

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Anita Ho
	Director of Corporate Services	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Special Projects	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Van East District	- Ron Caswell
	Manager of Operations – VE District	- Howard Normann
	Supervisor of Golf Course Operations	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Norman Mills
	Manager of Systems & Research	- Grace Koo
	Recorder	

Commissioner Woodcock raised a point of order challenging the Chair's decision to defer her motion. Due to the time sensitivity of the item, Commissioner Woodcock would like the Chair to make a decision to have the Board discuss the item this evening. The Chair advised that Commissioner Zlotnik was not available when the motion was brought forward and until the Chair has a chance to speak with Commissioner Zlotnik, the Chair will defer the motion.

The Chair submitted his decision to the Board for a vote and his decision was upheld by the required majority.

(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 9, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, recognized and thanked all the exempt staff for their hard work during the summer and expressed his ongoing thanks to the Board for their support. The Chair also paid respect to the staff who are currently on strike.

The Chair reported on the fire in Stanley Park at the intersection of Bridal and Cathedral Trails on Sunday afternoon. The Chair appreciated the passers-by who reported the fire and the Vancouver Firefighters Wild Fire Response Team who came and dealt with the fire quickly.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council will be receiving a report on the 2010 Winter Games Live Site Concept Plan at the Regular Council Meeting (on September 18th) and on the Climate Protection Progress Report at Planning & Environment Committee on Thursday (September 20th).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: no update.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: no update.

STAFF REPORTS

Golf Marketing Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 28, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that Vancouver's municipal golf courses are an asset that has served golfers across the lower mainland for many years, while helping to support other parks and recreation programs. The Golf Marketing Plan is intended to ensure that our courses retain or improve their market position, while continuing to offer an excellent golf experience.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and advised that he was unable to comment as he has not read the report.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton and seconded by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board receive for information the Golf Marketing Plan Review as attached in Appendix 1;
- B. THAT the Board approve the Vision and Positioning of the Park Board's three major courses as outlined in the plan;

- C. THAT the Board direct staff to hire a consultant, for a two year period to implement the Golf Marketing Plan and carry out other related tasks;
- D. THAT the Board approve the financial strategies outlined in this report which impact both operating and capital budgets.

Board members discussed the issue and were pleased with the work to develop the Marketing Plan. A member of the Board would like to refer the Marketing Plan to the Finance Committee to review the financial side further. It was reported that all the financial information was available and reviewed in detail.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT recommendations C and D be referred to the Finance Committee for further deliberations.

-DEFEATED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. **THAT the Board receive for information the Golf Marketing Plan Review as attached in Appendix 1.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- B. **THAT the Board approve the Vision and Positioning of the Park Board's three major courses as outlined in the plan.**

- Carried.

(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- C. **THAT the Board direct staff to hire a consultant, for a two year period to implement the Golf Marketing Plan and carry out other related tasks.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- D. THAT the Board approve the financial strategies outlined in this report which impact both operating and capital budgets.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Olympic Live Site

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 5, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the City Council report “2010 Winter Games Live Site Concept Plan” for information and endorse the use of David Lam Park as a Live Site during the 2010 Winter Games and direct staff to work with City and VANOC staff to ensure that the design, operation and restoration meet Park Board requirements.

Dave Rudberg, General Manager, and Janice Lowe, Project Manager, Olympics and Paralympic Operations, and Tom Stulberg, Fireworks Marketing Group – Consultant were in attendance.

Staff advised the Board that the purpose of the “Live Site” concept is for residents, families, children, neighbours and visitors to enjoy alcohol-free, Olympic and Paralympic games and entertainment, share the experience, and inspire our young athletes. “Live Site” concept will utilize, on a temporary basis, Beatty Street (former Bus Depot) and David Lam Park.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached City Council report “2010 Winter Games Live Site Concept Plan” for information;
- B. THAT the Board endorse the use of David Lam Park as a Live Site during the 2010 Winter Games and direct staff to work with City and VANOC staff to ensure that the design, operation and restoration meet Park Board requirements.

Board members stated that this is great opportunity for those who cannot afford to attend the sporting events. They will be able to experience the games and the Yaletown area will have an opportunity to shine. One member of the Board appreciated the conceptual plan and the alcohol-free venue; however, raised concern with the cost.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached City Council report “2010 Winter Games Live Site Concept Plan” for information.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

- B. THAT the Board endorse the use of David Lam Park as a Live Site during the 2010 Winter Games and direct staff to work with City and VANOC staff to ensure that the design, operation and restoration meet Park Board requirements.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Park Naming Process

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 22, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A to D.

Staff advised the Board that this new park naming process would be consistently applied with community involvement. The Committee will consist of five volunteer citizens: three members of the Committee will be represented by Environmental/Naturalist, Commemorative/Historical, and Youth and two ac hoc members will be represented by local community groups closest to the new park and/or other neighbourhood groups. The Committee will prepare a report with a list of possible park names and their recommendation to the Director of Planning and Operations and the Director of Planning and Operations will present the Committee's recommendation to the Park Board for their consideration and approval.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that the park on Osler Street should be named to reflect the community.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. That the Board approve a new process for naming parks as outlined in this report;
- B. That the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the new Park Naming Committee (see Appendix 1);
- C. That staff be requested to identify a short list of candidates for the Park Naming Committee and report back to the Board for the appointment of members;
- D. That the first project of the Park Naming Committee be the naming of the recently completed park site at 72nd Avenue and Osler Street.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. **THAT the Board approve a new process for naming parks as outlined in this report.**
- B. **THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the new Park Naming Committee (see Appendix 1).**
- C. **THAT staff be requested to identify a short list of candidates for the Park Naming Committee and report back to the Board for the appointment of members.**
- D. **THAT the first project of the Park Naming Committee be the naming of the recently completed park site at 72nd Avenue and Osler Street.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Restoration Updates

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 1, 2007 recommending that the Board receive this report for information and endorse the sale of low value Stanley Park timber, the provision of timber to Park Board projects and the provision of timber to Olympic related facilities.

Staff provided an update on the restoration of Stanley Park and all the work that has been done since the Restoration Plan was approved. Forestry work in the hardest hit area around Prospect Point has moved along quickly despite earlier delays from bad weather and wildlife concerns. The remedial plantings can start in this zone soon after the last brush removal is complete; hand scaling on the escarpment is being undertaken now that mechanized work on the crests is complete; debris removal from the seawall is underway; and the work in the Lost Lagoon area has commenced. A statement of project expenditures to the end of August was provided to the Board and staff requested the support of the Board for the disposition of Stanley Park timber to Park Board projects and Olympic related facilities (including Hillcrest, Trout Lake and Southeast False Creek buildings).

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley.
- Joe Cvetkovich

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

- concerned about the presentation of the report;
- was unable to comment as he has not read the report.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT the Board receive this report for information;
- B. THAT the Board endorse the sale of low value Stanley Park timber, the provision of timber to Park Board projects and the provision of timber to Olympic related facilities.

Board members discussed the report and stated that the staff did a remarkable job with the progress of the restoration of Stanley Park. They were impressed with the Stanley Park Fire Preparedness Plan that was developed to handle emergency situations and the ongoing involvement of experts in various areas. One member of the Board was initially concerned about the environmental sensitivity; however, staff have taken measures to deal with different species living in the park. One member of the Board encourages regular communication with all the donors.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. **THAT the Board receive this report for information.**
- B. **THAT the Board endorse the sale of low value Stanley Park timber, the provision of timber to Park Board projects and the provision of timber to Olympic related facilities.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair