

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Vice Chair	- Korina Houghton
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Holden was absent due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A member of the Board stated that his comments with regard to the motion being relevant as there was not enough funding for the Renfrew Pool change rooms should be recorded. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 15, 2007 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair acknowledged the festive Halloween decorations at the administration office and thanked the volunteer pumpkin carvers of all ages and backgrounds who had participated for the first time.

PRESENTATIONS

Gary Wyatt, Derek Norton and Nigel Reading from Spirit Wrestler Gallery made a generous donation to the Stanley Park Restoration Project, presenting a cheque for \$10,000 and gifting the first of a limited edition Pendleton blanket entitled "*Renewal - Honouring the Spirit of Stanley Park*". The Chair thanked the delegations for their generosity and especially conveyed the Board's appreciation to Susan Point, renowned Coast Salish artist for her special contribution to the restoration of Stanley Park.

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee – no update

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee – no update

DELEGATIONS

Barbara Grantham, Vancouver Foundation presented the highlights of their 2007 *Vancouver's Vital Signs* report, a multi-faceted snapshot of Metro Vancouver's wellness and livability. Ms. Grantham reviewed the process, research and various surveys conducted to measure the citizen's grading on the services available in Metro Vancouver. The Chair thanked Ms. Grantham for her presentation.

STAFF REPORTS

Work of the Dog Strategy Task Force – Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 18, 2007 recommending that the Board approve an extension of the timeline for the Dog Strategy Task Force to provide their report to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board approve an extension of the timeline for the Dog Strategy Task Force to provide their report to the Board.

Staff advised the Board that when the Dog Strategy Task Force was struck they were provided with a terms of reference. A number of tasks from the terms of reference have been completed, however, there are still issues which need work and reaching consensus has been difficult. The group has not met for a while and it has been difficult to convene a meeting so that a strategy can be put together. The work would not be complete until some time in the new year.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Joe Cvetkovich
- Bobbie Merlees

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

- since this is an extension will wait for the final report to provide comments;
- would like the task force to address the health and safety aspect;
- dogs and people should not be sharing space due to contaminants in the water.

Board members discussed the issue and appreciated the work done by the task force, they were however concerned with volunteer burn out and their difficulty to reach a consensus. Board members stated that it was important to move forward on this issue and enforcement might be one of the solutions. A member of the Board stated that she would like to amend the motion to conclude the work of the Dog Strategy Task Force.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

**THAT the Board delete ‘*approve an extension of the timeline for the Dog Strategy Task Force to provide their report to the Board*’ and replace it with the following:
“concludes the work of the Dog Strategy Task Force with thanks and request staff to prepare a summary report as soon as possible on the findings to-date”.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Cottage Hospice Lease Renewal – Burrardview Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 17, 2007 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that St. James Community Service Society has a lease with the Park Board for the building on Burrardview Park and operates it as a cottage hospice at no cost to the Board. The building also has a meeting room on the lower floor which is booked through the Hastings Community Association for use by the community. The lease provides the Society with a 10 year initial lease and a further 10 year renewal option. The Society has opted to exercise the second 10 year term. Following the second 10 year renewal there is no provision for any further extensions.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and stated that he agrees with the extension of the lease.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that the society have worked well with the community and it was befitting for someone to spend their last days in a park.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

The motion put forward by Commissioner Holden was referred to the meeting on December 10 as Commissioner Holden was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board enquired about the status of water lot number 22 at Coal Harbour and what the current plans were. The General Manager requested the Board to forward the information to staff to prepare a response.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

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:

- (a) **personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Chair