

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2010**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice Chair	- Sarah Blyth
	Commissioners	- Constance Barnes
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Acting Director of Corporate Services	- Meg Elliott
	Acting Director of Vancouver East District	- Terry Walton
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager Recreation Services, Stanley District	- Thomas Soulliere
	Manager of Park Development	- Tiina Mack
	Environmental Planner	- Alan Duncan
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Shala Hay

Commissioner Woodcock was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 18, 2010 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past weeks: funding announcement for completion of the Trans Canada Trail; Day against Hate Crimes, marked by a candle light vigil at City Hall; opening celebration for The Birds in Renfrew Project; and news conference on Stanley Park seawall reconstruction project.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Planning & Environment Committee meeting will convene on November 04, 2010. On the agenda will be: New Brighton Park Salt Water Marsh Proposal.

The last Services & Budgets Committee meeting convened on October 19, 2010, on the agenda were: Budget 2011 Update; Third Quarter Statement; and Vancouver Field Sports Federation.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board of two reports that will be going to Council at the next regular meeting: Selection of Operator for Hastings Park Child Care Centre; and Vancouver Police Department – Beach Patrol Program Vehicle Requirements.

The General Manager acknowledged that this is Peter Kuran's first Board meeting as Deputy General Manager and introduced Gordon Barber the new Manager of Revenue Services & Marinas. He also mentioned that Council will be recognizing Canada's Homeless World Cup Soccer Team and acknowledged the important role played by Commissioner Blyth in the teams development and participation in the Games.

STAFF REPORTS

Mount Pleasant Park Upgrade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 20, 2010 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed Mount Pleasant Park upgrade as described in the report.

Staff provided an overview of the public consultation conducted, the feedback received and the proposed park amenities. If the plan is approved by the Board, the next steps would be development of the detailed design and tendering, with construction scheduled to conclude by next fall.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Anita Romaniuk, Mount Pleasant Pool Committee
- Margery Duda, Mount Pleasant Pool Committee

The following comments were put forward by the foregoing delegations:

- It is good to see this project coming forward to the Board after so many years
- Mount Pleasant Park Pool Committee supports this plan
- The community is happy about the new elements that are being brought forward
- Urges the Board to include the pool construction in the new capital plan
- The pool design, as presented in the report, appears smaller than the previous one

- In the previous pool there were also five lanes, in addition to a general swimming area to the north which is not in the proposed design
- Happy about the low depth entry in the new design but would like to see the size of the pool increased rather than decreased in comparison to the previous one
- Knows the Board is working on an aquatic assessment plan but lack sufficient information to comment at this time
- Urges the Board to work with the community to gain their support for the capital plan that will be going to council
- Thinks the focus group session conducted by the Park Board was well coordinated and although the turnout by the community could have been larger they were well represented by those who were present

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report. A few Board members expressed concern about the size of the new pool design. Staff informed the Board that they have been assured by the consultants that the new pool is designed to be larger than the previous one.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed Mount Pleasant Park upgrade as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix A.

- Carried Unanimously.

Special Event Permit – Celebration of Light 2011

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2010 recommending that the Board approve the key elements of the Celebration of Light fireworks event.

Staff advised the Board that due to increasing operating costs and challenges with obtaining sponsorship, the Fireworks Society has been seeking creative ways to address financing issues and enhance the overall experience. The proposed key elements for the 2011 Celebration of Light fireworks event include the introduction of reserved seating accommodation and a hospitality area at Vanier Park. Preliminary dialogues with stakeholders show strong interest and support for the new elements. There will also be a post-event debriefing to assess the feedback received.

Board members discussed the report. A Board member inquired into the estimated cost of the seats. Paul Runnels from brandLIVE, on behalf of the Fireworks Society, advised the Board that the tickets may cost between \$40 to \$70 per person, this is based on a comparison with similar venues that offer a viewing experience for the fireworks (with all other hospitality charges deducted for comparative purposes).

A Board member inquired into the issues relating to garbage and waste after the event. Paul advised the Board that there is a zero waste infrastructure in place and part of the reason the event will now be three nights instead of four is to dedicate more resources towards waste management. More strategies would be introduced at next year's event to increase the usage of zero waste stations.

Several Board members acknowledged the economic challenges the society has been facing to put on the event each year and the need to find creative means of funding.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

THAT the Board approve the key elements of the Celebration of Light fireworks event as outlined in Appendix A, with all final arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Extension of Lease with The Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Citizens' Service for Buildings and Facilities at the Jericho Hill Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 20, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the existing lease has expired and recommended a 5 year renewal of the agreement for the cafeteria building and gymnasium at Jericho Hill.

Board members discussed the report. A Board member inquired into the reassignment of the playing field license agreement to West Point Grey Academy and questioned whether the field would still be available to the public and whether the fees would be increased. Staff advised the Board that currently the field is mainly used by two groups, West Point Grey Academy during the day and West Point Grey Soccer Association during the evening. Staff is unaware of whether the fees would be increased and would have to discuss this with the Academy. The Board member requested that, if there is an intent to raise the fees beyond the existing Park Board range, the proposal be brought to the Board for consideration.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board approve and authorize the General Manager to enter into a 5 year extension of the existing leases to August 31, 2015 for the Jericho Hill Centre Cafeteria Building and gymnasium with the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Citizens' Services under the terms and conditions described in this report.**

- B. THAT the General Manager be authorized to sign the appropriate lease documents on behalf of the Board.**
- C. THAT the Board approve and authorize the General Manager to enter into a 5 year extension of the existing subleases to August 31, 2015 for the Jericho Hill Centre Cafeteria Building with the existing tenants represented by five non-profit Societies under the terms and conditions described in this report.**
- D. THAT once the sublease agreements have been approved by the General Manager and the 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.

Financial Statements to September 30, 2010

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2010 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff advised the Board that this report was reviewed by the Services and Budgets Committee, however the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve and Donations Reserve summaries were not included at that time. The overall performance to date is in line with last year's performance. Unfavorable weather conditions over the past months have had a negative impact on some revenue generating programs; however, if the current trend continues the Board is on track to meeting the 2010 target.

Board members discussed the report.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member mentioned that he has been receiving positive feedback from the public on the number of "No Smoking" signs that were installed and thanked staff for doing so.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair