

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, JULY 06, 2009**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Raj Hundal
	Vice Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Aaron Jasper
		- Stuart Mackinnon
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Stanley District	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Vancouver East District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Thomas Soulliere
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

**Commissioner Robertson was absent due to illness.
Commissioner Barnes was on leave of absence.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 15, 2009 were adopted as adopted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on West Point Grey's Fiesta Days, 2009 Volunteer Recognition Celebration, Punjabi Market Banners Launch and Canada Day events at Community Centres.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Shaun Kerry enquired whether there was a plan for redeveloping the site around the Sunset Community Centre. He would like the community to be involved in the development of this plan.

Robana Murata advised the Board that there was a severe aphid problem with boulevard trees along East 46th Avenue and St. George Street. The lady bugs released by the integrated pest management team does not work and sidewalks are covered with the sticky droppings caused by the aphids. She asked the Board to replace the trees or control the infestation with pesticides. The General Manager advised the Board that the trees are healthy and it is the policy of the Board to not cut down healthy trees. Staff will do their best to alleviate the problem by spraying with soap and other pest management measures, but our policy is not to use pesticides.

Paul Sharma stated that the trees in front of his boulevard was overgrown with branches overhanging his windows. His property is on 492 East 45th Avenue and his cars are always covered with the aphids droppings and he is also unable to use his deck. He would like the Park Board to remove the trees and plant new ones.

The Chair asked the members in the audience who had similar problems related to aphids to provide their names and contacts to staff who will follow up.

Angela Crampton advised the Board that they would like to have a community garden at Sunset Park. A proposal have been submitted to the Sunset Community Association Board and Park Board staff.

Staff advised the Board that once a proposal is received a public consultation will be conducted to measure the response for such an amenity.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Centre, advised the Board that their Association received a letter from the General Manager suspending negotiations on the Joint Operating Agreement due to the City's Core Services Review project. Mr. Jacobson stated that the Associations as partners should be involved in the Core Services Review project.

The Chair requested the General Manager to investigate the possibility for the Associations to be involved with the core services review.

Kathleen Bigsby, Vice Chair, Association Presidents Group stated that she understands that the core services review is an internal audit, however, it appears that only one partner was calling the shots.

The General Manager advised the Board that the Joint Operating Agreement negotiations have been on going for four years and staff are presently focused on the services review which is a priority for budget preparation.

Ms.Mitchell, a PAC member from Henderson school advised the Board that the children from the school use Sunset Park and she would like to see a playground in the park.

Pattie Robin questioned the Board about the plans for Sunset Park. She enquired whether the park plan would be a part of the Capital Plan, and she did not want the planning process for Sunset Park delayed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Environment Committee : The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

Services and Budgets Committee: At the meeting held on June 16, 2009 the Services and Budgets Committee discussed the Special Events Fees and Charges, 2009 Operating Budget May Update, Kits Fest Beer Garden and the Steve Nash Soccer Charity Event Beer Garden.

City Council Agenda

The General Manager advised the Board that Park Board related items on Council and Committee agenda were the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games Security Plan and Award of RFP for Residential Tower at Mount Pleasant Civic Centre.

STAFF REPORTS

Mount Pleasant Family Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 2009 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Mount Pleasant Family Centre has been providing quality service to the community for over 29 years and the centre has fulfilled its mandate under the existing lease, their programs continue to support children and families in the Mount Pleasant community.

Jean McKinnon, Mount Pleasant Family Centre, appeared before the Board and requested that the Board support a five plus five year option lease term.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A. THAT the Board renew the Lease with the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society for the Robson Park Clubhouse for a term of five years from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2013.**
- B. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager is authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

A member of the Board suggested that the recommendation include the additional five year option.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

**THAT the following be added to the recommendation A after March 31, 2013:
“plus a five year option renewal.”**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was Carried Unanimously.

Capital Budget for 2009 – Update

Board member received copies of a staff report dated June 24, 2009 recommending that the Board approve a revised 2009 Capital Budget of \$31,310,600 as described in the report and outlined in Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that in accordance with Council’s adjustment to the fiscal envelope for the 2009 Capital Budget of \$66,635,600 to \$30,410,000 for the Park Board’s Capital Budget for 2009 plus \$280,000 to cover debenture costs and \$620,600 in external funding for a total of \$31,310,600, a revised Capital Budget is presented for the Board’s consideration. Staff will be requesting funding for the construction of the new Riley Park Community Centre and Ice Rink, the renewal of buildings at Van Dusen Botanical Garden and the reconstruction of Trout Lake Community Centre once detailed designs and cost estimates are generated for each project.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that he made a presentation to Council to approve the original amount of \$66,635,600 but was not successful. A member of the Board stated that it was disturbing to see this report come forward as it shows a lack of trust by Council. A member of the Board stated that she understands that Council wants to do its due diligence, however, she is concerned that the Board has to go back for a second approval.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A. THAT the Board approve a revised 2009 Capital Budget of \$31,310,600, as described in this report and outlined in Appendix A, from the following funding sources:**
- **Capital from borrowing authority for Parks and Recreation: \$25,280,000;**
 - **Capital from revenue from 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 and 1221 West Georgia: \$450,000 (previously approved by Council on May 13, 2008); and**
 - **External funding from senior governments, non-profit partners and donations: \$620,600.**

- Carried.

(Commissioners Mackinnon and Woodcock contrary)

Special Event and Filming Permit Fees and Charges Adjustments

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 25, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the Fees and Charges adjustments for Special Event and Filming Permits, as detailed in Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that a comparative analysis of permit fees and procedures with other North American cities was conducted through the summer of 2008. As a result of this study, a new method of calculating permit fees is recommended which will assist organizers and staff to a more rapid identification of an appropriate permit fee. The new fees and user categories for special events will bring Park Board fees in line with those of other municipalities, assist with the recovery of operational costs, and an efficient allocation process. The most significant changes relate to larger scale events which are currently charged a fee considered low in relation to the permit fees applied in other jurisdictions. Charity and Community event permits are priced lower than those for Private/Commercial event permits.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that the Services and Budgets committee have reviewed the information in detail.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the Fees and Charges adjustments for Special Event and Filming Permits, as detailed in Appendix A,

- Carried Unanimously.

Neighbourhood Matching Fund

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 25, 2009 recommending that the Board receive for information this report on the Neighbourhood Matching Fund projects funded in 2008.

Staff advised the Board that the Neighbourhood Matching Fund's objective is to facilitate community development in neighbourhoods and community stewardship of park land and other public spaces. To receive support from the Neighbourhood Matching Fund, community groups must "match" their funding request with an equal amount of community resources, including volunteer time, in-kind donations and other funds raised from non-city sources. The Neighbourhood Matching Fund have been funded through the Capital Plan and staff at the Arts and Culture Office act as resources to community groups seeking information before and during project development and facilitate community interactions with other park and facility staff as the projects are realized. The Neighbourhood Matching Fund have supported such projects as unique park benches, carving projects, greening projects, street banners and murals.

Board members discussed the report and stated that they were happy to see the many unique projects.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Park Board receive for information this report on the Neighbourhood Matching Fund projects funded in 2008.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Occasion License Request – Kits Fest “Sports Daze”

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 24, 2009 recommending that the Board grant permission for a 250 capacity Private Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 Kits Fest “Sports Daze” on August 15 and August 16 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Staff advised the Board that KitsFest “Sports Daze” is a weekend community event highlighting sport and healthy living. The organizers are requesting permission to have a private VIP beer garden and bistro in the northeast grass area of Kisilano Park. As Kitsilano Beach is a popular destination during the summer months, organizers have taken into consideration the existing programming. Staff will monitor sound levels and work with organizers to minimize negative impacts within the area. Organizers will also be required to distribute notification letters to neighbouring residents prior to the event.

Board members discussed the request and stated that the event was a good community builder and staff does a good job in monitoring these events. A member of the Board stated that there should be a balance regarding the consumption of alcohol on the beach where large groups are allowed to consume alcohol on the beach whilst an individual is not permitted. A member of the Board stated that it is hoped the economy will turn around so that groups will not need a beer garden to raise funds.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board grant permission for s 250 capacity Private Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 KitsFest “Sports Daze” on August 15 and August 16 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Occasion License Request – Steve Nash “Showdown in Downtown”

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 24, 2009 recommending that the Board grant permission for a 250 capacity Public Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 Steve Nash “Showdown in Downtown” event on September 19 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Staff advised the Board that the Steve Nash Foundation aims to foster health in kids by funding projects that provided services to children affected by poverty, illness, abuse, or neglect, and create opportunity for education, play and empowerment. The Steve Nash “Showdown in Downtown” event is an eight-a-side soccer match, featuring Steve Nash and a variety of high profile NBA sports personalities and international and local soccer players. The organizers are requesting permission to have a public beer garden in the plaza area above the False Creek Pump Station at David Lam Park. All net proceeds from the sale of alcohol will help offset the operational costs of the event.

Board members discussed the report and were excited to host a major event to help kids to live healthy productive lives. A member of the Board questioned the validity of serving alcohol at a children’s event. A member of the Board stated that he would attend and check out the event for future years.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board grant permission for 250 capacity Public Special Occasion License in conjunction with the 2009 Steve Nash “Showdown in Downtown” event on September 19, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 25, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the return of three sculptures as part of the Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale's next temporary exhibition, as outlined in Appendix A.

Staff advised the Board that an agreement with the Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale to install temporary sculptures in public parks ends in 2015. The Park Board also approved a recommendation that allows sculptures temporarily installed as part of the Biennale to remain on park land beyond the original 18 month period, and that sculptures removed after one exhibition may return as part of a subsequent exhibition. The next temporary exhibition period begins in July 2009. Among the sculpture pieces being considered for this installation are three works that have already been part of a previous exhibition. The three sculptures are the Engagement Rings by Dennis Oppenheim to be located at Sunset Beach Park (foot of Broughton and Nicola) , 217.5 Arcs x13 by Bernar Venet to be located at Sunset Beach and the King and Queen by Sorel Etrog to be located at Harbour Green Park.

Board members discussed the report and supports the exhibition of sculptures in the parks as it adds to the beauty of the parks and helps us to question our values.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

THAT the Park Board approve the return of three sculptures as part of the Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale's next temporary exhibition, as outlined in Appendix A.

- Carried Unanimously.

MOTION

The following motion was put forward by Commissioner Robertson,

Whereas the City of Vancouver's vision is to be the greenest and most sustainable city in the world, and

Whereas electric cars will rise to 35% of all cars produced in the world by 2025, of that 10% will be pure electric cars, and

Whereas many plug-in electric vehicles' range is 50 km and require only a 220-volt dryer or stove-type electrical outlet,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board direct staff to inventory the electrical infrastructure servicing Park Board parking lots and nearby areas to identify potential capacity available and outlets suitable for electric vehicle charging and identify the costs related to installing and operating outlets for electrical vehicle charging on a test basis.

The Chair advised the Board that as Commissioner Robertson was not present at the meeting due to illness, he would refer the motion to the next meeting of the Board on July 20, 2009. Board members agreed to the referral.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board referred to the well kept parks and gardens and complimented the staff for their hard work in the heat.

A member of the Board thanked the Sunset Community Association Board for hosting the Board meeting and the community for bringing forward their issues to the attention of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair