

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Aaron Jasper</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>- Sarah Blyth</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Constance Barnes</b>
		<b>- Raj Hundal</b>
		<b>- Stuart Mackinnon</b>
		<b>- Ian Robertson</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Malcolm Bromley</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Peter Kuran</b>
	<b>Acting Director of Planning and Operations</b>	<b>- Danica Djurkovic</b>
	<b>Acting Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Meg Elliott</b>
	<b>Acting Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Terry Walton</b>
	<b>Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Diane Murphy</b>
	<b>Manager of Planning and Research</b>	<b>- Tilo Driessen</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Shala Hay</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Board member requested that a correction be made to the minutes. The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 04, 2010 were adopted as amended.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the last few weeks: official opening of the Aquatic Centre at Hillcrest Park; "Score 11" hockey game at the West End Rink -annual fundraiser for Dr. Peter Centre HIV/AIDS care programs; and Stanley Park Ecology Society's Annual General Meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

The last Planning & Environment Committee meeting convened on Oct 07, 2010. On the agenda was: AAA New Site Options; Komagata Maru Update; and Celebration of Light - 2011 Event Proposal. The next meeting will convene on Nov 04, 2010.

The next Services & Budgets Committee meeting will convene on Oct 19, 2010. On the agenda are: Budget 2011 Update; and Third Quarter Statement.

## City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that, at its next regular meeting, Council will receive: a Canadian Little League Champions Proclamation; and the 2011 Operating Budget: Preliminary Estimates report.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Vanier Park - Bard on the Beach - Expansion of Tent Capacity

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 08, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the two existing tents used for performances by Bard on the Beach are unable to accommodate the number of patrons they receive each year. Public feedback received from consultation conducted by Bard and by the Park Board found 85% and 90% (respectively) of respondents in favour of the expansion. The main concerns identified relate to traffic congestion and parking difficulties. Bard has hired a traffic consultant to conduct a traffic study, which would look into issues surrounding traffic and parking in the area to come up with possible solutions.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Robert Barr, Bard on the Beach
- Tom Berger, Residents of Kits Point
- Debbie Matheson
- Richard Loomer, Chor Leoni Men's Choir

The following comments were put forward by the foregoing delegations:

- Bard has engaged a traffic and engineering consultant to conduct a traffic study
- The proposed traffic plan will be presented to the Board
- This study would gather input from Vanier Park Partners
- Spreading the proposed expansion over two years gives Bard sufficient time to plan their operations and staffing and also to address the traffic issues identified
- Currently Bard had its own bike lockups on their side of the fence line
- Thinks Bard is an adored feature of the City
- Residents of Kits understand the need to share their location with the rest of the City, this is part of the life at Kits Point
- Patrons to Bard on the Beach are well behaved
- The only issue seems to be with traffic and parking
- Most of the parking is designated to residents
- A response rate of 85% in favour is quite impressive
- As a parent, can attest to the merits of Young Shakespearians which is a form of community outreach and education
- The program gives confidence and creativity to children without the fear of auditions
- As a teacher Bard also acts as a learning tool for students

- The expanded capacity would make it possible for more students to attend the matinees, as classes are now turned away due to lack of space
- Have 29 testimonials from students in support of Bard
- Chor Leoni Men's Choir started two years after Bard and has been using Bard's facilities for their performances
- This expansion would also mean the choir could accommodate a larger audience
- Part of Bard's success comes from working with the community and its long term success relies on this cooperation
- Every step has been taken to be considerate and preserve this relationship

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report. A Board member inquired into the possibility of modifying the nearby boat ramp so that in off-season it could be used for parking. Staff advised that this should be possible, the ramp might be able to accommodate approximately 20 cars. Board members expressed their support for the expansion; however concerns were raised about parking and traffic issues. A Board member commented that they would have preferred if the traffic study was completed before the recommendation came to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT the Board approve the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival's proposed expansion of tent capacity to accommodate an audience increase of up to 390 additional visitors in the two main tents combined as detailed in this report.**
- B. 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.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Harbourview Daycare Expansion Project**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 27, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the renovation would increase the daycare's accommodation capacity from 25 to 32 children. The project would be funded by the Province at no cost to the Park Board.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Nancy Mc Ritchie, Executive Director, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House
- Paula Grossman, Architect, PA Grossman

The following comments were put forward by the foregoing delegations:

- Harbourview Daycare has been operating in Burrard Park since 1975
- The daycare has been providing quality care for 25 children and there are currently families on a waiting list
- There is a commitment from the Province to support a new building
- Came before the Board in 2004 and again in 2006 to gain approval for the renovation; however due to escalating costs the project never materialized
- A professional engineering company was commissioned to inspect the building and it was found to be in very good condition with the integrity of the structure in tact
- Flyers were posted on the renovation and the open houses held were well attended
- Continues to receive support from the neighbourhood for the new daycare

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report. Several Board members commended members of Kiwassa Neighbourhood House for their perseverance over the years as they continued to find a means of expanding the facility.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

- A. THAT the Board approve the concept plan, described in this staff report and illustrated in Appendix 1, for renovations to the existing one storey child care centre on Burrard View Park. All work will be at no cost to the Park Board, and is subject to the project proponents securing funding to complete the project, and**
- B. 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.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments**

The Chair advised that the three following advisory committees have requested the appointment of Board members as liaisons: Joint Council for Childcare; Bicycle Advisory Committee; and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

**THAT Commissioner Barnes be appointed as the Park Board liaison to the Joint Council on Childcare.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT Commissioner Blyth be appointed as Park Board liaison to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

**THAT Commissioner Barnes be appointed as Park Board liaison to the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**

A Board member mentioned that there was a recent public gathering at Sunset Beach, which arose out of public concern about the risk posed by oil tankers. The Board member inquired whether there is a plan in place to deal with an oil spill at Burrard Inlet or English Bay. Staff advised the Board that there are multiple aspects to this issue. The General Manager will discuss the matter with the rest of the City Corporate Management Team to incorporate all of the various aspects that maybe involved, such as Fire and Safety, and report back to the Board on this.

A Board member inquired when the forthcoming staff report on public washrooms in parks will be brought before the Board. Staff will follow up on this and get back to the Board.

### **In-camera Session**

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

**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;**

**- Carried Unanimously**

The Board exited the in-camera session and gave authorization for the General Manager to report on the outcome of the in-camera discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 45pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Aaron Jasper  
Chair