

January 22, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the proposed *Vancouver Charter* amendment generally in accordance with Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that the report has been revised to include clarification on the questions raised by the Board at its previous meeting on Monday, January 19, 2009.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Jamie Lee Hamilton
- Lenore Herb
- Eleanor Hadley
- Ivan Doumenic
- Isabel Minty
- Claudia Ferris
- Megan Carvell Davis

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

- concerned that the Charter amendment will give authority to the General Manager to relax signage and advertising in parks;
- Council should not be telling the Board what it can or cannot do in the park system;
- section 13 of the minutes from Council's committee refer to Council authorizing the General Manager, this is undermining the power of the Board;
- not clear what the Board is working on;
- do not support any amendments to the *Vancouver Charter*;
- do not want commercialism in the parks especially Stanley Park;
- the Charter amendment is an attempt to put more signs in the parks;
- understood at last meeting, staff was to rework the report to ensure there will be no major signs in the park;
- why revisit the issue when the staff report is still the same;
- Park Board already has power, with amendment there will be no control;
- this report has to be rewritten for clarification and change of wording to be understood by the public;
- the Board should have an answer for the public, this is not satisfactory where errors have not been corrected over the two week period;
- the amendment is not for a temporary situation, it is suggested to be used as a template for future special events;
- recognize the excitement for Olympics, but do not amend the Charter for a short-term celebration;
- Park Board has exclusive control over permanent and temporary parks;
- appreciated the revised report with explanations and tightening of amendments;
- if the authority is with the Park Board, it gives citizens an opportunity to provide input.

The General Manager advised the Board that there was an error in the Council report, section 13 as referred by the delegations. Staff have been advised by Legal Services that the reference to Council will be changed to Park Board as was intended. Council will consider this correction prior to approving the minutes of committee.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that some signage is needed in the park system and for charitable organizations who hold fundraising events in the park. The Charter amendment will provide the Board with the powers to enforce the sign by-law.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

THAT the Board approve the proposed *Vancouver Charter* amendment generally in accordance with Appendix A.

- Carried Unanimously.

Public Art in Seaforth Peace Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 21, 2009 recommending that the Board accept the donation of a bronze bust of peace activist Kinuko Laskey by artist Keith Shields to be installed in the southwest corner of Seaforth Peace Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised the Board that a proposal was received from representatives of the Vancouver sculptor Keith Shields to install a bronze bust of Kinuko Laskey on the paved areas in the south west corner of Seaforth Peace Park. Kinuko Laskey was a Hiroshima survivor who moved to Vancouver and began lifelong work as a peace and disarmament educator and activist. Text proposed for the plaque will in accordance with Park Board standards. The Vancouver and District Labour Council are sponsoring the donation. A donation equivalent to 10% of the value of the work will be deposited by the sponsor into the Public Art Maintenance Reserve.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Bill Saunders
- Satoko Narimatsu

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

- the Vancouver and District Labour Council has a long history with the peace movement;
- Kinuko Laskey had to pay for her own medical treatments after the bomb blast and she worked hard to establish rights of survivors with the Japanese government, she took up the cause of nuclear disarmament and became a peace activist;
- this is an appropriate person to honour in a peace park and hope the Board will approve;

- following the war the Japanese instituted article 9 in their constitution which denounces any war;
- important to honour Kinuko so that people can remember the lesson learned from the war;
- it is significant that Kinuko is honoured in Vancouver, as the Mayor of Vancouver is part of the Mayor's Peace group initiating a nuclear free world.

Board members extended condolences to Keith Shields' family on his passing. Board members discussed the report and stated that it was an honour for the Vancouver Park Board to install a bust to honour Kinuko Laskey in one of our parks. It is also hoped that her story will be a source of guidance for people to avoid war.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board accept the donation of a bronze bust of peace activist Kinuko Laskey by artist Keith Shields to be installed in the southwest corner of Seaforth Peace Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

2009 Advance Approval for Capital Expenditure

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 19, 2009 recommending that the Board request City Council to approve capital spending of \$6,130,000 for current projects, as described in the report in advance of final approval of the 2009 Capital Budget.

Staff advised the Board that the proposed 2009 Capital Budget is currently being prepared for Board and Council consideration, in the meantime there are some projects which need to be initiated before the Capital Budget approval. The projects which require advance approval are ones that are time-sensitive or need to be addressed urgently.

Board members discussed the report and supported the need to start work on upgrades and improvements to facilities.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board request City Council to approve capital spending of \$6,130,000 for current projects, as described in this Report, in advance of final approval of the 2009 Capital Budget.

- Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Statutory Right-of-Way in Emery Barnes Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 22, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way to place two electrical service vaults in Emery Barnes Park as shown in Appendices A and B to BC Hydro.

Staff advised the Board that in order to facilitate the construction of the second phase of Emery Barnes Park the City has approved the closure and consolidation of the lane between Richards Street and Seymour Street. The existing overhead utilities in the lane will be placed underground. To pre-cast concrete vaults are required by BC Hydro as part of the under-grounding works. BC Hydro has requested a statutory right-of-way for the two vaults in the park.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board approve the granting of a statutory right-of-way to place two electrical service vaults in Emery Barnes Park as shown in Appendices A and B to BC Hydro.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

Whereas the Board may appoint a Committee of members by resolution and specify the business to be dealt with by the Committee according to the Board of Parks and Recreation Procedure By-law 14.1; and

Whereas the topics on the agenda of the Vancouver Park Board frequently require detailed presentations, study of staff reports and discussions with members of the public; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vancouver Park Board establish two Committees as follows:

**Services and Budgets Committee
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock, Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes, Vice Chair
Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Commissioner Ian Robertson**

**Planning and Environment Committee
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Chair
Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Ian Robertson**

And, Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Services and Budgets Committee and Planning and Environment Committee hold one regular meeting per month, except in the month of August.

- Carried Unanimously.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

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:

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;**

- (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 Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair