



## British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association Region 2 – Lower Mainland Parks Network

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MINUTES - November 18, 2009 District of West Vancouver

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### **In Attendance:**

Andrew Banks - Chair

Claude LeDoux - New Westminster Host

Len Walters, Todd Gross, Marty Benson, Sue Nagata, Peter Jokovisch

**Call to Order:** 9:20 a.m.

### **1.0 Adoption of October 21st, 2009 Minutes**

Moved by: Andrew Banks Seconded by: Marty Benson

### **2.0 Round Table Discussions:**

- Capital projects were discussed such as new pedestrian bridges, automated lighting, youth center, Pier Park, opening of new washroom buildings, exercise playground, senior targeted playgrounds and fitness circuits.
- Discussion of air of unrest in some municipalities with budget cuts, service reviews and in one case not having a general manager.
- Olympics still have a lot of unknowns within some of our municipalities and whether Parks will rule on parks sites that will be used for Olympic related events.
- New Rec Centers being opened and WiFi being introduced at one of them.
- Sun chairs are being added into park designs
- Phoenix Foundry, and web based business out of Australia has been used to order plaques as the prices are comparable and you can use the web page to design your own plaque which is then shipped.
- Discussions of vandalism in washrooms and new buildings being built to try to combat that issue - one municipality has used Leko, a pre-cast concrete building for their new washroom.
- Grants used for a football building in a field house.
- A Lacrosse box was rebuilt using as much of the old materials as possible to cut costs and think in environmental terms.
- There was discussion of planning being done for a new artificial turf field through Government grants and the deadlines approaching
- Also, there's a cabin study being done on cabins perched on municipal land with a long history of being there.

#### **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 4.1 HortEdBc - [www.horteducationbc.com](http://www.horteducationbc.com)  
B.C. Hort Education is looking for some feedback
- 4.2 BCRPA Spring Training Conference January 12, 2010  
The speakers are all lined up and the Keynote speaker is an Olympic medalist . Have stepped up the number of breakout sessions.

#### **5.0 UPCOMING TRAINING & CONFERENCES**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training**  
Location: Langley, B.C.

[www.bcrpa.bc.ca/recreation\\_parks/parks/spring\\_training.htm](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/recreation_parks/parks/spring_training.htm)

or contact Parks & Recreation coordinator Heather Muter at 604-629-0965 ext.229 or [hmutter@bcrpa.bc.ca](mailto:hmutter@bcrpa.bc.ca)

**January 19 & 20, 2010 - “Unique Habitats, Unique challenges” Invasive Plant Council of B.C. Forum**

Location: Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, B.C.

[www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca](http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca) or contact 1-888-WEEDSBC to register

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 A.M.**

Moved by : Andrew Banks Seconded by: Todd Gross

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting - Year End Wrap-up meeting**

Location in Burnaby, B.C.

**February 2010 - No Meeting because of Olympics**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> - BCRPA Meeting - City of Surrey Fleetwood Community Center**

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