

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 04, 2009**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Raj Hundal
	Vice Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Aaron Jasper
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Stanley District	- Peter Kuran
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Barnes was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amendments to Page 2 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 6, 2009 were suggested as follows:

In paragraph one, add the word ***“further”*** after the word ‘no’ in the first sentence and replace ‘for the’ in the last sentence with ***“instead of the”***.

In paragraph three, delete ‘why the plans for the BMX and skateboard facility were discontinued’ and replace with ***“where were the plans for the perimeter walkway and the wetlands”***.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 6, 2009 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair reported on the annual Earth Day event at Everett Crowley Park.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Environment Committee: the Committee will be meeting on May 14, 2009.

Services and Budgets Committee: the Committee discussed the childcare motion approved by the Board at its meeting on April 6, 2009; Active Communities; Sport Strategy Update and Operating Budget March Statement.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that a report on the Allocation of Funding for My Own Back Yard (MOBY) Community Association Playground will be on Council's agenda on Tuesday and the City Services and Budgets Committee will be receiving a report on Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society Recreation / Gymnasium Operating Funding 2009.

The General Manager advised the Board that Egan Davis, a gardener who tends the Southern Hemisphere garden at VanDusen Botanical Garden received the annual "Top in Trades" award in the Environmental Sustainability category from the *Province* newspaper. Egan is a certified horticulturalist and represents the Board of Directors of Horts Trade BC at the British Columbia Recreation Association.

STAFF REPORT

Capital Budget for 2009

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 24, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A.

Staff advised the Board that the Park Board's Capital Budget for 2009 totals \$66,635,600 for both park and facility projects. Major projects include the completion of renewals at Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, Killarney Ice Rink and Trout Lake Ice Rink, the post-Olympic conversion of the Curling Venue, the renewal of Trout Lake Community Centre and buildings at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Ongoing programs such as park, playground and playfields upgrades, community-based projects, and street tree planting will also be funded.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and complimented the gardeners for their work along Denman Street and Beach Avenue. Ms. Hadley wanted to know the amount raised for the Stanley Park Restoration Fund and who the non-profit partners were.

Staff advised the Board that the Stanley Park Restoration Fund raised \$10 million but was not part of the Capital Budget and the Board's partners were the Community Associations and other stakeholders.

Board members discussed the report and stated that it was good to have external funding partners in particular the Community Associations as they would like to see more enhanced infrastructures.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve the 2009 Capital Budget of \$66,635,600, as described in this report and outlined in Appendix A, from the following funding sources:**
- **Capital from borrowing authority for Parks and Recreation: \$54,605,000;**
 - **Capital from revenue for Parks and Recreation: \$2,735,000;**
 - **City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL): \$1,925,000;**
 - **Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) from Bayshore Gardens: \$300,000;**
 - **Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) from 1100 West Georgia Street and 1221 West Georgia Street: \$450,000 (previously approved by Council on May 13, 2008);**
 - **Curling Venue Post-Olympic Conversion Fund; \$6,000,000; and**
 - **External funding from senior governments, non-profit partners and donations: \$620,000.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Park Board Capital Plan Close Out

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 2, 1009 recommending that the Board approve and request that Council close out and make the transfer between Park Board Capital Projects as outlined in this report.

Staff advised the Board that staff periodically review completed Capital Projects and identify sources of funds that can be transferred to balance any deficits or surpluses. This process ensures ongoing compliance to financial policies and identifies funds that can be transferred to other projects to balance deficits and surpluses. Council's approval is required for projects being closed that have variances over \$50,000 and 15% of the budget.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that funds from Stanley Park should be used to improve the security in the park and not used for projects in other parks.

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

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

THAT the Board approve and request that Council close out and make the transfer between Park Board Capital Projects as outlined in this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

David Lam Park – Pilot Drill Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 22, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the BC Transmission Corporation is proposing to install a new substation and a new underground electrical transmission line to increase security of electricity supply and transmission capacity to the South False Creek area. The power line is proposed to cross False Creek between David Lam and Charleson Parks by way of an underground connection. The BC Transmission Corporation has undertaken a broad consultation program and offered to contribute a significant amount to a nearby park project. It was suggested that these funds will go towards the Roundhouse Turntable Plaza project. The BC Transmission Corporation provided extensive background information on the project to the Planning and Environment Committee on April 9, 2009 and after hearing delegations, the Committee forwarded the matter to the Board for a decision.

Board members discussed the report and thanked the BC Transmission Corporation for conducting the public consultation process. The project will benefit the public and the Park Board.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

- A. THAT the Board approve BC Transmission Corporation's pilot horizontal directional drilling (HDD) program as outlined in this report, subject to all details and necessary contractual arrangements being to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- B. THAT subject to the pilot program being successful, the Board agrees in principle to the continuation of an electrical line underneath David Lam Park on the basis of HDD, with long-term legal arrangements to be considered by the Board in 2010.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Statutory-Right-of-Way (SRW) in Jericho Park Adjacent to Jericho Hostel

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 23, 2009 recommending that the Board consent to granting a statutory right-of-way (SRW) to place on pad-mount transformer electrical service adjacent to the Jericho Hostel to BC Hydro and to the City of Vancouver over the same area subject to all details being to the satisfaction of the General Manager in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

Staff advised the Board that the Jericho Hostel Heating project provides an electrical upgrade to heat the building for winter use as a hostel. Staff have reviewed the electrical specifications and provided input including a requirement to bring underground service to the building instead of a pole-mounted transformer and overhead wire. An SRW for the location of the pad-mount transformer is required.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board consent to granting a statutory right-of-way (SRW) to place one pad-mount transformer electrical service adjacent to the Jericho Hostel as shown in Appendices A and B, to BC Hydro and to the City of Vancouver in priority over the same area, subject to all details being to the satisfaction of the General Manager in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

The Vice Chair took over the chairing of the meeting so that the Chair could put forward a motion.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

Whereas none of the City's 12 Seniors' Centres are located in the Victoria/Fraserview and Killarney neighbourhoods bounded by the Fraser River on the south, Knight Street on the west, 41st Avenue on the north, Boundary Road on the east;

Whereas seniors living in Southeast Vancouver represent 15.5% of the area's population;

Whereas in 2007 Council recognized the need for a seniors' centre in Southeast Vancouver by agreeing to provide exploratory work relating to potential funding sources, governance models and site/building selection with the goal of developing a new seniors' centre in Southeast Vancouver;

Whereas a non-profit society has been formed, called the "Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Art and Cultural Centre Society";

Therefore be it resolved that staff investigate siting options to add approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of program space to the existing Killarney complex in order to accommodate the proposed seniors' centre.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding the motion:

- Lorna Gibbs, President, Seniors Association
- Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Society

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

- need a seniors' centre in Southeast Vancouver;
- Killarney is an ideal location because of its proximity to transportation and the centre offers many programs for seniors;
- the seniors' centre could be used for other programming when not used for seniors' programming;
- candidates for the upcoming Provincial election are supportive of the project and wanted to know if Park Board was on-side;
- would like the seniors' centre to be modeled after the one at Kerrisdale.

Board members discussed the motion and understood the need for a seniors' centre in this neighbourhood. Killarney would be a good location as it is close to a high school and has an elementary school nearby. A member of the Board stated that although this motion would allow the group to go forward to solicit support and funds for the seniors' centre, it is a major project and should be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee for further discussions.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

The Vice Chair handed over the chairing of the meeting back to the Chair at this point.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested a status update on the water main construction at Sunset Beach. Staff will review the project and provide a response to the Board.

A member of the Board extended his thanks to the gardeners for the wonderful work on the gardens.

In-Camera Meeting

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:

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the City on condition of anonymity;**
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair