

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Director of Recreation	- Thomas Soulliere
	Coordinator, Arts and Culture	- jil weaving
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 7, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several Remembrance Day ceremonies held throughout Vancouver.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that there were no Park Board related items on Council's agenda. The General Manager also advised that the Park Board's participation rate in the United Way campaign has doubled since 2010.

STAFF REPORTS

Stone Sculpture in Seaforth Peace Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 17, 2011 recommending that the Board accept the donation of a stone sculpture that includes an engraved fish soup recipe representing harmony amongst cultures to be installed alongside the pathway in Seaforth Peace Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised that fish soup is symbol of peace between Latin communities. The engraving was done by a member of the community and the image of a corn cob was done through a call for artists.

A Board member inquired on the status of the Irish monument. Staff replied that they had found a comfortable location in Thornton Park and that they were moving to the consultation phase and finalizing the design. Staff added that it would be coming to the Board in the New Year.

A Board member asked whether there were any costs related to installation and maintenance for this monument. Staff replied that there would only be costs if the pathway was extended. However, since the site location has changed that does not seem necessary.

A Board member advised that any carved stone wears away and asked whether this stone had a life expectancy and what would happen to the stone once this occurs. Staff replied that at this point there was not a replacement reserve but that in the past the City has had groups come forward to repair works.

A Board member asked if there was a budget to deal with defacement or graffiti. Staff replied that it would be included as a regular part of operations for maintenance.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Oparin Ortiz, Proyecto Cultural Sur Vancouver

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

- Stunned by this memorial and it does not belong in a Vancouver park;
- Parks are for the peaceful use of all Canadians;
- The neighbourhood does not own the park, all Vancouverites own the park.
- The Latin American community would like to leave this monument as a gift to the City of Vancouver;
- The monument is a stone sculpture with a soup recipe engraved on one side and names of people who have supported the monument on the other;
- The community thought that this gift would be much more interesting than a bust of a historical figure.

The Board discussed the motion. The Board thanked the community for their generosity and expressed support for the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board accept the donation of a stone sculpture that includes an engraved fish soup recipe representing harmony amongst cultures to be installed alongside the pathway in Seaforth Peace Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member advised that City trucks have been taking shortcuts at Riverfront Park to pick up the garbage which tears up the grass. The Board member asked that staff ask the city sanitation department to stick to the pathways for trucks. Staff replied that they would let the relevant people in the sanitation department know.

In-camera Meeting

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:

(1) A matter that, under another enactment, is such that it may be excluded from the meeting;

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair