

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2009**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Raj Hundal
	Vice Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Constance Barnes
		- Sarah Blyth
		- Ian Robertson
		- Stuart Mackinnon
	Acting General Manager	- Anita Ho
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Facility Development	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Jasper was absent as he was out of the country.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 21, 2009 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the official opening of Trout Lake and Killarney Ice Rinks.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving a report on the Development Cost Levies Status Report on Collection and Expenditure and a motion which was tabled at its September 22 meeting regarding the Independence of the Vancouver Park Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Services and Budgets Committee: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

STAFF REPORTS

Trout Lake Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 23, 2009 recommending that the Board approve the concept design for the new Trout Lake Community Centre Development Permit Application.

Staff advised the Board that this project has the support of the Planning and Environment Committee to go to the Development Permit Application stage. Walter Francl, Architect, reviewed the site plan and design of the building with the Board. The building will be built to a Leed Gold certified status.

Kate Perkins, Vice President, Grandview Community Association, thanked the Board and staff for their hard work on this project. Ms. Perkins expressed concerns regarding the budget constraints experienced by the City and asked the Board to continue to support and advocate the building of a new community centre in the Trout Lake neighbourhood. The community have worked hard and waited many years for a new community centre.

Board members discussed the report and stated that it was a great design and hoped that it would be a reality for the community.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board approve the concept design for the new Trout Lake Community Centre Development Permit Application, as detailed in this report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Plan – 2010 Olympics

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 24, 2009 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff stated that as the report was lengthy and very detailed, Board members may have some questions.

Board members requested and received clarification on the way finding signs in Stanley Park, the parking lot at Hastings Community Centre and the fields at Hillcrest Park.

Board members commended staff on a very informed and organized operating plan in preparation for the 2010 Olympics.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Riley Park Community Centre, Ice Rink and Curling Club Renewal: Allocation of Capital Funds

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 24, 2009 recommending that the Board request Council allocate \$13.0 million to fund the renewal of Riley Park Community Centre, Riley Park Ice Rink and Vancouver Curling Club sources of fund as identified in the report.

Commissioner Robertson left the room at this point of the meeting.

Staff advised the Board that the tender for the legacy conversion of the Olympic/Paralympic Curling Venue in Hillcrest Park should be let in November to allow the project to start in April 2010.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

THAT the Board request that Council allocate \$13.0 million to fund the renewal of Riley Park Community Centre, Riley Park Ice Rink and Vancouver Curling Club, sources of funds to be \$7.0 million from Capital from borrowing authority for Parks and Recreation as part of the 2009-2011 Capital Plan, and \$6.0 million from Curling Venue Post-Olympic Conversion Fund.

- Carried Unanimously.

(Commissioner Robertson was not present at time of voting)

MOTIONS

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

Whereas the 2009 Provincial budget has indicated significant cuts to the Arts and Culture and Sport and Recreation grant funding;

Therefore be it resolved that staff consult community partners to determine the impact of these cuts to programs and services in Vancouver parks and recreation facilities.

Board members discussed the Arts and Culture and Sport and Recreation grant funding and expressed concerned that the reduction of this grant could have an impact on the programs for seniors and youth.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

Whereas public health is a priority for all levels of government;

And whereas the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation maintains public amenities that can contribute to the health and well-being of the citizens of Vancouver;

And whereas washing of hands with soap and water is a first defence against infection;

Be it resolved that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation supply soap and where possible hot water in public washrooms maintained by the Board.

Board members discussed the need to assist the public to maintain their general health and to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus, the recommended prevention being the washing of hands with soap and water. In order to maintain the health of users of our facilities, the Board would like to ensure that all washroom facilities maintained by the Park Board in buildings and fieldhouses are equipped with soap dispensers.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board asked staff to investigate and bring information back to the Board regarding a 'superbug' reported along the coast of Washington.

A member of the Board requested staff to review the encampment situation along Jericho Beach as residents are feeling unsafe to use this area.

A member of the Board requested a staff report on the status of the Hollow Tree in Stanley Park.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

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:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Park Board if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Anita Ho
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Raj Hundal
Chair