

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Ian Robertson</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>- Korina Houghton</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Heather Holden</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
		<b>- Martin Zlotnik</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Director of Special Projects</b>	<b>- Jim Lowden</b>
	<b>Manager of Facility Development</b>	<b>- Rudy Roelofsen</b>
	<b>Manager of Fundraising &amp; Development</b>	<b>- Josie Riebe</b>
	<b>Manager of Planning and Research</b>	<b>- Mark Vulliamy</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 17, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair advised the Board of the sudden passing of Bob Wilson, Supervisor of Sanitation and extended the Board's condolences to Bob's family and friends.

The Chair referred to the labour negotiations settlement with the union and welcomed staff back to work.

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Houghton took part in the H2V event to raise funds and awareness for juvenile diabetes.

**City Council Report**

There were two items on Council's agenda which involves Park Board; the 2008 Operating Budget and the Trout Lake Ice Rink.

The General Manager provided an update on the resumption of services and the various special events at community centres, VanDusen Gardens, Bloedel Conservatory, golf courses and the miniature train and farmyard as a welcome back incentive.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee – no update.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee – no update.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Trout Lake Ice Rink**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 6, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to G.

Staff reviewed the Trout Ice Rink project and advised the Board that due to cost escalation there is a project shortfall of \$2.86 million. A reallocation of funds from the Renfrew Change Rooms project and the Hillcrest Legacy Conversion Fund are proposed to address the shortfall. It was also proposed to defer the LEED Gold certification until the new Community Centre is built.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Chris Payne, President, Grandview Community Association
- Joe Patterson, Vice President, Renfrew Park Community Association
- Gayle Uthoff, Past President, Renfrew Park Community Association
- Joe Cvetkovich

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

- Grandview Community Association supports staff recommendations;
- Met with Renfrew Park Community Association, agreed on the basis that there is enough money in the next capital plan for the changerooms;
- The Grandview community is looking forward to the demolition of the old ice rink building;
- The Renfrew Park Association worked very hard for the changerooms, however, understand that Trout Lake Ice Rink needs the funding due to cost escalation;
- Need a guarantee that there will be enough money in the next capital plan for the changerooms at Renfrew Pool;
- Renfrew Association have assisted Thunderbird in their elevator project as they believe accessibility is important;
- Need accessible changerooms and family rooms at Renfrew Pool;

- Concerned about cost escalation, there needs to be a ceiling for these costs;
- Believe we should get the best value.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

- A. THAT the Board approve a revised project budget of \$15.94 million for the realization of this project.
- B. THAT the Board gratefully accept a donation of \$250,000 from the Grandview Community Centre Association.
- C. THAT the Board reallocate \$1.2 million from the Renfrew Pool Changeroom project to the Trout Lake Rink.
- D. THAT the Board include sufficient funding in the Parks allocation from the 2009-2011 Capital Plan to realize the Renfrew Pool Changeroom project.
- E. THAT the Board request Council to allocate up to \$1,660,000 towards this project from the VANOC contribution to the post Olympic conversion of the Hillcrest Centre.
- F. THAT the Board instruct staff to pursue funding from external sources to reduce the civic contributions to this project.
- G. THAT the rink be built to the LEED Silver standard and the entire Trout Lake complex (Rink and Community Centre) be developed to meet the LEED Gold standard..

Board members discussed the issue and a member of the Board requested that the motion be severed.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board approve a revised project budget of \$15.94 million for the realization of this project.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board gratefully accept a donation of \$250,000 from the Grandview Community Centre Association.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board reallocate \$1.2 million from the Renfrew Pool Change Room project to the Trout Lake Rink.

Board members expressed concerned that additional funds for the Renfrew Pool change room project is not a guarantee on the next capital plan and they did not want to take money from one project to fund another as this creates awkwardness in the community.

The motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson, Woodcock and Zlotnik contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board include sufficient funding in the Parks allocation from the 2009-2011 Capital Plan to realize the Renfrew Pool Changeroom project.

Board members discussed this motion and a member of the Board stated that this recommendation was no longer relevant with the defeat of the previous motion.

The motion was put forward and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners, De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson, Woodcock and Zlotnik contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board request Council to allocate up to \$1,660,000 towards this project from the VANOC contribution to the post Olympic conversion of the Hillcrest Centre.**

A member of the Board put forward an amendment to reflect the full value of the overrun of \$2,860,000 as they would rather take the shortfall from the Olympic Conversion cost.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

**THAT the figure of \$1,660,000 be deleted and replaced with \$2,860,000.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Herbert contrary)

**A vote was taken on the amended motion and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioner Herbert contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board instruct staff to pursue funding from external sources to reduce the civic contributions to this project.

Board members discussed the motion and felt that there should not be a dedicated effort on fundraising. A member of the Board suggested an amendment to include VANOC in the funding source.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the words “including VANOC ” be inserted after the word ‘sources’.

- DEFEATED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the rink be built to the LEED Silver standard and the entire Trout Lake complex (Rink and Community Centre) be developed to meet the LEED Gold standard.**

- Carried Unanimously.

### **Trillium Parksite – Temporary Location – Vancouver Police Department Dog Squad**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 24, 2007 recommending that the Board approve the temporary use of approximately two acres portion of the Trillium Parksite by the Vancouver Police Department for its Dog Squad for two years at no cost to the Board and subject to all details being to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver Police Department Dog Squad needs to vacate from its present location in South East False Creek. It is proposed that a temporary dog squad facility be located at the Trillium parksite not affected by the playfield preload. Sergeant Barry Cooke, provided the Board with the set up of the temporary facility which will have three trailers to be used for office storage and kennel purposes.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and stated that he supports the work of the Vancouver Police Dog Squad but would like to see the Trillium Park remain a park.

Board members discussed the request and felt that it was an efficient use of public land, they see it as a valuable partnership and the Board will receive the benefit of the utility connections when the dog squad move to their permanent location

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board approve the temporary use of an approximately two acres portion of the Trillium Parksites by the Vancouver Police Department for its Dog Squad for two years at no cost to the Board and subject to all details being to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Stanley Park Celebration – Donor Recognition Event**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 15, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the reasons for a Donor Recognition Event and set out an interim plan which will include a stewardship report, restoration site tour and tree planting ceremony. Plans for future recognition event include tree planting events and the unveiling of a donor recognition stone in 2008.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and stated that he supports the report and congratulated staff on their work.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

**THAT the Board receive the report on Donor Recognition Event for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**Whereas the Board of Metro Vancouver consists of 35 directors representing 21 municipalities, one electoral area (area A which is the University Endowment Lands) and one municipality, Abbotsford, that is a member of the Metro for the Parks function;**

**Whereas municipal Councils appoint their representatives, and in the City of Vancouver, the Mayor's Office appoints an elected Councillor to represent Vancouver at the Metro Vancouver Park Committee with vote on park issues;**

**Whereas the City of Vancouver has an elected Park Board which has no representation on the Metro Vancouver Park Committee and has no formal process whereby elected Park Board Commissioners receive information or send resolutions on regional park issues that impact Vancouver residents;**

**Be It Resolved that the Park Board initiate a process to seek appointment of a City of Vancouver Park Commissioner to represent the City of Vancouver on the Metro Vancouver Park Committee.**

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Joe Cvetkovich
- James Loewen

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegation.

- would like Board to consider the appointment;
- support motion, long time visitor and user of Pacific Spirit Park

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board stated that she agreed the Park Board should have knowledge of events which would affect parks in Vancouver and suggested an amendment to the motion to establish an ongoing liaison with the Council representative and a Park Board Commissioner.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the sentence “*that the Park Board initiate a process to seek appointment of a City of Vancouver Park Commissioner to represent the City of Vancouver on the Metro Park Committee*” be replaced with the following:  
“that the Park Board ensure an ongoing liaison is established between the Councillor representative on the Metro Park Committee and a Park Board Commissioner.”**

Board members discussed the amendment and a few members of the Board felt that it was necessary for the Park Board to have direct contact to work on major park issues.

**A vote was taken on the amendment and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

**The main motion as amended was put forward and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

### **In-Camera Meeting**

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

**THAT the Board later 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:**

- (e) **the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;**
- (c) **labour relations or other employee relations.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Ian Robertson  
Chair