

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager of Park Development	- Tiina Mack
	Manager of Recreation Services	- Thomas Soulliere
	- Stanley District	
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 11, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few weeks including the opening of Norquay Park, the construction of the Grandview Elementary School playground, the Vancouver Queer Film festival, the North American Outgames, the opening of the Trillium Artificial turf fields and Pride Week.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on September 8th, 2011.

The last Services and Budgets Committee convened on July 19th, 2011. On the agenda were the June statement and the Golf course liquor licensing. The next meeting will convene on September 27th, 2011.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that there are no Park Board items going to Council this week.

STAFF REPORTS

AAA Horse & Carriage in Stanley Park Ltd – Relocation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 19, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to F.

Staff advised that on March 14, 2011 the Board approved the relocation of AAA Horse & Carriage from its current location to the area adjacent to the ticket booth. The motion was subject to terms and conditions to be approved by the Board and a traffic study and preliminary design and costing was to be completed for a new ticket booth including expanded public washrooms. Through this process it became evident that a new building would not be feasible and the Board provided further direction for staff to look at relocating the horse and carriage outfit and leaving the ticket booth in its current form and in its current location.

The current recommendation will allow for safer public access and improved universal access. Staff added that the lost revenue from parking stalls will be accounted for.

A Board member advised that under the new configuration the ticket booth and the horse stalls would be in different locations and inquired whether in the future an alternative location for the ticket booth could be considered for safety purposes. Staff advised that it was not possible at this time, but would consider it in the future.

A Board member inquired how long it would take to move the horses. Staff replied that it could be done within a month but it will not commence until the busy season in the park is over.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Clea Parfitt
- Gerry O'Neil, AAA Horse & Carriage

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

- There are many benefits that will result from this recommendation including the horses departing on a level field, better visibility, safer viewing area for patrons and better traffic flow.
- Would like to see this process move forward quickly.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that AAA Horse & Carriage is a valued partner of the Park Board and hope the relationship continues for years to come.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

- A. THAT the License Agreement with AAA Horse & Carriage in Stanley Park Ltd be renewed for an additional 5 years, from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2018, on the same terms as the existing agreement except for changes noted in this report.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the relocation of the Staging area from its existing location to an area adjacent to the Information Booth.**
- C. THAT the license granted to AAA to occupy a portion of the Stanley Park Service Yard, be renewed for an additional 5 years from May 1, 2013, and run concurrently with its License to operate the horse drawn tour service, subject to AAA making capital improvements of a minimum of \$75,000 to be spent as set out in this report.**
- D. 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.**
- E. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**
- F. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses 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

Park Board Strategic Plan – Approval of Strategic Framework

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 20, 2011 recommending that the Board endorse the high level strategic framework as outlined in the attached Board Report.

Staff advised that the Strategic Plan process involved staff, stakeholders and the community and resulted in a new strategic framework consisting of a mission, vision, direction and goals. In the four month process, 450 people were spoken to, 300 surveys were completed and 900 comments were received regarding the plan.

The next phase of this process will begin in January 2012 and will focus on implementing the plan.

Staff introduced Lynn Hoover and Joanne O'Shea from SAIT Polytechnic to answer questions from the Board.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley

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

- The report does not advise the public of what the Park Board is going to do;
- The report is a pep talk to a losing team and does not illustrate the funding that will be required;
- Vancouver taxpayers do not want have their parks commercialized.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that it is an innovative plan and recognizes the importance of Park Board employees. A Board member thanked the representatives from SAIT polytechnic for their professionalism and for their thorough engagement processes and advised that the process was a rewarding experience.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board endorse the high level strategic framework as outlined in the attached Board Report.

- Carried Unanimously

Construction Contract Award – Connaught Park East Fields Renovation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 25, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that this is the second of three phases for renovating the fields at this park to improve drainage and irrigation which can increase the use of the fields by up to 50%. The third phase will commence with funds from the next Capital Plan.

A Board member inquired how information would be communicated to the residents in the area. Staff replied that information will be distributed to a two-block radius of the park, the strata and school would be notified and there will be regular web updates as on the project page.

A Board member asked if would be more cost effective and less disruptive to complete phase two and phase three at the same time. Staff replied that it would be more cost efficient to complete the two phases at one time however more funding would be required. A Board member asked staff to explore different options that could allow for the phases to be completed at the same time.

A Board member inquired how much revenue from field permits would be lost as a result of the August closure of the field. Staff replied that they did not have that information but would find out. Staff added that sports groups who normally use the field will be allocated elsewhere.

A Board member asked what the complications in Phase 1 were. Staff replied that the contractor had to redo portions as certain areas were not done to standard. A Board member asked that staff update the Board at a later time regarding Connaught Park Phase 1.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Drew Sagar, Meraloma Club

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

- There are 700 active players in the Merloma Club;
- Hoping that the development will be done in one phase;
- Thankful to staff for engaging the sports groups involved;
- Connaught Park is a heavily used park in Vancouver and is a tremendous resource for the community;
- The work to the field is vital and it does not make sense from a financial perspective to divide the work into two phases;

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that the Park Board has a great partnership with the Meraloma Club and that they take great ownership of Connaught Park.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Cedarcrest Lands (BC)Ltd., in the amount of \$759,905.00, plus HST, for the Connaught Park East Fields Renovation;**
- 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

East Fraserlands Neighbourhood Park North Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 25, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that the City has not collected any development cost levies from this neighbourhood and therefore the Park Board would not be able to complete this project for another year or two. In order to complete the park in concurrence with neighbourhood, ParkLane Homes will be delivering this project for the Park Board. The target completion date is spring 2012.

A Board member advised that the Vancouver Food Policy Council could be a good resource for the contractor for incorporating edible landscapes.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member advised that ParkLane Homes has been a great company to work with and is happy with this new partnership.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Wilco Landscape Westcoast Inc., in the amount of \$627,086.00, plus HST, for the East Fraser Lands Neighbourhood Park North Development Contract Award as detailed in this report;**
- B. THAT the contracts be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;**
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contracts by the General Manager of the Park Board with Bid Committee and CPO concurrence, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, 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

The Board adopted the following reports by Unanimous Consent:**Vancouver International Marathon Route Change Proposal****Contract Award - Supply of Financial Services****Foodservice Operation at Hillcrest Centre – Award of Contract****MOTION****Management and Reduction of Green Waste**

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

Whereas the Greenest City Action Team has identified one of the ten broad long term goals for 2020 as zero waste;

Whereas invasive species and other environmental management processes carried out by the Park Board result in green waste;

Whereas the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation confirms its mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as an essential element in a vital, creative and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all;

Whereas new ways of approaching invasive English Ivy green waste were created by artists collaborating with ecologists during the Stanley Park Environmental Art Project;

Therefore be it resolved that staff explore options for management and reduction of green waste, including the up-cycling of green waste through creative partnerships with artists and ecologists.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Haruko Okana
- Sharon Kallis
- Pierre Leichner, Community Arts Council of Vancouver
- Patricia Thomson, Stanley Park Ecology Society

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

- Apply a holistic approach to the public sensory experience and have taken environmental arts global;
- Cities such as Vancouver are the greatest contributor to solid waste but have failed to reduce it significantly;

- If we are to be the greenest city by 2020, different organisations need to work together;
- Vancouver is in a unique position to lead the country in innovative urban greening.
- My goal is to turn waste management into resource management;
- Important to keep artists involved in the process;
- Park board has green waste that I have been working with and that others can work with.
- Representative of the Board members of the Community Arts Council of Vancouver and the Board has made a commitment to environmental arts;
- Many other communities are ahead of Vancouver in recognizing the importance of environmental art;
- Land art renews accessibility to art to the public;
- Art and science have been separated and with this they will be collaborating.
- In 2009, enjoyed with close collaboration with the Park Board to create a cluster of forest artworks;
- Art opened the door for education and education is needed to change behaviour for environmental sustainability.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member thanked the delegations for speaking to the motion. A Board member advised that this was an incredible idea and a win-win motion. A Board member advised that the government should be challenged to give a carbon credit for this initiative.

The motion was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member asked staff to provide the Board with a bullet form update regarding the Earthquake response. Staff replied that they would provide that information.

A Board member advised that the Board did not have a formal presentation regarding the Greenest City 2020 initiatives and asked that the Board be more involved with the project.

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:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council/Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.

- Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair