

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Ian Robertson
		- Sarah Blyth
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Corporate Services	- Meg Elliott
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 16, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several events that occurred over the past few weeks including YouthPolitik and the planting of a fruit orchard in Memorial West Park. Upcoming events include the third annual Stay Active and Eat Healthy Forum which will be held at the Langara Golf Course Clubhouse on Tuesday May 31st, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Services and Budgets Committee convened on May 24th, 2011. On the agenda were the April Financial Statement, Golf Professional Services Contract and the 2010 Internal Audit review results. The next meeting will be held on June 21st, 2011.

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on June 2, 2011. On the agenda are a Pool Study update and the 2012 Vancouver Marathon Route proposal.

City Council Report

The General Manager provided the Board with a high level overview on the new Capital Plan planning process and also discussed recent accomplishments and next steps.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrative Report – Position Changes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 19, 2011 recommending that the approve the conversion of 3 CUPE 15 regular full time positions, the creation of 1 CUPE 15 regular full time position, and the creation of 5 CUPE 15 regular part time positions with the financial impacts and sources of funds as noted in the body of the report. All positions being created are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

The Global Budget Arrangement with the City allows the Board to establish or delete positions at its discretion if funds are available. Staff advised that the position changes that have been recommended are necessary to support ongoing work.

A Board member inquired whether CUPE 15 objected to any of the positions that were recommended for creation or conversion. Staff replied that CUPE 15 was sent a copy of the report in advance and that all the positions were confirmed with the Union before they were brought to the Board.

A Board member asked whether there is funding for auxiliary maintenance coverage in the Park Board budget. Staff replied that there is funding for auxiliary maintenance at each Community Centre because regular full-time staff are entitled to vacation time and funding for that coverage required.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member expressed support for the recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

Staff report dated May 19, 2011 recommending that the Board approve the conversion of 3 CUPE 15 regular full time positions, the creation of 1 CUPE 15 regular full time position, and the creation of 5 CUPE 15 regular part time positions with the financial impacts and sources of funds as noted in the body of the report. All positions being created are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

- Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member inquired about information that was conveyed to the Shaughnessy/Arbutus Ridge/Kerrisdale Community Association by a staff representative regarding Shannon Mews. The Board member advised that the staff representative communicated that the Board requested that a park be put on the Shannon Mews site and that as the development did meet the Park Board mandate of 2.75 acres per 1000 people the developer would provide the Park Board with money to build a public park nearby. The Board member advised that if this park will be built then there should be a discussion with the Board regarding what it will look like as well as if money will be exchanging hands. The Board member also asked for clarification on whether this park would be private or public. Staff replied that it is still an active re-zoning application and therefore the details are not complete. Staff added that they would include this as a briefing item to the next Commissioner Strategic Planning session on June 6th to provide the Board with more information. A Board member asked when this item would be going to Council. Staff replied that they did not know when this item would go to Council.

A Board member advised that a Dragon Zone Regatta was held at Creekside Park over the weekend and many paddlers wanted to thank the Board and staff for the great new facility. The Board member also advised that there is an invitation out to Board members and staff to attend the Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Board Festival Regatta on June 11th and 12th.

A Board member was informed that there was a cherry tree planted in front of the Fraser Community Garden, formerly known as the Mount Pleasant Community Garden, and that there were concerns that the tree would shade the garden and inquired whether this tree could be moved to an alternate location. Staff asked for the location of the tree and replied that they would investigate.

A Board member advised that a new wellness centre opened in Vancouver called Youth Co. which offers physical, mental, healthcare, massage therapy, community support and advocacy services once a month. This is an accessible location for those with mobility issues.

The General Manager advised that the Park Board had put open data online and that the following day an application had been developed which showed all of the Park Board parks by size and location. The hope is to develop an application that will enable sports field users to click on a park and to check to see if it is open.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair