

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair thanked the Trout Lake 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, June 26, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the Federal Government recently took steps to close a controversial chapter in Canadian history by offering an apology to thousands of Chinese Canadians who paid a Head Tax to enter the country between 1885 and 1923. The Vancouver Park Board supports the government in this move. We cannot undo the past but we can, on a local level, celebrate our diverse population, and demonstrate high standards of universal access for all citizens and a zero tolerance of discrimination in our parks and recreation programs and services.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on Vancouver Technical Secondary School – Playing Field License Agreement and Animal Control Services Strategic Plan. The City Services and Budget Committee will be reviewing reports on Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy, 2009 World Police and Fire Games and ASTC Science World Annual Review and 2006 Operating Grant Request.

STAFF REPORTS

Prospect Point Café – Rent Review and Lease Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 28, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that the Prospect Point Café is a diverse operation with a restaurant, food take out and gift shop and their prime market is tourists in the summer months. The lessee has injected a significant amount of capital into the renovation of the facility but there are still some deficiencies including upgrades to the sprinkler system, deck supports and perimeter cladding which should be completed by May 2007. It is recommended that Prospect Point Café will continue to be charged an overall rent of 8% of gross revenue.

Daniel Frankl, Prospect Point Café, appeared before the Board and stated that he would like to continue their partnership with the Park Board. They have improved the facility and they are excited to see the next level of growth.

Board members discussed the Prospect Point Café rent review and lease extension and stated that the operator has done a good job and were pleased to see that he was investing capital to improve the facility.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. **THAT the Board approve a rent of 8% of gross revenue for the Prospect Point Café for the period December 1, 2004 – November 30, 2009.**
- B. **THAT the Board approve a five year renewal option for the Prospect Point Café for the period December 1, 2009 – November 30, 2014 based upon a minimum capital expenditure of \$500,000.**
- C. **THAT all building deficiencies identified in a 2006 building inspection be completed by May 1, 2007.**

- D. 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.**
- E. 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.

Commissioner Heather Holden declared a conflict of interest in respect to the next two agenda items and left the room at this time.

Commissioner Robertson chaired the meeting.

Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal: Technical Review and Public Consultation Process

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 30, 2006 recommending that the Board endorse the technical review and the public consultation process as outlined in the report to evaluate and gather public input on the proposal by the Vancouver Aquarium to revitalize and expand the Aquarium in Stanley Park.

Commissioner Zlotnik arrived at this point of the meeting.

Staff advised the Board that the revitalization proposal brought forward by the Aquarium was reviewed by the Planning Committee. Prior to the Board making a decision on the revitalization plan, a technical review of the proposal and an in-depth public consultation process to gather public input is recommended.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Keith Edwards
- Rebecca Breder
- Ron Rothwell
- Eleanor Hadley
- James Scott
- Mike Strong

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

- plebiscite is the best way to gather people's opinion on the Aquarium;
- considering the amount of money for the project, Aquarium should not count on children's opinion;
- captivity is not the education for children;
- commend staff on the report;
- thank Board for allowing public to provide input;
- Aquarium does a good job in conservation, however, strongly disagree with keeping mammals in captivity;
- urge the Board not to approve the recommendation;
- looking at losing a lot of green space;
- the public consultation process is not adequate;
- disappointed that the Board rescinded the motion calling for a referendum;
- the only reason the Aquarium is in the park is free land;
- Vancouver citizens voted for no zoo and to return the land to its natural state;
- the Park Board should be asking themselves how best to protect Stanley Park;
- Aquarium is a user, they bring in extra traffic and cars;
- the Aquarium does not have to be in Stanley Park they should move it out of the park;
- a referendum would have given a clear direction as to whether the Aquarium should stay or go;
- it is upsetting to talk about the expansion of the Aquarium;
- Vancouver tax payers pay for Stanley Park and they have a say as to what happens in Stanley Park not the tourists;
- it appears the municipal government is not protecting the park;
- general population supports the Aquarium, it is a jewel for Vancouver;
- would like to see a rent review as part of this process.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board endorse the technical review and the public consultation process, as outlined in this report, to evaluate and gather public input on the proposal by the Vancouver Aquarium to revitalize and expand the Aquarium in Stanley Park.

Board members discussed the Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal and a member stated that the proposal will go through an extensive public consultation process funded by the Aquarium. A member of the Board stated that he would like the technical review to be completed before starting the public consultation process. It is important to give the citizens of Vancouver an opportunity to know how much land will

be used, how many, if any trees will be lost, the impact on parking and the public viewing area. A public consultation process should not begin in August as most people are on vacation. An amendment to the motion was put forward.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board refer this motion to the September 11, 2006 Board meeting so that the technical review can be completed and made public prior to the public consultation process.

Some members of the Board felt that the technical review and public consultation could take place simultaneously.

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

The Board took a five minutes break at 9:05 pm

The Board reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

The Vice Chair advised that a member of the Board will be putting forward a reconsideration motion.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board reconsider the amendment motion put forward by Commissioner De Genova.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board refer this motion to the September 11, 2006 Board meeting so that the technical review can be completed and made public prior to the public consultation process.

- Carried Unanimously.

Parks Control Bylaw Review (Section 9)

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 30, 2006 recommending that the Board include an evaluation of the Parks Control Bylaw (Section 9) as part of the Technical Review and Public Consultation Process for the Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal.

Staff advised the Board that the Parks Control Bylaw (Section 9) was implemented 10 years ago. A public discussion of Section 9 of the Bylaw would be beneficial to assess its future relevance and to clarify wording in Section 9 (e) iv.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Keith Edwards
- Ron Rothwell
- John Nightingale, Vancouver Aquarium
- Eleanor Hadley
- Rebecca Breder

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

- support review to clarify the wording in the bylaw;
- should include that no more dolphins are allowed to be brought in;
- will the Park Board be taking action on the recent violation of the bylaw by the Aquarium;
- bylaws are connected to political will;
- there is no enforcement mechanism and without enforcement you cannot have a bylaw;
- a larger facility does not mean that more animals will be brought in;
- it is a Park Board bylaw and the Aquarium will do what is required;
- ask the Board to approve the motion;
- would like to suggest that section iv be changed to the Aquarium requiring approval from the Board to bring in an animal.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board include an evaluation of the Parks Control Bylaw (Section 9) as part of the Technical Review and Public Consultation Process for the Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal.

Board members discussed the issue and a member of the Board stated that as the review of the bylaw was to be part of the Technical Review and Public Consultation Process of the Aquarium Revitalization and Expansion Proposal, it should be referred to the Board meeting on September 11, 2006. A member of the Board stated that there was no need to refer this to a later meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board refer the approval of the inclusion of the Parks Control Bylaw (Section 9) to the meeting of the Board on September 11, 2006.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert, Robertson and Woodcock contrary)

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Zlotnik contrary)

Commissioner Holden returned to the meeting at this time.

Vivian Creek Reinstatement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2006 recommending that the Board approve the allocation of \$150,000 from the Water Conservation Capital account as partial funding for the reinstatement of Vivian Creek on the Fraserview Golf Course.

Staff advised the Board that a range of solutions including culverts and daylighting of the creek at #1 fairway was reviewed. A budget assessment was done and the option to daylight was significantly more expensive than installing a culvert.

Board members discussed the impact the creek failure has had on the golfers and a member of the Board stated that she would prefer that staff seek funding to daylight the creek, however, as this will be a challenge to golfers and could cause loss of revenue she will support staff's recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$150,000 from the Water Conservation Capital account as partial funding for the reinstatement of Vivian Creek on the Fraserview Golf Course.

- Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Statutory Right-of-Way in Queen Elizabeth Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 28, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District requested temporary access to a portion of Queen Elizabeth Park, and to approve a right-of-way to accommodate the installation of a new water main and valve chamber extending off the road into the park.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. **THAT the Board approve temporary access by the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVSD) to Queen Elizabeth Park for the purpose of construction of a water main and valve chamber, subject to the conditions and measures described in this report;**
- B. **THAT the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way in perpetuity to the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVSD), as described in this report and its appendices, subject to legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Drive Reconstruction – Award of Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that Stanley Park Drive at Brockton Point is in poor condition and there are capital funds allocated for its reconstruction.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. **THAT the Board award contract T2006-06, for the reconstruction of 600 lineal metres of Stanley Park Drive from the Nine O’Clock Gun to the Totem Poles Visitor’s Centre, to Sandpiper Contracting LLP, for the tendered price of \$522,255.00 plus GST;**
- B. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. 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.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

Whereas the Park Board is committed to increasing accessibility to our parks and open spaces, and,

Whereas all residents and visitors deserve to feel safe when spending time in our parks, and open spaces,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on initiatives that staff are taking to make our parks and open spaces safe and secure and identify opportunities to partner with other agencies i.e. Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Police Department.

Christina Bellis appeared before the Board and asked for the pathway in Clark Park adjacent to Commercial Drive to be lit to make it safer for people who uses it. She thanked staff for cutting back the overgrown bushes and cleaning up the park. The community would like to make the park welcoming to users and would like to contribute their time to obtain donated paint to brighten the park.

Board members discussed the motion and raised the concern that this could take a great deal of staff's time.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following notice of motion was put forward by Commissioner Zlotnik,

Whereas:

- a. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), through its annual Community Excellence Awards Program, provides an opportunity to showcase municipalities and regional boards who, through their business and customer service practices, display excellence in local government and improve public accountability and awareness;**
- b. One of the awards is "Best Practices" and 'Annual Reporting' is included in that category;**
- c. The Park Board places a high priority on being accountable to residents, and open and transparent in the way we conduct our business;**

- d. The Park Board has published, after extensive public consultation, a Strategic Plan which lays out organization's priorities, values and direction for the next five years;**
- e. An annual reporting on achievements and progress against the Strategic Plan is prepared by way of the Accomplishments Report to the Board;**
- f. The Park Board publishes and broadly distributes to residents, directly and through staff, stakeholders, partners and facilities, a reader-friendly Annual Report publication that features strategic achievements and services in parks and recreation over the past year that help keep the lives of our citizens fun and healthy and the city beautiful and liveable;**
- g. In recognition of our city's ever growing diversity and ongoing efforts to reach a broader segment of the population, a Chinese version of the Annual Report was also published for the first time;**

Therefore be it resolved that:

- A. This Board endorse the submission of an application for a UBCM Community Excellence Award – Best Practices Annual Reporting criteria, for the Park Board 2005 Annual Report; and.**
- B. This Board respectfully request the UBCM's acceptance of this application by July 14, 2006.**

The Chair referred to the contents of the motion and asked if Board members would prefer to vote on the motion tonight. Board members agreed to waive notice and vote on the motion.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair