

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 04, 2011
AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Development	- Danica Djurkovic
	Manager Planning and Research	- Tilo Driessen
	Director Vancouver Services Review Team	- Teresa Hartman
	Deputy Director Vancouver Services Review Team	- Michele Pye
	Project Manager – Capital Programs –	
	Vancouver Services Review Team	- Michel Desrochers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Hundal was absent.

Draft 2012-2014 Capital Plan

Commissioner Robertson called a point of order stating that Commissioner Barnes might want to seek legal counsel in regard to a possible conflict of interest in the Capital Plan discussions as she is an employee of Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens and there is a funding allocation for capital improvements to the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens facility. The Chair thanked Commissioner Robertson and stated that his point of order will be considered.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 21, 2011 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner Blyth,

- A. THAT the Board receive the draft 2012- 2014 Capital Plan as outlined in the attached Council Report for information.**

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to obtain public feedback on the 2012-14 Draft Capital Plan during July-August 2011, using a variety of engagement tools.**
- C. THAT the Board instruct staff to report back on the final 2012 – 2014 Capital Plan in September 2011 for consideration by the Board.**

The General Manager presented the Draft 2012-2014 Capital Plan to the Board. The development of the 2012-2014 Capital Plan will be developed with a ten-year financial outlook that guides three year capital plans and one year capital budgets. The City's draft Capital Plan attempts to balance the need for capital asset investment with the fiscal capacity to service the City's debt. City staff are recommending to decrease borrowing in the next Capital Plan and not to increase the size of the overall Capital Plan. The goals for this capital planning process are to maintain existing assets in good condition, meet the needs of the community and respond to new priorities and opportunities. A key feature of the new Capital Program is that capital assets are no longer grouped by departments but by function. Assets managed by the Park Board are now included in a number of categories that also include assets managed by other departments. The draft Capital Plan is based on a strong emphasis on partnerships by focusing on multi-use facilities, strategic asset management, greening of Hastings Park, Greenest City Action Plan, greening and providing new parks, maintaining recreation assets and infrastructure in good condition, new recreation facilities to meet new or changing demand and neighbourhood park renewal. Public consultation process for this Plan will be done in collaboration with other City departments including the Library and Police Boards.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley
- Anita Romaniuk, Former Park Commissioner
- Wayne Morris, Vancouver Public Tennis/ Vancouver Indoor Public Tennis Project
- Andrea Maitland, Vice President, West Point Grey Community Centre Association
- Joan Reekie
- John Coupar, VanDusen Gardens/ Friends of Bloedel
- Sharon Urton
- Norm Dooley, Riley Park South Cambie Community Visions Committee
- Peter Jackson, Vancouver Public Tennis
- Mark Vulliamy, Vancouver SportNet
- Anne Thompson, Vancouver Sports Network
- Mary Sutherland, Kensington Community Centre Association
- Ann Knapp, Dunbar Community Centre Association
- Haida Lane, Hastings Community Association

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

- the capital plan is for 2012-2014, the Board should not be developing a plan for future Boards;
- has concerns with regard to process, good to work with partners and synergies, but have trouble with the line of accountability;
- the Park Board is publicly elected unlike the Library and Police Boards members of which are appointed; this brings an extra layer of accountability to the voters;
- will the Board have the autonomy to move the money around in the capital plan or would you have to go back to the City for a decision?
- the Park Board is independently elected and does not need to be on the same page as Council;
- hope the \$400,000 for tennis will be available to do the pilot project for indoor tennis;
- West Point Grey Community Centre is in need of an updated and accessible facility; the Association has set aside money and can raise more to assist the Board for renovating the centre; might be losing programming space at Jericho Hill as lease will be expiring;
- why allocate \$500,000 for Beaver Lake? Should let it dry up;
- there are a number of costs listed in the capital plan that should be operating costs; repairs and refurbishing costs do not increase the value of a capital asset so should not be listed in the capital plan;
- prioritization of projects should be a political decision and not staff's to make;
- support the roof repairs and gift shop entrance renovations, looking forward to the agreement with Friends of Bloedel to be signed;
- recreation seem to be missing from the list of projects; how should the advisory board react when there is no guarantee that there will be continuity of their work?
- requesting the postponement of the demolition of the old Riley Park Community Centre building;
- there has been many changes since the master plan was developed and the community has grown and is in need of programming space for seniors and youth programs; not sure the new Hillcrest centre will be able to accommodate everyone; there is support from the private sector and other levels of government for financial assistance, however, they will need to be assured that the facility will not be demolished;
- an opportunity to play tennis in winter is welcomed and look forward to working with the Board on the project listed in the Capital Plan;
- the outcome of the Vancouver Sport Strategy is a need to develop a lifetime habit of physical activity, provide opportunity for sport; \$67 million dollars in a capital plan will be a challenge to set priorities as there is not a Park Board envelope, difficult to address a specific need in one large plan;

- there is no reference to sport in the 2012-2014 draft Capital Plan;
- need to ensure there is provision for young people to play sport;
- Vancouver Field Sport Federation delivers program at no cost to the city;
- there is a need for six more fields in the city;
- pleased to see that the replacement of Kensington Hall is included in the Capital Plan; would like to invite the Board to a tour and see where the new hall will be built;
- was engaged in the facility renewal process, the association contributed 50% of the funding for a feasibility study as it was confirmed by the Board that the renewal was a high priority; draft plan only identify Marpole which was identified as medium in the needs assessment; ask Board to reconsider and include the renewal of Dunbar Community Centre on the list of projects;
- need clarification why Hastings Community Centre is not mentioned in the capital plan and how did staff identify Marpole as a priority.

Commissioner Mackinnon left at this point of the meeting : 9:13 pm

Board members thanked the delegations for their input and look forward to the public consultation process. A member of the Board stated that he was concerned with the plan moving forward and that it would take two capital plans for the renewal of one community centre which is taking a step back. Looking at citywide services may be beneficial but the Board cannot lose sight of what the community needs are and to ensure that all facilities are accessible.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Barnes abstained)

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair