

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Korina Houghton</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>- Ian Robertson</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Spencer Herbert</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 Stanley District</b>	<b>- Peter Kuran</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Lori MacKay</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**Commissioner De Genova was absent from the meeting due to illness.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A member of the Board referred to page 6 of the minutes with regard to the Hollow Tree discussion and stated that he would like his comment that he hoped to defer the matter for further discussion. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 31, 2008 were adopted as amended.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 21, 2008 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that Board members attended various community events such as Sakura Day Cherry Blossom Festival, tree planting at MacLean Park, opening of the new Sunset Community Centre, Host City Happening in Strathcona Park and Earth Day celebrations at Hastings, Jericho and Everett Crowley Parks.

**City Council Report**

Council will be receiving reports on the Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants and 2009 – 2011 Capital Plan Financial Limits.

## **Committee Report**

The Committee discussed the Queen Elizabeth Park Tree Management Plan, Legends of the Moon expansion and the summer Canada Jobs 2008.

## **Presentations**

Board members viewed a video commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association.

Board members received the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association 2008 PERC Award for Innovation and Ingenuity for the Stanley Park Restoration Project: From Crisis to Opportunity.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **English Bay Bistro**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 10, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the attached design concept for the English Bay Bistro for public consultation.

Staff advised the Board that a new food plan was approved on May 1, 2006 which would see the creation of new tenant built and operated food services offering both table service and take-away facilities at prime locations in city park locations. The concession at English Bay was identified as one of locations for the new concept. A proposed design for the English Bay bistro would include an indoor and outdoor seating plan and a take-away kiosk. Staff propose to conduct a community consultation process over the next two months and will report back to the Board in June. Marc Ostry, Architects reviewed the proposed concept of the building with the Board and provided an artist's impression of the view from the end of Denman Street to demonstrate that the building will be on a low scale and mostly transparent.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Aaron Jasper, West End Residents Association
- Eleanor Hadley
- Joe Cvetkovich

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

- not against the bistro, but concerned with the process, if the public reject the proposal would the Park Board shelve the project?; consultation on the design process is too narrow, would like the Park Board to address accessibility and affordability in the public consultation; English Bay is

the West End's backyard would like a mechanism in the contract with the operator to address residents' concerns;

- the staff report does not address liquor sales, the bistro will not be paying taxes or development cost levies, the Board's mandate is to preserve parks and beaches;
- concerned about liquor sales on the beach, likes the old concession stands, seems the Board is always spending money.

The Board took a five minute recess at 8:06 p.m. so that the sharp beeping sound could be attended to.

The Board re-convened at 8:08 p.m.

Board members discussed the report and stated that the design was well thought out and an improvement on food services. It is more productive to have a public consultation with a design so that the public have something to base their opinion on. It is encouraging to see that there will be a take-out kiosk attached to the bistro.

Moved by Commissioner Holden

**THAT the Board approve the attached design concept for the English Bay Bistro for public consultation.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **2008 Park Board Operating Budget**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 2008 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that Council at its meeting on April 15, 2008 approved the 2008 Operating Budget. The report is brought to the Board for information.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jose Cvetkovich
- Paul Faoro, President, CUPE Local 15

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

- just received the report, unable to comment;
- unclear what the Board is doing as the budget was voted down at the February 25 Board meeting, received communication from staff that after

Council approves the budget, staff will come back to the Board for direction, someone from the Park Board should have been at Council on April 15 lobbying for more funds.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnink,

**THAT the Board reconsider the decision regarding the 2008 Operating Budget made on February 25, 2008.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

**THAT the Board approve the proposed 2008 Park Board Global Budget of \$59,339,100, including the \$58,598,500 Basic Budget, \$444,600 for Added Basic costs and the \$296,000 for New and Non-Recurring cost.**

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board stated that the Board needs a budget so that staff can move forward. A member of the Board stated that the cost for Civil City and EcoDensity programs for 2008 were unknown, and as the Park Board did not receive any additional funds for 2008 she will not support the motion.

**The motion was put forward and it was Carried.**  
(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

### **Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2008 Allocations and Changes to the Grant Options**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 2008 recommending that the Board endorse the recommendations in the attached Council Report.

Staff advised the Board that Council is being asked to approve the 2008 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants to the list of recipients recommended by the Review Panel members and to approve changes to the Community Sport Event Grant option by increasing the grant amount and provide funding for direct operating costs meeting the criteria outlined under the Major Sport Event Grant. It is hoped these changes will increase applications for these grants and more effectively provide the support to community sport events.

Board members discussed the report and stated that community sports groups should be more involved in the process.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

**THAT the Board endorse the recommendations in the attached Council Report.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Capital Budget for 2008**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 22, 2008 recommending that the Board approve the 2008 Capital Budget of \$22,245,767 as described in the report.

Staff advised the Board that the 2008 Capital Budget will be allocated to a variety of park and facility projects, including the completion of major renewals that have been initiated at Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, Killarney Ice Rink and Trout Lake Ice Rink. Also included are park, playground and playfields upgrades, community based projects and street tree planting.

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:

- money is spent on non park items, Vancouver tax payers are being gwauged , opposed to memorial in parks, protect Stanley Park
- the Board needs a lot of money to run Vancouver, would like to ask for more soccer fields to be included in the capital budget.

Board members discussed the report and commended staff on their work.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board approve the 2008 Capital Budget of \$22,245,767, as described in this report and outlined in Appendix A, from the following funding sources:**

- **Capital from borrowing authority for Parks and Recreation: \$7,395,000;**
- **Capital from borrowing authority for Community Legacies: \$500,000;**
- **City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL): \$5,350,000;**
- **Park payment-in-lieu from Bayshore development: \$200,000;**

- **External funding from senior governments, non-profit partners and donations: \$4,040,767; and**
- **Other City of Vancouver funding: \$4,760,000.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Park Board Capital Plan Close Outs**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 17, 2008 recommending that the Board approve and request that Council close out and make the transfer between Park Board capital projects as outlined in the report.

Staff advised the Board that Park Board staff periodically review completed capital projects and identify sources of funds that can be transferred to balance any deficits or surpluses. Council's approval is required to close projects that have a variance over \$50,000 and 15% of the budget.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

**THAT the Board approve and request that Council close out and make the transfer between Park Board capital projects as outline in this report.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **China Creek Park South Upgrade**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 3, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the challenge to redevelop the park was to achieve a balance between the resident's needs and users of the existing skateboard bowl. Several public meetings were held to gather input on the design. The design of the park addresses the needs of the residents and the skateboarders with a new playground and paved plaza, with an area for a community garden and modifying the skate bowl.

Joe Cvetkovich appeared before the Board and stated that he supported the plan for the China Creek Park South Upgrade.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract in the amount of \$427,300.00 plus GST, for the upgrade of China Creek Park South as detailed in this report;**

- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;**
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Consultant Award – 2008 Ghost Train and Bright Nights Event in Stanley Park**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 16, 2008 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Mortal Coil Performance Society has been the Artistic Director for the Ghost Train and Bright Nights in Stanley Park. They have the resources, vision and ability to work to enhance the artistic experience for visitors to Stanley Park. The proposed fees and disbursements are reasonable for the scope and nature of the project.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that he would encourage staff to investigate other groups with ideas for events in the park. He hopes to see a breakeven and may be a slight profit. A member of the Board stated that he would like the fees to be reviewed as it seem to be at the lower end.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board award the consultant's contract for Artistic Director of the 2008 Stanley Park Hallowe'en Ghost Train and Bright Nights in Stanley Park to Mortal Coil Performance Society for a total fee of \$22,000 plus GST and disbursements of a maximum of \$132,000 plus GST, as set out in this report.**

- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **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 (1) 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;**
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;**
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;**
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **In-Camera Session**

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

**THAT the Board move out of the in-camera session.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Appointment of Park Naming Committee**

The Chair advised that Elizabeth Walker has been appointed to the Park Naming Committee.



**Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**

A member of the Board requested an update on the Health and Safety report on artificial turf field. The General Manager advised that staff will provide a memorandum.

A member of the Board requested that the Board be provided with an update on the Sustainable Purchasing Policy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Korina Houghton  
Chair