Holden  
Chair