

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT MARPOLE OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Operations – Stanley District	- Bob Trydal
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Zlotnik was absent from the meeting.

The Chair thanked the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Association for their hospitality and for hosting the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 29, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report

May Brown, former City Councillor, Chair, Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee will present a report to Council. This report will be referred to the City Services and Budgets Committee to hear from speakers on this report. Council's Planning and Environment Committee will receive a report on Southeast False Creek Public Benefits Strategy and Compatible Housing Strategy.

The General Manager advised the Board that the 2005 Annual Report is now available and thanked the Director of Corporate Services and staff who developed the report. The annual report demonstrates the Board's accountability and commitment to the citizens of Vancouver. As 40% of the residents in Vancouver do not have English as their first language and 20% to 30% of Vancouver residents are Chinese, an additional edition of the annual report in Chinese has been published this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the committee reviewed two proposals, one from Science World to create an interactive play area in the front plaza area of Creekside Park and the other was a donation from the Federal Government to revitalize the Ceperley Playground in memory of the victims of Air India Flight 182.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: there was no report.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Terry Slack, representing the Fraser River Coalition, stated that staff have been negligent in replacing signs at Fraser River Park and maintenance of the natural areas.

Board members thanked Mr. Slack for his presentation and asked him to contact staff with his concerns.

STAFF REPORTS

Theatre Under The Stars – 2006 Operating Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that Theatre Under The Stars Board of Directors have decided not to stage any productions in 2006 for financial reasons. Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) have requested that they be allowed to sublet the Malkin Bowl to other musical/concert groups. To date approval has been given to TUTS to contract with the House of Blues to hold ten concerts during the summer season.

Diane Berlaydn, President, Theatre Under The Stars, stated that they have enjoyed a long history with the Board. Unfortunately their season last year was not successful and their fundraising campaign for capital improvements is still in the planning stages. They would like to extend their agreement and request approval to sublet Malkin Bowl to other groups for concerts and musicals.

Board members thanked the delegations and wished them success in their fundraising efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. **THAT the Board approve an operating agreement for the 2006 season for Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS) to occupy Malkin Bowl which will include a provision to sublet the venue subject to the approval of the General Manager;**
- 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 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.

Ethical Purchasing Policy Experience and Amendment

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 2006 recommending that the Board amend the Ethical Purchasing Policy to allow different treatments for products being sold to the public and those for internal use as outlined in this report.

Staff reviewed experience to date with the Ethical Purchasing Policy. The Ethical Purchasing Policy defines the Supplier Code of Conduct as the minimum performance standards. Council recently withdrew funding to the Park Board for the implementation of the Ethical Purchasing Policy. While the Park Board continues to exclusively purchase certified fair trade agricultural products without funding being available to offset additional costs or loss of revenues, the additional costs will either need to be passed on to product purchasers or come from other park and recreation programs. In considering the importance of providing customer choice and good customer service, an amendment is being proposed to the policy.

Penny Parry, a member of the City of Vancouver's Ethical Purchasing Policy Task Force urged the Board to not accept staff's recommendation. She stated that the Board should meet the challenges of implementing the Ethical Purchasing Policy and does not believe that the changes will improve customer service or address revenue shortfall.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board amend the Ethical Purchasing Policy to allow different treatments for products being sold to the public and those for internal use as outlined in this report.

Board members discussed the proposed amendment to the Ethical Purchasing Policy and a member of the Board suggested that the Board receive a status report in early 2007 based on the budget and initiatives. An amendment to add a recommendation B was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board add recommendation B to the motion which states: THAT staff report back to the Board in early 2007 and that the report review the Ethical Purchasing Policy based on the budget and initiatives.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Holden and Robertson contrary)

A member of the Board suggested that the motion be amended to include a request to Council for a report on their development of an environmentally sustainable purchasing policy. A member of the Board stated that the Board manages its own vendors and customer service and does not agree that we need to ask Council for a report.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board ask Council for a report on their development of an environmentally sustainable purchasing policy.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioner De Genova, Holden, Houghton and Robertson contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board ask staff to develop an environmentally sustainable policy and report back in early fall.

Board members questioned staff on the timeline for this report. The General Manager advised the Board that staff have been working with city staff on a comprehensive Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy and this task is already part of the business plan.

The amendment motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton and Robertson contrary)

The amended motion was put forward as follows:

- A. THAT the Board amend the Ethical Purchasing Policy to allow different treatments for products being sold to the public and those for internal use as outlined in this report.
- Carried**

(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

- B. THAT the Board add recommendation B to the motion which states:
THAT staff report back to the Board in early 2007 and that the report review the Ethical Purchasing Policy based on the budget and initiatives.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Charleson Park: Statutory Right-of-Way

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the City is planning to replace the underground Oak and Sixth Pumping Station on the south edge of Charleson Park near Oak Street and 6th Avenue with an above-ground pump station. The existing right-of-way that the City has for the existing pump station would be slightly modified to suit the location of the new pump station.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board approve the modification and reduction in area of a statutory right-of-way in perpetuity in favour of the City of Vancouver over a portion of Charleson Park based on the details provided in this report, and Appendices A and B, subject to the legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;**
- B. THAT the Board approve the replacement of an underground City of Vancouver sewer pump station with an above-ground station, subject to all details being the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Sunset Beach Park: Statutory Right-of-Way

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff, along with a representative from the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), advised the Board that the GVRD plans to upgrade their Jervis Street Pump Station by expanding the building and the installation of additional exterior chambers and associated manholes. As the Jervis Street Pump Station is on a park, a right-of-way to the GVRD is requested to allow the planned construction work to proceed.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way in perpetuity in favour of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) over a portion of Sunset Beach Park based on the details provided in this report, and Appendices A and B, subject to the legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.**
- B. THAT the Board approve extending the existing Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Pump Station by approximately 1/2 meter to the west, subject to all details being the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statement as at April 30, 2006

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 24, 2006 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the operating budget as at April 30, 2006 and advised that the net expenditures to the end of April are slightly higher than the same period for April 2005 and 2004. Staff are committed to having a balanced budget at end of the year and are closely monitoring the revenues and expenditures.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Operating Statement As At April 30, 2006 be received for information.

- 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 paragraphs:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by 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.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A resident has been contacting Commissioners regarding the removal of a tree which was planted by a citizen on the boulevard in front of his house. This is a healthy tree and although the species is different from the trees planted by the city, it should not be cut down. Staff was asked to convey the Commissioners' support of the staff decision to the resident.

A member of the Board requested information on what the city is doing regarding water pollution and air quality. The General Manager advised the Board that staff will provide a briefing in the fall on the development of natural areas in our parks and on our overall sustainability initiatives.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair