

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011 - REVISED**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Acting Director of Corporate Services	- Meg Elliott
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Gordon Barber
	Manager of Park Development	- Tiina Mack
	Arts and Culture Coordinator	- jil weaving
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

The Board unanimously consented to holding an in-camera meeting at the beginning of the regular Board meeting pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council/Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 27, 2011 and the minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 4, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

In-camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

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:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council/Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

- Carried Unanimously

The Regular Board meeting resumed at 7:40pm.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few weeks including the official opening of the Stanley Park Seawall, a Klahowya Village event, the KidSport Swimathon, Summer Live and a Cottonwood Community Garden Family Day.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Planning and Environment Committee meeting convened on July 7th, 2011. On the agenda were dogs off-leash and leaf blowers. The next meeting will convene on September 8th, 2011.

The next Services and Budgets Committee will convene on July 19th, 2011. The agenda has not been finalized.

City Council Report

The Deputy General Manager advised the Board that at the next City Council meeting the Greenest City 2020 Action plan and the plans for the East Fraserlands Neighborhood Park North would be presented. The Deputy General Manager also provided the Board with an update on the Park Board's strategic plan which has seen the involvement of employees, stakeholders and the public.

STAFF REPORTS

Construction Contract Award – Jericho Marginal Wharf Demolition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 1, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that two open houses were held regarding the future of Jericho Park and there has been strong public direction to remove the contaminated wharf and to restore the area to a natural beach.

Staff conducted pre-qualifications for this project to attract contractors with sound business practices.

A Board member inquired whether staff could outline the impact this project would have on water sports. Staff replied that a perimeter would be blocked off in the water and that this was necessary for public safety.

A Board member asked what the plan would be for the disposal of the wharf. Staff replied that the railings would be recycled but that the wharf, being contaminated, would be disposed.

A Board member inquired what experience the recommended contractor had in this type of project. Staff replied that the recommended contractor has not worked for the Park Board before but they are known for their marine work.

A Board member asked if there was a new plan to take down the wall behind the bank as there was concern that the material in it was not safe. Staff replied that during the second open house it was decided that the wall would be taken down to restore the beach to its natural state. Staff added that tests were done to ensure that the material in the wall was clean.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Mike Cotter

The following is a summary of comments made by the foregoing delegation:

- Here to express support of the staff recommendation;
- Would like to see other options for phase II;
- Would like the Park Board to consider that that area is Vancouver's only area for kayaks;
- Have a recreational log of the area that can be shared with the Board.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member thanked staff for the report and advised that this was in keeping with the Greenest City 2020 objectives.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. in the amount of \$1,186,565.00, plus HST, for the Jericho Marginal Wharf demolition project;**
- 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 Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence;**
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and CPO concurrence, 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

2011 Financial Audit

Board member received copies of a staff report dated June 1, 2011 recommending that the Board receive this report and the attached Appendix for information.

Staff advised that monthly financial statements are presented to the Services and Budgets committee and quarterly financial statements are presented to the Board. The financial statements that are provided are un-audited and the General Manager requested an audit of these documents.

Staff advised that the report was favourable and, as with any report, there are recommendations. Staff introduced Tony Hui, Manager of the Internal Audit Division, and King Wan, Assistant Manager of the Internal Audit Division, from the City of Vancouver to answer any questions from the Board.

A Board member inquired why there was revenue from electrical at the arena. Staff advised that this was through cost recovery.

A Board member asked if this process had been useful to staff and how frequently it would be conducted. Staff replied that it is a solid business practice and that it will be completed each year.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley

The following is a summary of comments made by the foregoing delegation:

- The Park Board has lost its' way and is going in the wrong direction;
- The Park Board should stop looking after community centres and education for children and focus on parks;
- Would like to know what happened to the Anne Mather's donation that was meant for the farmyard;
- The Park Board does not have any business building a restaurant at English Bay;
- This revenue report should be sent to everyone in Vancouver.

A Board member inquired what the Anne Mather's donation was meant for and where that money had been allocated. Staff replied that the money was left for the Stanley Park zoo. Since the zoo was closed, Park Board staff worked with the family of Anne Mather's for an

alternate use and it was decided that the money would be applied to off-set the costs of re-locating the farmyard animals to their new homes.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member thanked the General Manager for requesting the audit and added that that it was a good business practice.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report and the attached Appendix for information.

- Carried Unanimously

Truffles Fine Food Café at VanDusen Botanical Gardens Visitors Centre -Award of Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 9, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised that the building in which this restaurant will operate is a living building that will be built to Leed Platinum status. Staff recommend Truffles Fine Foods to operate this restaurant as a result of their compatibility with the philosophy of the building. They will use organic products and minimize the use of electricity and water.

Staff introduced Nin Rai, President of Truffles Fine Foods, to answer questions from the Board.

A Board member inquired whether the Shaughnessy Restaurant would still be operated and how this new restaurant would compliment it. Staff replied that the café will be a different style of restaurant. Shaughnessy is a full service sit-down restaurant and while the café is self-serve.

A Board member asked if staff could advise what the price points on the food will be at this restaurant. The delegate replied that the prices would be in the \$4-\$10 range and food would include sandwiches, croissants, juices and coffee.

A Board member inquired whether this restaurant would be licensed. The delegate replied that it would be licensed through VanDusen.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member expressed support for the recommendation and advised that exciting times were ahead for VanDusen.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

- A. THAT the Board approve a 5-year Operating Agreement for Truffles Fine Foods to construct and operate a café in the designated foodservice area at the VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitors Centre and subject to the approval of the General Manager of the Park Board up to two additional 5-year extension terms.**
- B. THAT the fee structure will be at a rate of 10% of Gross Revenue.**
- C. THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board.**
- D. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**
- E. 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

Commissioner Robertson left the meeting at this time.

MOTION

Motion- Commissioner Woodcock

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

Whereas the Stanley Park Heritage Rock Garden began in 1911 from stones excavated during the construction of the Stanley Park Pavilion, and has been identified as one of the original garden features created after the designation of Stanley Park and is still surviving as a public garden, hence being of important heritage value;

Whereas two bronze plaques were discovered marking the planting of a tree by Sydney A.Pascall, president of Rotary International on his visit to Vancouver on June 15, 1932 and the second commemorating the centenary of Francis E.Willard by a tree planting on Sept.18, 1939, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Vancouver District, attended by the Mayor of Vancouver and the American Consul-General and other dignitaries;

Whereas the Rock Garden is a part of the Pavilion garden specifically identified as one of the designed garden landscapes in the Stanley Park

Commemorative Integrity Statement signed in May 2004 by Parks Canada, the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Park Board, and it was agreed that the heritage values were to be respected in all actions affecting these designated sites, and alterations be done in accordance with the agreement;

Whereas the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's Vancouver 125 project 'Places that Matter' selected the Stanley Park Rock Garden at the Pavilion as one of the approved sites marking people, places and events that have shaped Vancouver;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board approve in principle the Stanley Park Rock Garden at the Pavilion 'Statement of Significance' and the listing of the garden on the Vancouver Heritage Register, in order to facilitate the installation of a City of Vancouver 125th Anniversary plaque recognizing the garden as a site of historical significance;

Be it further resolved that staff review any legal incumbrances that may impede this designation and report back to the General Manager within 30 days so that plans can be finalized to include the Rock Garden in any upcoming celebrations of the City of Vancouver's 125th birthday.

A Board member advised that a letter was received from Chris Hay in 2008 regarding the Rock Garden in Stanley Park that was created by his grand-father. This Rock Garden has been recognized as part of Vancouver's 125th Anniversary heritage recognition project. This motion is to recognize its historical significance.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Chris Hay
- Jolene Cumming
- Gerry Knutsen

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

- Discovered the Stanley Park Rock Garden from a personal family story in 2000;
- It enabled all residents and visitors to view and appreciate the garden and was integral to the entire pavilion design;
- The approval of this motion will recognize the importance of this garden as the City's first public garden, it will demonstrate its role as an early Stanley park feature attraction with its complimentary role with the heritage Pavilion and its grounds and it will show historical events marked by the plaques placed in the garden.
- Support the motion;
- Recognize the importance of the Rock Garden and how many stories came out of it;
- Very excited when the plaque to Frances E. Willard in Stanley Park was discovered.

- It is clear from postcards and old pictures that it was a place for early Vancouverites to enjoy;
- It fell into obscurity through some neglect and some erosion;
- With the 125 celebrations we should be honouring the builder of the rock garden which has brought so much pleasure to Vancouverites.

The Board discussed the motion. The Board thanked Chris Hay for his hard work and tenaciousness in pursuing this.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member inquired whether it was feasible to make an application that would geo-map all of the plaques throughout Stanley Park for smart phones. Staff replied that it was a timely request as the Stanley Park map is currently being converted into an application. The Board member suggested that this project could be suitable for a student as part of a summer program. Staff responded that a summer work program could be considered.

A Board member inquired what the state of the signage was around the hollow tree in Stanley Park. Staff replied that the language has been agreed upon and that more information would be sent to Board members.

A Board member congratulated Commissioner Raj Hundal on his nomination to run in the provincial election in the Surrey-Tynehead riding.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair