

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Acting Director of Stanley District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Recreation Services –	
	Stanley District	- Greg Eng
	Supervisor Recreation Services	- Margaret Watts
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 02, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 16, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the well-attended Earth Day celebrations at Everett Crowley and Jericho Parks, the recent ParkPartners recognition brunch, and the Red Fox Waking Finale event for Active Communities Vancouver.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that Council will be receiving a report on 2007 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant Allocations and the Planning and Environment Committee will receive a report on Downtown South Public Benefits Strategy for 2007-2021 and Amendment to Development Cost Levy By-law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the Committee discussed the proposed expansion of Cottonwood Gardens in Strathcona Park.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the Committee discussed the Golf Marketing Plan and Staffing Request.

Air India Memorial and Ceperley Meadow Playground

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 27, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that following the Board's approval of the concept plan for the proposed children's playground and Air India Memorial, tenders for the project were received. The low bid was over the construction budget but a reduction in price was negotiated. The price change does not impact any of the project design features.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that she does not support the Air India Memorial at Ceperley Park. Ceperley Park was donated to the Park Board for a children's playground.

Board members discussed the report and stated that the monument has been tastefully designed and there will be a new playground for the children. Staff have done well to bring the project in within budget.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to CAP Ventures Ltd. for the construction of the proposed Air India Memorial and Ceperley Meadow Playground at a price not to exceed \$626,655.00;**
- 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.

Naming Policies for Park Board Community Facilities

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 18, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised that at the meeting of the Board on February 12, staff were asked to provide more detailed information with regard to the Naming Policy. At a subsequent staff briefing, staff provided answers to questions raised by Board members. There are two policies, one is a naming rights policy which relates to a financial remuneration and one is a naming policy to commemorate an individual's outstanding achievement. The benefits of a Naming Policy are to provide a clear and consistent evaluation framework and approval process, balance public and private interest, and to encourage philanthropic giving while acknowledging an investment in public facilities.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Joe Cvekovich
- Bruce Gilmour
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- does not agree with the commercial use of city facilities;
- agree with commemorative naming, for example, Andy Livingstone Field;
- if a donor for the playground at the new Mount Pleasant Community Centre at #1 Kingsway is identified, Park Board needs to be aware that the equipment must be accessible;
- would be offended to see a corporate name on a room at a community centre;
- opposed to the naming policy, the report does not indicate the size of the signs;
- object to signs at a community centre;
- do not need a naming policy, Park Board has never sold names, to start now is wrong.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that the policy will provide a structure and guiding principles for people to follow. It will also help to put funds back into the community. A member of the Board stated that approval of this report will force community associations to make tough choices between a naming right for financial remuneration and a commemorative naming.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve:

- A. the Naming Rights Policy for Park Board Community Facilities as attached;**
- B. the Commemorative Naming Policy for Park Board Community Facilities.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Commissioner Robertson declared a conflict of interest for the next agenda item as he has business relationship with West Coast Railway Association through his job.

Commissioner Robertson left the room at 7:57 pm.

Commissioner Houghton chaired the meeting at this point.

Engine 374 Pavilion Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 12, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the 374 Station Society through an operating agreement with the Park Board and Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society provided custodianship of Engine 374. However, due to the reduced number of volunteers available in the 374 Society, they have been unable to provide the level of service necessary to keep the pavilion open seven days a week. An agreement with West Coast Railway Association similar to the one with 374 Society would enable the Board to continue to provide public access to the engine and further expand programming in the pavilion to the public.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Trevor Figuerido, Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society
- Jim Brown, General Manager, West Coast Railway Association
- Eleanor Hadley

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

- looking forward to working with the West Coast Railway Association;
- the new agreement will increase access and activity around Engine 374;
- can see increased tourism and a benefit to Yaletown;

- recognise the past accomplishments of the 374 Station Society;
- West Coast Railway Association is a substantial organization and will bring resources to the table;
- have experience in coordinating volunteers;
- asked the Board to support the agreement, worked well with Roundhouse staff;
- it took a lot of vision and courage to build this great Canadian icon;
- the first Prime Minister had the vision to create the Canadian Pacific Railway;
- Friends of Engine 374 and Sir John A. Macdonald should be commemorated in the Roundhouse;
- agree that West Coast Railway Association should take over the custodial duties;
- look forward to a good arrangement.

Board members discussed the report and stated that this partnership will be good for the public.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board enter into an agreement with the West Coast Railway Association and the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society for a three year period (July 25, 2006 to July 24, 2009);**
- B. THAT once the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Directors of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Robertson returned to the meeting at this point: 8:22 p.m.

Downtown South: Park Strategy for 2007-2021 and Amendments to Development Cost Levy By-Law

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 20, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the population in Downtown South has grown beyond the figure originally projected in 1991. With dwindling land supply and significant increases in the cost of purchasing land, the Board is being asked to consider an updated park strategy for Downtown South, amendments to the DCL By-law and other initiatives for additional funding for parks.

Board members discussed the report and stated that this was a difficult situation and supported staff's initiatives to ensure there will be enough park space in Downtown South. A member of the Board expressed concern that the Park Board was not receiving a fair share of the increased DCL money towards park acquisition.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board support the following targets for parkland acquisition and park development for Downtown South for the 2007-2021 period:**
- **Build the second phase of Emery Barnes Park at Seymour and Davie Streets (0.53 hectares or 1.3 acres);**
 - **Acquire and develop as park a City-owned parcel at Richards and Smithe Streets (0.31 hectares or 0.8 acres); and**
 - **Acquire and develop two mini-parks in the area between Granville and Burrard Streets (0.17 hectares or 0.4 acres).**
- B. THAT the Board accept the proposal to revise the Development Cost Levy allocation for parkland acquisition and park development in Downtown South from 45.35% to 38%, provided that Council:**
- **Increases the Development Cost Levy rate from \$9.50 per square foot to \$13.00 per square foot; and**
 - **Supports other mechanisms (e.g. Community Amenity Contributions) to acquire and develop the parks identified in the targets for Downtown South during the 2007-2021 period.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Lost Lagoon Bike Path Reconstruction

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 20, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Ceperley Meadow and Lost Lagoon Bike and Pedestrian Path is too narrow to safely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians. The upgrade and improvement of this path for pedestrian and cyclist safety was included in the 2005-08 Capital Plan.

Board members received the report and stated that it was important to improve infrastructure for people to move safely along the bike/pedestrian path.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to Grandview Blacktop Ltd. for the construction of the proposed Bike Path Reconstruction in Ceperley Meadow and on the south shore of Lost Lagoon at a price not to exceed \$300,363.42;**
- 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.

Victoria Park Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 24, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that staff worked with the Victoria Park Neighbourhood Group on the design of the renewed park. Improvements to Victoria Park were approved as part of the 2006-08 Capital Plan.

Board members received the report and look forward to the opening of the renovated park.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to C.A.P Ventures Ltd. for the construction of Victoria Park Upgrade at Victoria Drive and Kitchener Street at a price not to exceed \$420,000;**
- 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.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested a progress report regarding the signing of the Joint Operating Agreement with partners.

Board members were reminded that there will be a Staff Briefing on Monday, May 7, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair