

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

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 Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Acting Director of Vancouver East District	- Terry Walton
	Director of Recreation	- Thomas Soulliere
	Supervisor of Business Services	- Ken Maguire
	Manager of Business Development	- Octavio Silva
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 17, 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 the VanDusen Visitor Centre, Diwali Festival, the 100th anniversary of the Stanley Park Pavilion and Rock Garden, the restoration of the Hollow Tree, an information night regarding a rooftop garden at the West End Community Centre, the opening of Hillcrest Centre and the Cultural Harmony Awards.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will convene on December 1st, 2011.

The next Services and Budgets Committee meeting will convene on November 22nd, 2011.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that there were no Council updates.

STAFF REPORTS

The Board adopted the following reports by Unanimous Consent:

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC - Lease Renewal

Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Attraction

TELUS Cellular Installation – Nat Bailey Stadium

MOTION**Embedding Information Regarding Park Names in the Fabric of Parks**

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

Whereas the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has a practice of naming our parks after people who have made significant contributions to the citizens of Vancouver;

Whereas information regarding the nature of those contributions is not easily available to people enjoying our parks;

Whereas this information would be of interest to our park users, will add to social cohesion and cross-cultural understanding and contribute to the historical understanding of our parks;

Therefore be it resolved that staff explore opportunities of embedding information regarding park names into the fabric of our parks; potentially through such strategies as engraved boulders, signage, recycled materials etc.

A Board member advised that it is important to educate people on the history of our parks and give them the opportunity to learn about Vancouver parks.

A Board member asked whether this would mean that every park would have to be evaluated to see if an information piece was necessary. Staff advised that if the motion passed, staff would come back to the Board with a recommended policy to ensure that there is a streamlined process involved in which parks are selected.

The Board discussed the motion. A few Board members expressed support for the motion and were surprised that this idea had not come to the Board sooner.

The motion was put forward and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member asked whether it was possible to remove branches from the lower parts of trees in Sparwood Park so that there could be a line of visibility through the park to see the elementary school. Staff advised that they would see if that was possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair