

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE VANCOUVER PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2008**

PRESENT: **Chair**
 Commissioners

General Manager
Director of Vancouver East District
Director of Planning & Operations
Director of Stanley District
Manager of Golf & Park Operations
Supervisor of Business Services
Manager of Communications
Systems Analyst II
Recorder

- Raj Hundal
- Constance Barnes
- Sarah Blyth
- Aaron Jasper
- Stuart Mackinnon
- Ian Robertson
- Loretta Woodcock
- Susan Mundick
- Liane McKenna
- Piet Rutgers
- Peter Kuran
- Ron Caswell
- Alison Dempsey
- Joyce Courtney
- Grant Oberg
- Linda Brindley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 1, 2008 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the Commissioners had attended a few events including the International Day of Persons with Disabilities held at the Roundhouse Community Centre. Some Commissioners attended a social event hosted by the Community Centre Associations held at Trout Lake Community Centre. The Inauguration of the Mayor and City Council was held earlier today at Sunset Community Centre and was well attended.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that Council met for a short Council meeting after today's Inaugural meeting and announced a list of meeting dates for 2009 and appointments to Committees. The list is posted online. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 16 and once the agenda is available, the Board will be advised if there are any issues pertaining to Park Board.

STAFF REPORTS

ActNow Seniors' Community Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 25, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A and B.

Staff stated that this initiative is part of the Provincial Government's objective of keeping seniors mobile, physically active and healthy. Vancouver was chosen as one of eighteen locations in the province to receive funds for the purchase and installation of equipment. The Province will supply the specialized equipment, and funding for the installation and shipping of the equipment, as well as signs in the parks. The City's responsibility includes providing the park space, overall design to coordinate the uses in the park and any other requirements such as pathways, community gardens and seating areas. The City is also asked to supply ongoing user training, as well as maintenance of the equipment. The choice of Tisdall Park was based on factors such as its adjacency to major bus routes, the proximity to George Pearson Centre and senior-oriented housing in the area.

Staff stated that the proposal and location within Tisdall Park was well received at the Open House on November 19. Staff recommends proceeding with the next steps in creating a Seniors Community Park at Tisdall Park.

In response to questions from the Board, staff replied that there will be site preparation and the required funds are available in the Park Enhancement Fund. With regard to maintenance of the equipment, we will request funds through Added Basic discussion during Budget preparation. An effort will be made to encourage seniors to use the park through communication with the Marpole Community Centre and the Seniors' Center at Oakridge Mall. Other parks can be considered if there are further opportunities as they have a large number of seniors in their areas as well.

The following delegations spoke to the Board:

1. Jamie Lee Hamilton
2. Megan Carvell Davis

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

- Concerned that the Downtown East Side was not considered when Strathcona has the highest ratio of seniors at 24%;
- Strathcona has a median income of \$24,000;
- Asked what specific criteria was used to choose Tisdall Park;
- Would like to see public input and involvement much earlier in the process.

Board members discussed the proposal and while they support the proposal, they would like to see the success of the park measured and would also like to see similar equipment in parks throughout the City.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve the location of the Seniors' Community Park in the northwest sector of Tisdall Park, adjacent to the existing children's playground as illustrated in Appendix 1;**
- B. THAT the Board accept the Province's financial contribution of up to \$100,000 towards this project, and authorize the General Manager to arrange for the necessary documentation in this regard.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Golf Professional Services – Award of Contracts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 27, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that since 1976 the Park Board has retained Class 'A' Golf Professionals on contract at its three golf courses to provide professional services. The existing 5 year contracts for Fraserview and Langara Golf Courses expire on December 31, 2008. The selection process began in September and ended with five proposals being submitted that met the criteria outlined in the RFP. Staff are recommending that the proposal received from Tom Monaghan Golf Services be accepted for a five year contract for professional golf services at Fraserview Golf Course (with provision for a four-year extension upon completion of capital upgrades) and that the proposal received from Muncie Booth be accepted for a five year contract for professional golf services at Langara Golf Course.

In response to questions from the Board, staff replied that the extension of four years is dependant upon Mr. Monaghan completing the capital improvement at meeting performance requirements. The number of golf carts at Fraserview will increase from 30 to 40. All green fees go to the Park Board with none of the green fees being retained by the golf professionals.

Board members discussed the proposal and stated they support the proposal and are appreciative of the commitment to provide the capital upgrades.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations C and D, the Board award a 5-year contract for Golf Professional Services at Fraserview Golf Course and Driving Range to Thomas Monaghan effective January 1, 2009, at the compensation level outlined in this report, with the provision for a 4-year extension, upon completion of capital upgrades to the Board's satisfaction;**
- B. THAT, subject to Recommendations C and D, the Board award a 5-year contract for Golf Professional Services at Langara Golf Course to Muncie Booth effective January 1, 2009, at the compensation level outlined in this report.**
- C. THAT all legal documents required to evidence and implement the above contracts be on such terms and conditions and in such form as is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver in consultation with the General Manager, AND THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation; and**
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by the Board's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C, unless and until the legal documents contemplated thereby are executed and delivered by all parties.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Award of Stanley Park Pay Tennis Concession for 2009 to 2013

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 26, 2008 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that Pay Tennis has operated at six of the seventeen tennis courts in front of the Fish House Restaurant in Stanley Park since the early 1980s. The Board awards the pay tennis concession to an operator on a revenue sharing basis. A Request for Expressions of Interest was advertised and Tennis BC was also notified. The only expression of interest received came from the existing operators, Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng. Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng dba G&G Tennis Services have been good operators and staff are recommending that the Board award the contract to them for 2009, to be renewed annually for 2010 and subsequent seasons up to and including 2013.

In response to questions from the Board, staff replied that court bookings can be made up to a week in advance in person or by telephone and that the hours of operation are 3 p.m. to dusk weekdays and 9 a.m. to dusk on weekends.

Board members discussed the proposal and support the recommendations of staff because this has been a great operation over the years.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A) **THAT the Board award the Stanley Park Pay Tennis Concession to Gayle Dobson and Gordon Cheng dba G & G Tennis Services, for the 2009 season, to be renewed annually for 2010 and subsequent seasons up to and including 2013, by mutual consent of the Board and the Operators.**
- B) **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.**
- C) **THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the city of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The Chair advised that a member of the public would like to submit a petition and he was instructed to submit the petition to staff.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

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 paragraphs:

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

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Items Arising from the Minutes of the “In Camera” Meeting of October 27, 2008.

On October 27, 2008, the Park Board approved changing the date to December 31, 2009 from December 31, 2008 to amend the term of the current Stanley Park Aquarium agreement to extend the license to 20 years. ([See Motion ‘B’ Page 10 - Park Board Special Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2006](#)).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair