

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

PRESENT:	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
	Former Director of Special Projects	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Shala Hay

Commissioner Raj Hundal, Chair, was absent.
Commissioner Constance Barnes, was absent on leave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 01, 2009 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Vice Chair reported on a number of community events: the opening of Oak Meadows Park; the installation of a sports mosaic at Kitsilano Community Centre; the unveiling of a legacy mural at Britannia Community Centre.

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Blyth, on behalf of the Mayor, declared the week of June 15th to 22nd as Skateboard Week in Vancouver and Sunday June 21st as Go Skateboard Day. The Board, on behalf of the Vancouver Skateboard Coalition, conveyed special thanks to the Park Board staff and particularly Mark Vulliamy, for their contributions in support of skateboarding in the City.

COMMITTEE REPORT

At the last Planning and Environment Committee Meeting the Committee discussed: a possible location for the Seniors Centre at Killarney Community Centre; the details of the partnership agreement between the Park Board and the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association.

The Services and Budgets Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. The following would be discussed at the next meeting: Operating Budget May 2009; Special Events Fees/Charges; Kits Fest; Steve Nash Soccer Charity Event.

City Council Report

The General Manager informed the Board that Commissioner Jasper represented the Board at the Council Meeting on June 11th, to bring forward a Motion that was passed at the last Board Meeting on the 2009 Capital Budget, requesting that Council support the 2009 Capital Budget of \$66,635,600 as originally approved by the Board; however they were not successful in gaining Council's approval for the Motion.

The General Manager informed the Board of the following items on the agenda for the June 16th Council Meeting: Progress of 311 Implementation; Automated Public Toilet Installation; Recreation Infrastructure Canada funding applications; Canada Day fireworks; East Fraserlands Rezoning.

STAFF REPORTS

Stanley Park Restoration – Final Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 04, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the project is nearing completion and that its success was due to the collaboration of the community, volunteers, the government and other contributors. A number of goals and objectives were recommended in the Stanley Park Forest Management Plan (2009) along with recommendations for the allocation of the remaining reserve fund. Staff informed the Board that since the restoration there has been a few windstorms, though not of the magnitude of the 2006 storm, and the forest was able to withstand these with little damage.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- John Mc Lean, UBC Forestry
- Eleanor Hadley
- Patricia Thompson, Executive Director, Stanley Park Ecology Society

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

- Appreciated the opportunity for UBC to work with the Park Board on this project, particularly in the trapping of invasive insects
- A new specie of rove beetle was discovered during this exercise, *Oxyoda stanleyi*
- Documentation on the insects that were found are filed with the Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES)
- The Stanley Park Management Plan does not address safety issues in the park and pollution from automobiles
- Views Stanley Park as worse off today than it was decades ago because of the abundance of roads, expansion of the aquarium and commercialisation
- Pollution and road construction needs to be regulated
- The plan should also include salvaging the Hollow Tree as an iconic monument
- Thanked the Park Board on behalf of SPES for the ground breaking work that was done to restore the park, as the park is now healthier than it was before
- Think the project has made Stanley Park Management and SPES stronger
- Support the Stanley Park Forest Management Plan (2009) that is being put forward for approval
- Commended Jim Lowden, former Director Special Projects, for his outstanding work

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

The Board discussed the report and stated that the entire restoration process was carried out in a transparent manner and the end result was very satisfactory. Board members thanked staff for their good work and dedication to the project and stated that many community partners also contributed to the project and they should also be recognised for their valuable role.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board approve the goals and objectives of the Stanley Park Forest Management Plan, attached as Appendix A.**
- B. THAT the Board allocate unspent funds in the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve to projects and programs identified in the Stanley Park Forest Management Plan.**
- C. THAT the Board thank all donors, volunteers, consultants, contractors and staff who participated in the restoration of Stanley Park.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The Vice Chair announced that at the May 4th 2009 In-Camera Meeting the Board agreed to honour the distinctive 25 years of service of Jim Lowden, former Director of

Special Projects, by naming the new deck at Prospect Point “Lowden’s Lookout”. The lookout represents his passion for Stanley Park, commitment to honouring its history and heritage, and commendable work in guiding the restoration project.

Tecumseh Park Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 04, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D, which relate to awarding the Tecumseh Park upgrades contract to C.A.P. Ventures Ltd.

Staff advised the Board that the upgrades are geared towards making the park more attractive and useful. The contract is based on the concept plan that was approved by the previous Board. Five bids were received and C.A.P. Ventures Ltd’s bid was the lowest, at \$475,400 plus GST. This contractor has satisfactorily completed a number of projects for the Park Board in the past.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- George Grant, Co-Chair, Victoria-Fraserview/Killarney CityPlan Implementation Committee
- Joe Ferrara, Resident

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

- Excited to see the project finally moving forward to completion
- Thanked the Board for increasing the funding for the project
- Concerned about the negative impact on nearby residents as usage of the park increases, particularly noise levels at night and the consumption of drugs and other substances
- Would like to know whether measures would be put in place to ensure that increased garbage in the area is controlled and the upkeep is maintained

The Board thanked the delegation for their comments. A Board member inquired whether measures would be taken to manage the need for increased upkeep as usage increased. Staff stated that as usage increased so would the maintenance of the park as necessary. Staff also stated that any issues that arose for residents as a result of increased usage should be reported to the Board to be addressed. It was also mentioned that from past experience increased usage has served to curb undesirable activities in the parks.

Board members discussed the report and stated that they see the upgrades as well needed in the park and this would increase the level of use by the community.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. in the amount of**

\$475,400.00, plus GST, for the construction of Tecumseh Park Upgrade 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.

Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Funding Applications

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 02, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the following two applications to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program for a total of \$2,000,000 in supplementary funding: (i) the neighbourhood park renewal program; (ii) synthetic turf playfields installation.

Staff advised the Board that both projects have allocations in the current Capital Plan and were endorsed by the Planning and Environment Committee in the list of five projects submitted for approval, the other three projects would be submitted under the larger Infrastructure Program, which is not yet receiving applications.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Margery Duda, Mount Pleasant Pool Committee
- Anita Romaniuk, Mount Pleasant Pool Committee
- Gayle Uthoff, Renfrew Park Community Association

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

- Would like Mount Pleasant Pool to be added to the list of projects submitted for funding under the RInC program
- The Park Board is requesting only 0.4% of the total RInC program fund available, that is \$2 million out of \$500 million
- Think the Board should at least try to obtain 1% of the available funds based on the size of the City

- The Community Centre Association Board also supports them in this request
- Public consultation is scheduled to occur October/November
- If a decision is made in December/January construction can potentially begin in early 2010 for completion in 2011
- Up to \$1 million could be requested under this fund and the remaining funding could be sought
- Requested that the Board utilise money from the Development Cost Levy (DCL) fund for the project, which is something that has been done before
- 800 people signed the petition yesterday alone, the project therefore has the support of the community and in the past projects with community support tend to be more successful in obtaining federal government funding
- There was insufficient communication between the Board and community partners and they were not aware of when the funds were becoming available
- Would like to see more consultation with community associations in the future as they can also apply for funding and would like to be prepared
- The changing rooms at Renfrew Community Centre are now being constructed and the original plan was to work on the pool replacement, then move on to the fitness centre
- Request that if there is contingency money left over it be put towards the community
- Expansion of the fitness centre would cost between \$500,000 to \$700,000

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report and acknowledged the concerns raised by the delegations. A member of the Board stated that a new pool at Mount Pleasant currently does not meet the criteria of the RInC program and the consultation scheduled for the fall should provide insights on the possibilities for the project. A member of the Board noted that this is not the final step as the applications still need to be approved and the money is not guaranteed.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

THAT the Board approve application to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program for supplemental funding totalling \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 each) to the following 2009 – 2011 Capital Plan funded projects:

- i. incremental enhancements to the 2009-2011 Capital neighbourhood park renewal program, and**
- ii. additional sport and exercise amenity related to one synthetic turf playfield installation.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Renfrew Pool Change Room Renovations – Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 05, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that four tenders were received for the project and recommended that Parkwood Construction Ltd be awarded the contract. Although this contractor has not worked with the Park Board before, they have undertaken a number of projects with the City and UBC in recent years. The pool will be closed for a portion of the construction. The construction is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Anita Romaniuk, Mount Pleasant Pool Committee
- Gayle Uthoff, Renfrew Park Community Association

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

- Congratulated Renfrew community and the Park Board on moving ahead with the project, as it has been on the table for some years
- Think the change rooms would be fantastic and thanked staff for their hard work and efforts to keep the pool open for as long as possible during construction

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report and thanked the community for their patience as the project has been in the pipeline for sometime. Members of the Board stated that they would like to see the project completed soon.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C, D and E, the Board enter into a contract with Parkwood Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$ 1,554,419.00 plus GST, for Renfrew Pool Change Room Renovations 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.

E. THAT the award is subject to City Council approving the Board's 2009 Capital Budget

- Carried Unanimously.

2009 Stanley Park Shuttle Service

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 12, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that, at the request of the Board, options were explored for funding the operation of the Stanley Park Shuttle. The option put forward by Vancouver Trolley Company (VTC) has the least cost impact to the Board and will allow the shuttle to be operational with a minimum fee to patrons. The \$48,000 contribution required from the Board may be reduced if more commitment from advertisers is attained. The shuttle would run from July 1st to September 7th, during the hours of 10am to 6.30pm, at a fare of \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Staff proposed a one year extension to the contract with VTC for 2009, so that the success of this 'fare paying' pilot program could be evaluated.

Board members discussed the report and thanked Mr. Storey of VTC for coming back to the Board with this option. A Board member stated that this service supports sustainability and encourages the public to leave their cars at home.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A. THAT the Board approve a one year extension of the Agreement with Vancouver Trolley Company, with agreed to altered terms, for provision of the Stanley Park Shuttle service for the 2009 season, based on a fare paying service**
- B. THAT the Board approve a contribution of up to \$48,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund towards the costs of the 2009 Shuttle service**
- C. 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 by all parties**
- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and 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.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board requested an update on the concerns that were raised regarding loud and unruly behaviour at English Bay last week. Staff advised the Board that a response to these concerns was sent and that the main concerns were related to the heightened activity on the beach, which was mainly due to the good weather and time of year with graduations and other activities occurring.

A member of the Board inquired into the progress of the Leaside Development. Staff stated that there were no further updates since the last update provided. They are still in the process of having an agreement developed with the Engineering Department. Once that has been settled there would be consultation with the regular users.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Loretta Woodcock
Vice Chair