

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Special Projects	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Board called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board 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:

- (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 Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session

The in-camera session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

The Chair re-convened the regular meeting of the Board at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 14, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Board of Grandview Community Association and staff at Trout Lake Community Centre for their hospitality and for hosting the meeting.

The Chair reported that he attended the launch of the Vancouver Police Beach Patrol, and the unveiling of the Mountain View street banner program, a project funded by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund. Compliments received from a member of the public regarding the Ted and Mary Greig Rhododendron Gardens in Stanley Park were shared. The Chair introduced the youth group from Trout Lake Community Centre and recognized their initiatives to improve the games room and youth lounge through their fundraising efforts.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that on Council's agenda on Tuesday were reports on Pacific National Exhibition 2006 Year End Review and 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets, BC Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement and Canada Day Fireworks Grant to the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: the Committee did not have a meeting.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: the Committee heard from a delegation regarding the fundraising effort to improve Strathcona Track, and discussed the first quarter operating statement and a parking proposal.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Society, requested permission to distribute copies of the orca field guides to boaters at the marina. Mr. Hamilton stated that the orca field guide is a tool to guide boaters when they encounter a whale. A member of the Board suggested that Mr. Hamilton should contact the boating council at the marina.

Ana David, Latino Action Society, advised the Board that staff placed a subject clause on their community grant application and would like the Board to have the clause removed. Ms. David stated that they would like to continue to have their festival at Trout Lake and referred to letters of support for their festival. The Chair advised the delegation that guidelines were in place for festivals and referred her to work with staff in meeting the guidelines.

A resident from Trout Lake appeared before the Board and questioned how the proposed community centre and ice rink will affect the neighbourhood. Board members referred her to meet with staff at Trout Lake to review the plans.

A resident from Riley Park questioned whether the Board was making decisions around facilities in parks around ecodensity.

STAFF REPORTS

Donor Recognition Guidelines

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 14, 2007. Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 3, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the Donor Recognition Guidelines as outlined in the report to recognize donations made to the Park Board.

Staff advised the Board that a donor recognition program has been developed to further enhance fundraising activities. The program's focus is on cultivating the existing donor base for future donation opportunities and building new relationships within the community. It is hoped that the expanded donor recognition program will provide the Board with new opportunities to showcase our appreciation and recognition of the generosity we receive from the community.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Ron Rothwell

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

- concerned that the donations are segregated by categories;
- all donors should be treated equally;
- no money for Stanley Park in the 2007 Capital Plan;
- commercialising Stanley Park where donors can buy a tree;
- concerned about plaques on the trees;
- grateful for donations, but concerned with how it will be spent;
- concerned with creating a corporate mentality;
- a park should be a place where everyone can have a common experience;
- reading the plaques on the benches along the seawall create sadness;
- people should be allowed to enjoy Stanley Park;
- do not reform the park;
- taxpayers are supportive of keeping parks;
- need to keep an eye on the mission statement, need to be careful how the policy is implemented.

Board members discussed the issue and commended staff on developing the fundraising and donor recognition program. A member of the Board stated that the fundraising program was established as the Board did not want to participate in a private partnership and supports the recognition program recommended by staff. A member of the Board stated that he was concerned with the different levels of recognition as he felt that donors give whatever they can and does not support aspects of the donor recognition program.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT the Board approve the Donor Recognition Guidelines as outlined in this report to recognize donations made to the Park Board.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Herbert contrary)

Queen Elizabeth Observation Tower

Commissioner Zlotnik declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 7:55 p.m.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A or B.

Staff advised the Board that a proposal to restore the view from the top of Queen Elizabeth Park, the highest point in the city, was received from a group, Observation Tower Inc. The group's proposal to develop and operate a viewing tower adjacent to the

Plaza and the Bloedel Conservatory is to revitalize a tourism asset without modifying the Little Mountain woodlands. The non-staff cost for a public consultation process involving the placement of information signs, open houses to solicit feedback from residents will be borne by the proponent. This proposal was discussed at the Planning Committee and the matter was referred to the Board for consideration of staff recommendations to provide a choice of proceeding or not further considering the proposal.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Ned Jacob, Riley Park South Cambie City Plan Community Vision Implementation Steering Committee;
- John Norton, Observation Inc.
- Shamir Bhatia
- Joe Cvetkovich
- Ron Rothwell
- Stan Jang, Riley Park South Cambie Community Vision

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

- the 1999 long-range plan rejects this proposal;
- there are better and less costly ways to restore the view;
- do not need another structure, just added the wedding pavilion;
- will be competing for parking space;
- Little Mountain is on redevelopment and public involvement overload;
- a practical solution would be to construct a viewing platform with logs from Stanley Park;
- need to raise image and market Bloedel Conservatory better to increase revenues;
- Paris and Toronto have their Eiffel and CN towers;
- Little Mountain is the highest point in Vancouver, views from here should be restored;
- a park is for people to use, ask the people to consider the tower;
- ask the Board to put the proposal forward for public consultation;
- the vision approved by Council for the Riley Park South Cambie area is to protect the views;
- the tower is not in line with Council's vision and is a hazard to migrating birds;
- neighbourhood needs to be protected;
- against the tower proposal, this is commercialism of the park;
- how many trees will be sacrificed for this project?
- no need to go to public consultation, reject the proposal now;
- object to privately developed or operated facility;
- cutting down trees is not an option, but a platform is an option that could be considered;
- Vancouver is celebrated for its natural resources, view points should be accessible to everyone;

- there is already a shortage of parking, how will the extra visitors be accommodated?
- people visiting Vancouver enjoy the trees;
- problem with monopolising the park;
- would like staff to be more conserving and preserving rather than be an entrepreneur;
- the redevelopment on top of the reservoir is very well done, do not want to see this messed up;
- market the conservatory aggressively;
- there are less and less tour buses willing to pay entrance fees;
- something of this scale being considered is totally out of context;
- appreciate the need to recover views, but do not need a structure of this size;
- having an observation tower is not a new concept;
- what is good for residents will be good for tourists;
- Tourism Vancouver would like to be part of the discussion process.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board refer the concept of a privately developed and operated viewing tower in Queen Elizabeth Park to a public review process as described in this report.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that this proposal should be put out to the community for consideration, people have always visited Queen Elizabeth Park for the views. A member of the Board stated that he would prefer to open up the community consultation process to an ideas fair so that the Board is not restricted to one concept. An amendment motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board refer the idea of viewing platforms, viewing towers and other view corridor options in Queen Elizabeth Park to a public ideas fair for further discussions with a report back to the Planning Committee for the committee's direction.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and were concerned with the associated costs and time required to process this request. A member of the Board stated that she does not support the amendment motion because it was important to go to the public with a concept which could then be modified.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson, Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the words “privately developed and operated” be deleted from the motion.

-DEFEATED.

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

The main motion was put forward as follows:

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board refer the concept of a privately developed and operated viewing tower in Queen Elizabeth Park to a public review process as described in this report.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Herbert contrary)

Commissioner Zlotnik returned to the meeting at this point at 9:20 p.m.

Vancouver Aquarium Expansion

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 18, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the development permit schematic design plans for the Aquarium expansion as illustrated in the attached submission.

Staff advised the Board that the preliminary development permit plans have responded to the issues raised at the conceptual stage creating an improved area in this area of the park. Members of the Vancouver Aquarium Expansion design team presented the design of the buildings reviewing the function of each of the buildings and area surrounding the building. The design is based on a LEED gold platform.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce
- Eleanor Hadley
- Ron Rothwell
- Steven Holmes, Vancouver Aquarium Board

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

- asked the Board to say no to the Aquarium expansion;
- Stanley Park's vision should be preserved;
- conservation can be done without captive animals;
- the Aquarium's dolphin breeding program is a failure;
- the Aquarium expansion is subject to an environment assessment by the Federal Government;
- stop importing pacific white-sided dolphins;
- the Aquarium is an entertainment business and should not be given more public land;
- the only part of Stanley Park that is protected is the Aquarium;
- the Aquarium expansion is a huge development on free land;
- Stanley Park will be destroyed, as developers move in;
- the Aquarium is making a lot of money;
- once the expansion goes through, Stanley Park is finished;
- Stanley Park must remain in its natural state for the enjoyment of the public;
- the Aquarium takes up a quarter of Stanley Park;
- understand that it wants to be a world class facility, it is mushrooming its existence in Stanley Park;
- the Aquarium should move out of Stanley Park to its own property;
- Park Board's mandate is to protect the park and not commercialism;
- the Board is not doing its job by allowing the Aquarium expansion;
- on behalf of the Aquarium Board would ask the Board to approve the design;
- everyone at the Aquarium is excited and looking forward to the new buildings.

Board members discussed the plans and commended staff for their hard work in addressing the Board's concerns.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve the development permit schematic design plans for the Aquarium expansion as illustrated in the attached submission.

A member of the Board referred to the design and expressed concern that the gift shop was not accessible to the general public who are not visitors at the Aquarium. An amendment motion was suggested.

Move by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the public be given access to the gift shop.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and a member of the Board stated that this was a major change to the plans without discussions regarding the commission from the sales at the gift shop to the Board. A member of the Board stated that the intent of moving the gift shop back was to protect the interests of other

stakeholders in the park. A member of the Board stated that the gift shop would remain as planned, however, a door will be inserted to allow members of the public to enter similar to the gift shop at VanDusen Garden. After further discussions, a member of the Board stated that the Board should be protecting the interests of the park and not the interest of the Aquarium.

A vote was taken on the amendment motion and it was Carried.

(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT staff investigate the fee structure to the gift shop that we have to the food services in the Aquarium.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and a member of the Board stated that there are several stakeholders in Stanley Park and the same principles should apply for the Aquarium. A member of the Board moved an amendment to the amendment motion to encourage consistency through out the system.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT staff investigate a fee structure that is consistent with other not-for-profit facility's gift shops within the Park Board system.

- Carried.

(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

A vote was taken on the amended main motion as follows:

- A. THAT the Board approve the development permit schematic design plans for the Aquarium expansion as illustrated in the attached submission;**
- B. THAT the public be given access to the gift shop;**
- C. THAT staff investigate a fee structure that is consistent with other not-for-profit facility's gift shop within the Park Board system.**

- Carried

(Commissioner De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

A member of the Board indicated that she would like to comment on the main motion. The Chair ruled that the motion has been voted on and comments cannot be made at this time. The member objected to the Chair's ruling. The Chair overruled the objection.

Killarney Demolition – Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that there is a shortfall of \$2.4 million for the Killarney project as a result of cost escalation and challenging market conditions. This situation has been reviewed with the building committee and budget adjustments, design changes and reallocation of funds are recommended in order for the project to proceed.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Association
- Chris Payne, President, Grandview Community Association

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

- building committee talked about sustainability and maintaining a legacy for the citizens of Vancouver;
- items being cut are green roof and skylights;
- need to maintain the integrity of the building;
- user groups want storage, concerned with cutting storage areas;
- agreement signed by the Bid Corp indicate that they will take into account rising costs;
- Board should go back to the Bid Corp and ask them to live up to the agreement;
- build something that the community and Board will be proud of;
- experience difficult times with cost escalation;
- more money is needed to do the job right the first time.

Board members discussed the report and stated that staff have been working hard to provide the best possible facility. The Board does not like to cut things from the plans, however there is no more money in the system and they are caught in an awkward position. A member of the Board stated that they will continue to look for opportunities for more funding. A member of the Board stated that she understands that staff have worked very hard to meet the budget, but does not support the reduction of storage areas.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, the General Manager of Parks and Recreation be authorized to enter into a contract with Haebler Construction Projects Inc. for \$406,457, plus GST, with funding to be provided from the Capital Budget;**
- B. THAT the General Manager of Parks and Recreation be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Park Board all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A;**
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;**
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by the Board's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed.**
- E. THAT the Board reserve the following reallocations from the capital accounts listed below for the Killarney project:**

Concessions	\$100,000
Fieldhouse Renovation	\$75,000
General Facility Improvement	\$25,000
Brockton Point/Seawall	\$200,000
New Brighton Foreshore	\$50,000
Stanley Park Water and Utilities	\$250,000
Total	\$700,000

Subject to the final reallocations being determined at such time as all trade bids for the Killarney Rink project have been received.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Commissioner De Genova left the meeting at this time – 10:47 p.m.

MOTION

The following motion was put forward by Commissioner Herbert at the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 14, 2007:

THAT the Board reconsider its decision of January 29, 2007 regarding the starting date of construction for the new Trout Lake Rink.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Kate Perkins, 2nd Vice President, Grandview Community Association
- Kari James Adams, Grandview Figure Skating
- Barb Dawson and Jere Peters, Mother's Day Pow Wow Committee, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House;
- Donna Chang, Executive Director, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House
- Kim Hogan, Co-Chair Citywide Ice Allocation Committee

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

- do not want to incur additional costs;
- would like to move forward and get things done;
- happy to hear about the motion, start as soon as possible;
- celebrated Mother's Day Pow Wow for many years at Trout Lake;
- would like an opportunity to sing a farewell song at the rink before it is demolished;
- have many fond memories of celebrations at the rink;
- people have made friends and grown together as a community through the yearly meeting at the Mother's Day Pow Wow celebrations.

The Mother's Day Pow Wow Committee presented a plaque to the Grandview Community Association as a sign of appreciation for allowing them to use the rink for their celebrations.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert

THAT the Board authorize the selective pre-demolition phase at Trout Lake Ice Rink to start in July 2007, providing that existing programs can occur until August 19, 2007 when the construction project will commence.

- Carried Unanimously.

Award of Contract for Electrical Parts and Components

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 14, 2007 recommending that the Board award the supply of electrical parts and components to Wesco Distribution Canada-LP for an initial three year term with the possibility of one or two twelve month extensions.

Staff advised the Board that in order to maximize the bargaining power and ensure consistency from vendors, staff are working with the city Purchasing Department on tenders for electrical parts and components.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the contract for the supply of electrical parts and components be awarded to Wesco Distribution Canada–LP for an initial three year term, with the possibility of one or two 12 month extensions.

- Carried Unanimously.

Integrated Security Services Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 17, 2007 recommending that the Board join with the City to award a contract for security services to Concord Security to be phased in over a period of five years beginning June 2007.

Board members advised the Board that in order to maximize service quality and bargaining power with the vendor, a joint contract with the city is being negotiated which will be phased in over the next five years.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Park Board join with the City to award a contract for security services to Concord Security to be phased in over a period of five years beginning June 2007.

- Carried Unanimously.

Connaught Park West Field Reconstruction

Board members received copies of a staff report date May 11, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the west field at Connaught Park has deteriorated over the years due to heavy use and is in need of reconstruction to improve drainage, irrigation and turf grass condition. The upgrade for this field was identified in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan.

A member of the Meraloma Club was present in the audience and had questions regarding the various aspects of the renovation project. The Chair referred her to staff with her questions.

Board members discussed the report and supported the improvements recommended for the park.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to Cedar Crest Lands (B.C.) Ltd. for the proposed reconstruction of the West Field in Connaught Park at a price not to exceed \$412,729.00;**
- 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.

Vancouver Sport Strategy – Consultant Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that Council approved the development of a Vancouver Sport Strategy led and facilitated by the Board in conjunction with the sport community, sport tourism and stakeholders and other groups. A request for proposal and terms of reference were circulated to consultant firms and individuals to work in the area of sport policy and program development.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board requested a copy of the terms of reference.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to Citius Performance Corp/Pozitive Results Sport Strategies for services related to the development of the Vancouver Sport Strategy at a price not to exceed \$93,060.00;**
- 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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair