

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- Allan DeGenova
		- David Chesman
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Recreation Services	- Allan Argent
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 01, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 15, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

PRESENTATION

The Chair acknowledged the excellent job done by Allan Argent in his acting capacity in the General Manager's position for the past several months. Mr. Argent was presented with a plaque as a token of appreciation from the Board. The Chair thanked the staff of the sign shop for preparing the plaque in a timely manner.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Warren reported that he attended the City Council meeting last Tuesday where he introduced the new General Manager of the Park Board to the Mayor and Members of Council. At this meeting Council approved the report regarding the transfer of money to the Park Board for Lord Robert's School Playground. There will be further discussion with staff regarding additional funds which is up to \$1 million for projects such as the Salmon Stream.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Hastings Park Working Committee

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 11, 1998 recommending that the Board endorse the revised mandate for the Hastings Park Working Committee as outlined in the report.

Marion Olivieri and Mariken Van Nimwegen appeared before the Board and stated that they were pleased to see the revised mandate. The vision of the community for Hastings Park has been documented very well to date, however, they feel that the implementation of the several phases continue in the direction that has been articulated. The Hastings Park Working Committee can be of assistance in deciding park governance, building uses, youth activities, park design and fund raising.

Commissioner Chesman stated that Hastings Park is the community's vision and it should be the community through the Hastings Park Working Committee to remind the Board of this vision. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked the Hastings Park Working Committee for their continued commitment to this project and special thanks to Commissioner Chesman, Pieter Rutgers, Manager of Park Acquisition and Research and Michelle Desrochers who is now with the City Planning Department.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Board endorse the revised mandate for the Hastings Park Working Committee as outlined in this report.

-Carried Unanimously.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORT DELEGATION

Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre

Gerry Thorne, President, Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre Association and Derek Simons, Community Recreation Coordinator of the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre presented their one year report as requested by the Board. Mr. Simons advised the Board of the various programming at the Centre and the attention staff pays to the mandate of celebrating the diverse culture in the neighbourhood. Mr. Thorne stated that the membership at the Centre was good and they are working with Strathcona Community Centre in regard to the geographic boundary of the area. Engine 374 has been successfully moved to the glass enclosure. The Association hopes to sign the Operating Agreement with the Board in July. Special thanks go to Jule Hopkins and Allan Argent for their support in the success of the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre.

Board members discussed the governance, budget and geography with the delegations. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked the Board and staff at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation for their dedication and especially to Gerry Thorne. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that Gerry Thorne was also President of the Advisory Committee for the Roundhouse for two years before the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre was opened.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Coal Harbour Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 16, 1998 recommending that the Board authorize the expenditure as per the City's Agreement with Marathon Development Inc. for piling and soil stabilization work to the Coal Harbour Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board authorize the expenditure of 68.32% of \$856,880 totalling \$585,420 as per the City's Agreement with Marathon Developments Inc. for piling and soil stabilization work to the Coal Harbour Community Centre.

- Carried Unanimously.

Improvements to Tisdall Park

Commissioner Chesman left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 11, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. to implement improvements in Tisdall Park.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. to implement improvements in Tisdall Park.**
- B. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this time.

Hastings Park Exhibit Lots

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 11, 1998 recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract up to \$100,000 for the supply and installation of granular material and crushed concrete in the exhibit lots at the site of the former Foodmart and Showmart buildings.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract up to \$100,000 for the supply and installation of granular material and crushed concrete in the exhibit lots at the site of the former Foodmart and Showmart buildings.

-Carried Unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE

Brock House Lease Renewal

This matter was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 01, 1998. Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 11, 1998 recommending that the current lease between the Brock House Society and the Park Board be renewed on a month basis for an indefinite term commencing February 1, 1998.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the current lease between the Brock House Society and the Park Board be renewed on a month to month basis for an indefinite term commencing February 1, 1998.

-Carried Unanimously.

Siting of Aids Memorial

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 1998 recommending that the Board accept the recommendation of the site review panel, appointed through the review process that a site on Sunset beach be approved for the AIDS Memorial as proposed by the AMV AIDS Memorial Society with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board accept the recommendation of the site review panel, appointed through the review process, that a site on Sunset Beach Park be approved for the AIDS Memorial as proposed by the AMV AIDS Memorial Society with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Commissioner Yong stated that he supports the approval of an AIDS Memorial at Sunset Beach Park. He believes that a fair and thorough consultation process has been undertaken by the Board on this issue. As a physician he is familiar with the devastation caused by AIDS in our society and there is a need for public awareness. Commissioner Yong stated that there is already several memorials in the parks for a number of different events. The AIDS memorial will bring awareness in the new millenium to tolerance of a very diverse culture.

Commissioner Chesman put forward an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

WHEREAS this elected Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation prefers to exercise its elected mandate in a manner consistent with its belief in Vancouver as a tolerant and compassionate community;

AND WHEREAS there is a very legitimate question concerning the appropriateness of locating any memorial in any Vancouver park; and

AND WHEREAS Vancouver has the highest AIDS infection rate in North America;

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Board accept the recommendation of the site review panel that a site on Sunset Beach Park be approved for the AIDS memorial as proposed by the AMV AIDS Memorial Society (“Society”) on the following conditions:
 - (i) all costs, including but not limited to construction and maintenance costs of the memorial, shall be borne exclusively by the Society;
 - (ii) the length of the memorial shall be 30 feet at the outset and may, with future Board approval, be extended to a maximum 60 feet;
 - (iii) Board staff must be satisfied that the design of the memorial itself poses no physical safety hazard to the public;
 - (iv) all other arrangements with the Society shall be subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager.
2. AND THAT a plaque, not to exceed one foot by one foot in size, be placed near or alongside the memorial, at the Board’s cost, stating as follows:

“This memorial was approved for placement in this park as a place of healing and education within a tolerant and compassionate city.”

Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, June 22, 1998.

3. AND THAT there be, as of this date, a moratorium placed on the acceptance by this Board of any application for any future memorial in any Vancouver park pending the completion of the Board's public consultation pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 below concerning the future of Vancouver's parks;
4. AND THAT from September to December, 1998 the Board engage a detailed public consultation process concerning the appropriate use of Vancouver parkland, including but, not limited to, the locating of memorials in parks in the anticipation of a Board decision concerning same at the Board's final regular meeting in December, 1998.
5. AND THAT to initiate the public consultation referenced in paragraph 4 above, staff provide a report to the Board at its first meeting in September, 1998 containing:
 - (i) a detailed inventory of all the purposes for which Vancouver's parks are now used;
 - (ii) a detailed inventory of new, emerging demands on Vancouver parks;
 - (iii) an estimate of this Board's financial ability to acquire new parkland in the future;
 - (iv) a summary of all current Board guidelines, policies, and by-laws concerning the use of Vancouver parkland including, but not limited to, the guidelines, policies, and by-laws relevant to the location of memorials in Vancouver parks;
 - (v) a summary of available legal means to secure the protection of Vancouver's parks as a public trust including but not limited to park zoning initiatives; Board by-law powers; Board policies; and Board guidelines;

- (vi) a recommendation concerning the manner in which the public consultation ought to be conducted, with a focus on community centre participation, so as to ensure the maximum informed participation of all Vancouverites in advance of the Board rendering decisions on the issue in December, 1998.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the AIDS Memorial is a symbol of Vancouver as a tolerant and compassionate city. The motion addresses the need to look at how we use our parks and how we need to protect it. The timing for looking at this issue is good as we have just completed our organizational review and we have a new General Manager.

Commissioner Warren questioned on how the site was selected and what criteria was used. Commissioner Warren was also concerned with the size of the memorial and hoped to reduce the scale. Susan Gordon, Coordinator of Arts and Multiculturalism advised the Board that the review panel were given certain criteria for a site selection such as access and visibility. The Society is reviewing the design and the size of the memorial may be smaller than anticipated.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the length of the memorial be at 15 feet and may be extended to 30 feet.

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that the issue of the size of the memorial is minute compared to the seriousness of the disease. Commissioner DeGenova was also concerned with the size and with those names that may be missed while the Society await Board's approval to extend it to 60 feet. Commissioner DeGenova questioned why it was necessary to have a names' memorial. He supports the memorial but is concerned with the size. Commissioner Wilson stated that he does not support the amendment as he felt the location would be appropriate.

The amendment motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the length of the memorial be at 15 feet and may be extended to 30 feet.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh, McDiarmid, Wilson and Yong contrary)

Commissioner Chesman stated that he will change the wording of his motion so as to allow the size of the memorial to be smaller if possible. Part (ii) of 1 is now changed to read:

“(ii) the length of the memorial shall not exceed 30 feet at the outset and may, with future Board approval, be extended to a maximum of 60 feet. The Society is encouraged to maintain the scale of the memorial below the stated maximum.”

The amendment motion was put as follows:

WHEREAS this elected Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation prefers to exercise its elected mandate in a manner consistent with its belief in Vancouver as a tolerant and compassionate community;

AND WHEREAS there is a very legitimate question concerning the appropriateness of locating any memorial in any Vancouver park; and

AND WHEREAS Vancouver has the highest AIDS infection rate in North America;

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Board accept the recommendation of the site review panel that a site on Sunset Beach Park be approved for the AIDS memorial as proposed by the AMV AIDS Memorial Society (“Society”) on the following conditions:

- (i) all costs, including but not limited to construction and maintenance costs of the memorial, shall be borne exclusively by the Society;**
- (ii) the length of the memorial shall not exceed 30 feet at the outset and may, with future Board approval, be extended to a maximum of 60 feet. The Society is encouraged to maintain the scale of the memorial below**

the stated maximum.”

- (iii) Board staff must be satisfied that the design of the memorial itself poses no physical safety hazard to the public;**
- (iv) all other arrangements with the Society shall be subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- 2. AND THAT a plaque, not to exceed one foot by one foot in size, be placed near or alongside the memorial, at the Board’s cost, stating as follows:**

“This memorial was approved for placement in this park as a place of healing and education within a tolerant and compassionate city.”

Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, June 22, 1998.

- 3. AND THAT there be, as of this date, a moratorium placed on the acceptance by this Board of any application for any future memorial in any Vancouver park pending the completion of the Board’s public consultation pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 below concerning the future of Vancouver’s parks;**
- 4. AND THAT from September to December, 1998 the Board engage a detailed public consultation process concerning the appropriate use of Vancouver parkland, including but, not limited to, the locating of memorials in parks in the anticipation of a Board decision concerning same at the Board’s final regular meeting in December, 1998.**
- 5. AND THAT to initiate the public consultation referenced in paragraph 4 above, staff provide a report to the Board at its first meeting in September, 1998 containing:**
- (i) a detailed inventory of all the purposes for which Vancouver’s parks are now used;**
 - (ii) a detailed inventory of new, emerging demands on**

Vancouver parks;

- (iii) **an estimate of this Board's financial ability to acquire new parkland in the future;**
- (iv) **a summary of all current Board guidelines, policies, and by-laws concerning the use of Vancouver parkland including, but not limited to, the guidelines, policies, and by-laws relevant to the location of memorials in Vancouver parks;**
- (v) **a summary of available legal means to secure the protection of Vancouver's parks as a public trust including but not limited to park zoning initiatives; Board by-law powers; Board policies; and Board guidelines;**
- (vi) **a recommendation concerning the manner in which the public consultation ought to be conducted, with a focus on community centre participation, so as to ensure the maximum informed participation of all Vancouverites in advance of the Board rendering decisions on the issue in December, 1998.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Beach Parking Lot

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 18, 1998 recommending that the Board approve a consultation with local residents regarding the closing time of the pay parking lot.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve a consultation with local residents regarding the closing time of the pay parking lot.

-Carried Unanimously.

Signing Authority - Park Board

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 9, 1998 recommending that the Board increase the signing authority limit for the General Manager to \$200,000.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board increase the signing authority limit for the General Manager to \$200,000.

-Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**
Warrant #24 in the amount of \$589,431.84: Cdn. \$588,378.45, US \$1,053.39,
Warrant #25 in the amount of \$612,182.05: Cdn. \$61,711.80, US \$470.25.
2. **Award of Contract for the Development of a Master Plan for Burrard Civic Marina**
Staff information report dated June 11, 1998 was mailed to Board members.
3. **Buschlen Mowatt Exhibit**
Staff information report dated June 18, 1998 was mailed to Board members.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair