

**REVISED – MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007
AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Special Projects	- Jim Lowden
	Acting Director of Stanley District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Supervisor of Stanley Park Maintenance	- Eric Meagher
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Research Assistant	- Yuna Flewin
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Chair thanked the Roundhouse Community Centre Association for their hospitality and for hosting the Board Meeting. The Chair welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting of the Board.

Stanley Park Restoration Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 10, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the park vision of the Restoration Plan which states ‘that Stanley Park’s forest be a resilient coastal forest with a diversity of native tree and other species and habitats, that allows park visitors to experience nature in the city’;**
- B. THAT the Board endorse the ‘Stanley Park Restoration Plan’ and approve the recommendations of the Plan as a framework to restore the damaged areas of Stanley Park;**

- C. THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to develop detailed implementation plans including related budgets and allocate the necessary resources to achieve the restoration of the park;**

- D. THAT staff develop detailed plans for the Prospect Point road adjustment and the park legacy program and update the forest management plan, all to be reviewed by the Board at a later date.**

The General Manager stated that the Board was being asked to consider four recommendations, one of which includes the fourteen recommendations from the Stanley Park Restoration Recommended Plan. Staff of the Park Board, the Steering Committee, stakeholders, and partners held extensive community consultation over the last three months to collect information to develop this report. The General Manager recognized the members of the Steering Committee, partners, stakeholders and staff who were present at the meeting.

Staff advised the Board that the vision for the restoration plan for Stanley Park was to create a resilient coastal forest with a diversity of native trees and other species and habitats that would allow park visitors to experience nature in the city. Staff reviewed Stanley Park's forest history, the windstorms and damage to the park, the response by staff and the desire of the community to help through monetary and in kind donations. The Provincial and Federal Governments along with the City of Vancouver made significant financial contributions for the restoration of Stanley Park. The plan was guided by five principles: to foster a resilient coastal forest; protect the natural and cultural environments; protect park visitors, workers and volunteers; repair park infrastructure: and create supporting legacies.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Eleanor Hadley
2. Ken Davidson, CUPE Local 1004
3. Bob Whitney, CUPE Local 1004
4. Hans Groen, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition
5. Joe Cvetkovich
6. Patricia Thompson, Executive Director, Stanley Park Ecology Society
7. Peter Woods
8. Adriane Carr, Deputy Leader, Green Party of Canada

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

- impressed that professionals are working on the restoration of Stanley Park;
- concerned that there are too many paved areas and roadways in Stanley Park;
- there are no recommendations to reduce the number of paved areas;
- there should be no sale of liquor in Stanley Park;
- Park Board should work on safety in the park;
- supports the plan, but concerned with how the plan will be implemented;
- CUPE 1004 members should have been consulted and be part of the planning group;
- the members have many years of experience servicing the park;
- understand that some assistance from private contractors might be needed;
- do not want the members to be pushed aside by the contractors;
- would like the establishment of a Stanley Park restoration fund for ongoing maintenance;
- wherever possible, training should be provided to the members;
- Stanley Park is one of the major tourist attractions;
- need to keep the positive experience of riding around the park for cyclists;
- would like a two way for bikes from Brockton;
- would like to see better signage so people know what lies ahead;
- would like to see the path between Prospect Point and Third Beach widened;
- the seawall is important for tourists and locals;
- do not use the storm as an excuse to cut trees, as it was done after Hurricane Frieda;
- support the process and thank staff, stakeholders and steering committee for their hard work;
- encourage the public to have patience as the restoration work takes place;
- there seems to be no record for the forest regeneration plan for the past twenty years;
- looking at this program, there seems to be a similar problem as there is no mention of record keeping;
- cannot restore the park to what it was before, however, can attempt to make the park safer;
- remove only appropriate amount of debris, give nature a greater role in recovery;
- allow natural forest regeneration;
- in areas where the blowdown is moderate, do not log, but allow the wood to rot and build up the soil;
- fear of woody debris on the ground is overblown;
- increase the budget for restoration work around the seawall.

Board members thanked staff, the partners, stakeholders and steering committee for their many hours of hard work and an excellent and detailed report. The plan addresses ecological, wildlife, fire management, geotechnical, cultural, financial and safety issues. A member of the Board stated that although the plan addresses diversity through plantings, she would like to ensure that the priority would be to foster

bio-diversity in the long term restoration plan for Stanley Park. Board members look forward to the implementation of the plan.

The motion was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chair thanked staff, the partners, stakeholders and steering committee and the public for attending and engaging in the process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair