

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 09, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Acting Director of Stanley District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Operations – Q.E. District	- Bob Trydal
	Supervisor of Parks – Q.E. District	- Mike Mackintosh
	Arts and Culture Coordinator	- jil weaving
	Marina Operator	- Mike Lebrun
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioners Holden and Woodcock were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 25, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board that there was a media event in Stanley Park last week to mark the beginning of recovery operations in the storm damaged areas. He recognized the generous donation from Finning (Canada) and Caterpillar for the use of two log loaders to assist in the timber removal as part of the restoration efforts.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving a report on Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Update and the report on the Hastings Park Updated Implementation Plan is on the agenda of the City Services and Budget Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: no update.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: no update.

STAFF REPORTS

Hastings Park: Preparation of Implementation Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 3, 2007 recommending that the Board endorse the planning process and work program for the Hastings Park Implementation Plan, as described in this report and the Council report dated June 29, 2007.

Staff advised the Board that the preparation of the Implementation Plan is a three year process involving the preparatory, planning and design phases. The Implementation Plan will be consistent with the Hastings Park Restoration Plan and include Hastings Park, Hastings Community Park and New Brighton Park. The project will involve broad public consultation, including an ongoing 'key stakeholders group' with members from operators/tenants at Hastings Park and local community and city at large.

Georgina Nicholson, Secretary/Treasurer, Hastings Park Conservancy appeared before the Board and stated that they were unhappy with the changes to the plans for Hastings Park. They would like to have a green park like Stanley Park. The Conservancy feel strongly that the issue of governance should be decided before the implementation of the project.

Board members discussed the issue and were pleased to see the plan for Hastings Park is ready and look forward to the implementation.

Commissioner Zlotnik arrived at this time – 7:22 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board endorse the planning process and work program for the Hastings Park Implementation Plan, as described in this report and the Council report dated June 29, 2007.

- Carried Unanimously.

Burrard Civic Marina Upgrades

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Finance Committee requested a report back on issues regarding infrastructure upgrades appropriate for the Burrard Civic Marina and operational issues raised by the delegates at the meeting. The infrastructure upgrades identified include electrical, environmental, dryland operations and float layout and public boat launch. Staff met with the False Creek Boaters Council regarding the operational issues such as a monthly payment plan, paid application form, archiving the marina history, water lot license fee increase and marina security. The False Creek Boaters Council agree with the recommendations in the staff report.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Shawn Smith
- Peter Vandergugten
- Dan Barry

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

- support the plan outline in the staff report, but concerned with the re-configuration of the docks to make room for bigger boats;
- would like staff to meet with the boating community on what is involved with the capital plan and the increased fees be put back in to marina improvements;
- concerned with safety issues, the slanted docks are not safe for senior citizens;
- need ladders and replace old equipment;
- unfair to raise fees in 2007 and upgrades are not planned till 2009;
- need safety ladder especially with aging population;
- glad to see the electrical upgrades;
- concerned that water is shut off for one month other marinas have year round water supply;
- staff are doing a great job.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board approve the recommended upgrades to Burrard Civic Marina and retain a consultant to prepare a detailed cost estimate and work plan for consideration for funding in the 2009-11 capital program as outlined in the staff report;
- B. THAT a \$25.00 annual application fee be approved for all applications for moorage and storage, effective September 2007 for the 2008 season;

- C. THAT the Board receive the report on operational issues for information.

Board members discussed the issue and a member of the Board stated that he would like the capital improvements referred to the Finance Committee for discussions.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT part A of the motion be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussions.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- B. THAT a \$25.00 annual application fee be approved for all applications for moorage and storage, effective September 2007 for the 2008 season;**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- C. THAT the Board receive the report on operational issues for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 3, 2007 recommending that the Board consult with the public on permanent sites for the Biennale Sculptures identified in this report.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale received approval for temporary installation of sculptures for 18 months. The Biennale foundation is now seeking to leave four of the sculptures permanently on sites located throughout the park system. Since the exhibition was to be temporary, standard review processes for permanent installations of public art were not followed. Now that the foundation is requesting to have the sculptures installed permanently a thorough public consultation process must be conducted according to the Review Guidelines for the Donation of Public Art or Memorials.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Barrie Mowatt, Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale
- Michela Frosch, Chair, Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale
- Anne Bancroft-Jones
- Wally Campbell
- Bruce Lengereis
- Michael Meszaros
- Grace Gordon Collins, Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale

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

- an opportunity to host major international sculptures;
- objective to create a cultural anchor for the city;
- Biennale was a success, have acquired six pieces as a legacy;
- would like permanent installation of the six sculptures;
- looking forward to the next biennale;
- sculptures are now owned by the Biennale foundation;
- hope to work with the Board for a long term siting in and around parks;
- everyone in the community will have access to these pieces;
- concerned with lack of consultation when art was installed;
- people bought units in the buildings around the park with the understanding that there will be a view of green open space;
- the religious perspective is also an issue with some people;
- was quite a shock to see the sculpture at Harbour Green Park
- have lived with it for 18 months, not fair to now say it is permanent;
- sculpture should be removed, it is now blocking the city's view corridor;
- survey the people in the immediate vicinity, they will not support the permanent installation;
- people from three or four blocks away will be supportive as they do not have to look at it everyday;
- remove the 'root of evil' piece from the list of sculptures to be sent to public consultation;
- support the consultation process but do not support the upside down church as it is an offensive piece;
- role of an artist to create and stimulate;
- do not be bullied by developers;
- would like to continue to bring art into the city;
- parks are most appropriate for public art;
- if a piece is offensive, can discuss about it;
- would like to put Vancouver on the cultural map.

Board members discussed the report and look forward to the public consultation process. A member of the Board stated that the matter should be deferred to the Fall for discussion on whether there should be permanent siting of these sculptures. The concept might be good but he does not agree with permanent display in parks. The number of pieces could increase with each biennale exhibition. Board members discussed the art in public places guidelines and emphasized the need for an open consultation with the community.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board consult with the public on permanent sites for the Biennale Sculptures identified in this report.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Zlotnik abstained from voting)

Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2007 recommending that the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated June 29, 2007.

Staff provided an updated on the Hillcrest Curling /Venue Percy Norman Aquatic Centre project and advised that \$1.9 million needs to be allocated to manage contingency funding to finish the project. Staff have done value engineering to bring the project as close to the budget as possible.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated June 29, 2007.

- Carried Unanimously.

Approve of a Statutory Right-of-Way in Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Parks

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 29, 2007 recommending that the Board approve granting of a statutory right-of-way as shown in Appendix A to BC Hydro subject to legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

Staff advised the Board that the proposed right-of-way is over new hydro service lines in Nat Bailey Park.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board approve granting of a statutory right-of-way as shown in Appendix A to BC Hydro subject to legal documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the General Manager, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

- Carried Unanimously.

Approval Process for Contract Awards During Summer Recess of the Board

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 2007 recommending that the General Manager be authorized to award contracts in excess of \$300,000 during the Board recess in accordance with conditions outlined in the report.

Staff advised the Board that there are a number of capital and operating programs which might need contracts in excess of \$300,000 and delegating the authority to the General Manger to award these contracts will allow the projects to continue during the Board's summer recess.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that a review of the General Manager's authority should be done so that once projects are approved, the administration and awarding of the contracts need not be brought back to the Board. The General Manger advised the Board that the City Manager is in the process of bringing forward a report to Council regarding the administrative authorities and once this report is approved by Council, a report seeking similar authorities will be brought forward to the Board for their approval.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the General Manager be authorized to award contracts in excess of \$300,000 during the Board summer recess until the next scheduled Board meeting in accordance with conditions outlined in this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair