

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner De Genova was absent from the meeting due to illness. Board members sent a message for his quick recovery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The date in the amendment motion at the end of page 5 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 29, 2007 should be March 2008.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 29, 2007 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that a few Board members attended the Renewal of the Jewel fundraising gala at the Stanley Park Pavilion. The Chair thanked the organizing committee and Commissioner De Genova for a successful event.

City Council Report

Council approved the report on the Annual Event Guidelines. Council will be receiving a report on the 2007 Operating Budget and the Vancouver Police Department's Operating Review and a report on the Form of Development – 4575 Clancy Loranger Way. The Planning and Environment Committee will be receiving a request for a liquor

license from the Vancouver Rowing Club. Council approval is required as the Rowing Club site is on a water lot leased from the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the Committee discussed the 2007 International Triathlon in June and the standards for park naming.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

PRESENTATION

A five minutes video produced by the Park Board and Greater Vancouver Television was presented to the Board. The video provided an overview on the recent storms that struck Stanley Park, recovery work by Park Board staff and the public's response, and plans for the park's restoration.

Larry Gibson, Senior Vice President and Danielle Hildebrandt, National Account Manager from Super Save Group advised the Board that Stanley Park is the jewel in the crown of the City of Vancouver, the park is world renowned and enjoyed by everyone. To participate in the restoration of the park, the Super Save Group presented a cheque in the amount of \$100,000 to the Board.

The Chair on behalf of the Board thanked Super Save Group for their generous contribution towards the restoration of Stanley Park.

STAFF REPORTS

Nelson Park Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 1, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that this project was a challenge to implement as the bids for construction were significantly higher than the budget. Materials selected were revised to address the shortfall in funds. The revised design was approved by the neighbourhood committee and additional funds will be provided from the Minor Park Improvement Account.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Aaron Jasper
- Dave Gilmour
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- West End Residents Association was involved with the project from its inception;
- good model, learned how to work with consensus;
- thanked Board for additional funds;
- would like to be able to improve on the design at a later date;
- the most contentious issue is the field house washroom;
- position of WERA is there needs to be a washroom as part of the design;
- monkey puzzle tree was taken down and not replaced;
- do not need washroom which is in front of his house;
- demolish the fieldhouse, would save the tax payer a lot of money;
- park is for people and not for dogs;
- Nelson Park is a city park and should be filled with children;
- instead the use of the park is minimized by limited access;
- oppose the use of park by organized sport groups;
- the park has been neglected and the dogs have taken over;
- the park should be flattened and do not use crushed shells.

Board members discussed the report and were glad to see that the park will be finally upgraded. A member of the Board stated that he will work with Council and Engineering Services to ask them to consider placing a self-cleaning washroom in the park.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to Cedar Crest Lands B.C. Ltd. for the construction of Nelson Park Upgrade at Thurlow Street and Nelson Street at a price not to exceed \$715,422;**
- B THAT the Board reserve \$52,000 out of the 2007 Minor Park Improvement Account for the completion of the Nelson Park project;**
- C 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.

Naming Policies for Park Board Community Facilities

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 1, 2007 recommending that the Board endorse the Naming Policies for Park Board Community Facilities.

Staff advised the Board that Council approved two new policies related to the naming of Civic facilities. The Naming Policies provide a clear set of guidelines and a decision-making framework for Council and City staff to consider naming requests for civic community facilities. They address naming rights where an exchange of monies takes place and where there is no financial consideration. The Naming Policies were developed by a committee which included representatives from city departments and boards, including the Park Board. A similar policy to direct the evaluation of naming proposals for Park Board facilities is recommended.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Micah Hermes Mann
- Stuart MacKinnon
- Ben West

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

- could not understand the policy, it does not make any sense;
- concluded that they want to change name for money;
- you are commercialising city facilities;
- why does Park Board need to change the current names, they are fine;
- changing names every five years is confusing;
- used to name places to honour people;
- commemorative naming should be for people who made major contributions to society;
- corporate naming does not belong in the public sector;
- corporate sponsorship is not popular with the general public;
- corporations are always giving money, before recognizing them with a plaque was enough, now they want to name the facility;
- this is about corporate branding;
- corporate branding has nothing to do with philanthropy;
- people pay for public facilities;
- corporations only care about their sales;
- further consultation with stakeholders should be done;
- need provision for public consultation, gives too much authority to the General Manager;
- keep corporate branding out of community centres;
- let the community and stakeholders have a say;
- a company could be out of business, and we will be stuck with the name.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board endorse the attached Naming Policies for Park Board Community Facilities.

Board members discussed the issue and a member of the Board stated that the Mount Pleasant Community Centre would like to name a room at the new community centre at #1 Kingsway after Yvonne Howe. She would like a differentiation between the two policies as a corporate logo in a multipurpose room is not acceptable. She would like to amend the motion by replacing it with a distinct endorsement of Policy C and D. It is important to differentiate between commemorative naming and naming rights.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the motion be replaced with the following:

- a. THAT the Board endorse the naming right policy as stated in Appendix C;
- b. THAT the Board endorse the commemorative naming policy in Appendix D.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and a member of the Board expressed concern regarding the possibility of one policy being applied over another. She would like to have some clarification and more information in order to avoid miscommunication.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT this report be postponed until the Board receive further information from staff.

- Carried Unanimously.

Ethical Purchasing Policy Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 2, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the Ethical Purchasing Policy applied to the procurement of apparel items and fair trade agricultural products including coffee. The Ethical Purchasing Policy was amended in June 2006 to allow staff the flexibility to operate cost effectively and offer a variety of products to customers. The Ethical Purchasing Policy will apply to contracts for products where customer choice is not an issue, where customer choices is impacted, both certified and non-certified products will be considered. In addition to ethical purchasing we practice sustainable purchasing and

continually look for green certifiable products so that impact to the environment is minimal.

Board members thanked staff for bringing forward the update on the ethical purchasing policy and a member of the Board expressed concern that the sustainable purchasing policy will not be ready sooner than the end of the year.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Harbour Green Restaurant Design

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 2, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the schematic design for Harbour Green Restaurant.

Staff introduced Russell Acton, from Acton Ostry Architects who gave an overview of the schematic design for Harbour Green Restaurant. Mr. Acton reviewed the design process and the most appropriate use of the site with the least impact to the public using the seawall. The design of the building will be such that there will be three entrances, and they are working with the city to put up appropriate signage so that the public can find the restaurant.

Board members discussed the design and stated that it was a good opportunity and the restaurant at the edge of the water is an exciting opportunity for an operator. It is a great design and the facility fits well in to the public space.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board approve the schematic design for Harbour Green Restaurant as illustrated in Appendix A.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Whereas the federal Human Resources funded Summer Career Placement Program is in jeopardy, which will have a severe impact on Vancouver's 24 community association-based daycamp programs for kids 3 to 15 years;

Whereas approximately 24% of daycamp funding comes from these grants, approximately \$460,000 citywide, with approximately 2500 children/youth per week served throughout the program, supporting approximately 150 youth leadership jobs with a focus on training and service in a community context;

Whereas daycamps are part of the Vancouver Park Board's core mandate, which fits with the Strategic Plan direction for "working together" with community associations to benefit communities in engaging people to universal access to services, and advocate for wellness, particularly in the inner city communities which will be hardest hit by this decision. This includes signing on to the City of Vancouver and Park Board's youth programs for sports and arts for children and youth known as the "Get Out" and "Active Communities" programs that partner with other levels of government, local and youth organizations with a goal to increase youth access to programs and spaces for youth;

Whereas with short notice, community centre associations' daycamps will be required to seek alternative ways of funding this service, including increasing fees, reducing or cancelling program availability, seeking corporate support, and re-allocation of funds by community centres at the expense of other programs for youth, seniors and families;

Be it resolved that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation send a letter to HRSDC, Vancouver federal MP's, Minister of Human Resources Monte Solberg, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, asking for confirmation of funding for 2007 to the Summer Career Placement Program for summer daycamps, and consultation with those affected if the government plans to make changes to the program.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre Association and Chris Payne, President, Trout Lake Community Centre Association appeared before the Board to support the motion. They expressed concern that program hours could be cut if the associations do not receive the grant.

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board stated that the Association Presidents have written to the Federal Government but have not received any response. It is important for the centres to provide summer camps to keep the children occupied and the need to increase activity by 20%. A member of the Board stated that it would be sufficient to send a letter to those who can take action on the matter and would like to amend the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the words “HRSDC, Vancouver Federal MP’s” be deleted and insert the word “the” in its place,

And,

THAT the words “Prime Minister Stephen Harper” be deleted and insert the words “copy to Vancouver Federal MPs” in its place.

- Carried Unanimously.

The amended motion was put forward as follows:

Be it resolved that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation send a letter to the Minister of Human Resources Monte Solberg, and copy to Vancouver Federal MPs, asking for confirmation of funding for 2007 to the Summer Career Placement Program for summer daycamps, and consultation with those affected if the government plans to make changes to the program.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

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:

- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

There was an enquiry from a member of the Board related to VANOC not spending money on the Agrodome for a figure skating practise venue. Would the money that would have been spent on refurbishing the Agrodome be reallocated to Killarney?

The General Manager advised the Board that the money will be set aside to do upgrades at the Coliseum and there will be no further VANOC contribution for Killarney or Trout Lake Ice Rinks.

A member of the Board enquired when the dog strategy task force report was expected. The General Manager advised the Board that staff will check and advise Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair