

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**

PRESENT:	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Heather Holden
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Special Projects	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Stanley District	- Peter Kuran
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair as the Chair was away on a medical issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 10, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed Peter Kuran, the new Director of Stanley District. The Chair advised the Board that on December 15th, the anniversary of the windstorm which devastated Stanley Park, major donors to the Stanley Park Restoration Fund were recognized at a tree planting ceremony. The Chair attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Nanook Day Care Centre at China Creek Park. The Chair advised the Board that a note of appreciation was received from the Japanese Canadian War Memorial Committee for keeping the site well maintained and a letter thanking the Park Board for the progress report on the Stanley Park Restoration Plan.

City Council Report

Council will be naming the recipient of the Cultural Harmony Award at its meeting on Tuesday and a tree planting ceremony at the Cultural Harmony Grove will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008. Councillor Capri's motion regarding Animal Services is on Council's agenda and the Chair, Commissioner Houghton, is registered to speak to Council on this issue.

STAFF REPORTS

Janitorial Services Contract

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 10, 2007.

Staff provided clarification on the Board's concern with the 40% increase on the contract cost. The contract was previously at a fixed rate for three years without an inflation adjustment. Costs have increased considerably in today's labour market, higher than the rate of inflation. The terms of the contract are fixed for the first two years and the third year increase is based on inflation.

Betty McGee, CUPE Local 15, appeared before the Board and stated that the Board should consider providing the janitorial service in-house with CUPE 15 members. They are concerned with the security of the buildings and staff who are working at the sites serviced by the contractors.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT Park Board join with the City in awarding a contract for Janitorial Services to Executive Building Maintenance for a period of three years beginning December 17, 2007.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Woodcock contrary)

Brockton Pavilion Society Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 17, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Brockton Pavilion Society is a long-time lessee and they keep the clubhouse well maintained both inside and outside the building.

Gary Greer, President, Brockton Pavilion Society and Jeff Ryan, BC Lower Mainland Cricket League appeared before the Board and stated that they work hard to keep the building well maintained. They would also like to discuss the expanded use of the fields at Brockton.

Board members shared an interest in hearing about the group's plans and asked staff to schedule the delegation to address the Board at the Committee meeting regarding the expanded use of the fields around Brockton.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

- A. THAT the Brockton Pavilion Society be granted a five year lease from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012 on similar conditions as their previous agreement and any changes which may be required by the Director of Legal Services and the Board.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered to all parties.**
- C. THAT once the form of the lease renewal has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Connaught Park Farmers' Market

Board member received copies of a staff report dated December 21, 2007 recommending that the Board approve a special even permit for Your Local Farmers' Market Society to operate a Farmers' Market on the Kitsilano Rink Parking lot at Connaught Park as outlined in the report.

Staff advised the Board that a full evaluation of the 2007 Farmers' Market was not done as the Kitsilano Community Centre, Fitness Centre and Rink facilities were closed for 12 weeks, July to October, 2007, during the labour disruption, as well, the field in Connaught Park adjacent to the parking lot was under construction, therefore, park visits and associated parking demands were not at normal levels. The society has requested to continue to operate a Farmers' Market in the Kitsilano Rink parking lot adjacent to Connaught Park. The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association has been

consulted and is supportive of the continuation of the Farmers' Market pilot project for the upcoming year.

Board members discussed the issue and were supportive to continue the pilot. This is a good project and promotes healthy eating.

Moved by Commissioner Holden,

THAT the Board approve a special event permit for Your Local Farmers' Market Society to operate a Farmers' Market on the Kitsilano Rink Parking lot at Connaught Park as outlined in the staff report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Statutory Right-of-Way at Hillcrest/Nat Bailey/Riley Parks

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 5, 2007 recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to approve and execute all Statutory Right-of-Ways at Hillcrest/Nat Bailey/Riley Parks.

Staff advised the Board that as the project at Hillcrest/Nat Bailey/Riley Parks progresses various utilities will need to be installed. The right-of-ways will be similar to the one granted to BC Hydro. As the specific right-of-ways will cover less land and are more specific, it is recommended that the General Manager be delegated the authority to grant and execute these right-of-ways.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to approve and execute all Statutory Right-of-Way in Hillcrest/Nat Bailey/Riley Parks.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested information on the cost of positive ticketing and the Civil City Initiative.

A member of the Board enquired how emails sent to "pbcomment" were handled. The General Manager advised the Board that emails received through "pbcomment" are processed as regular mail received in the office.

A member of the Board commended staff on the Operating Budget Dollars & Sense brochure as it contains good information and details.

Board members received a notice of motion from Commissioner Holden.

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.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Ian Robertson
Vice Chair