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NEXT MEETING ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Date: September 15, 1998 Location: Stanley Park Pavilion
Time: 9:30 a.m. Speaker: JOHN TAYLOR
Topic: "Hockey, Where Are We and Where We Have Been"

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Report of the Nominating Committee Board of Directors 1998-99

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Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 1998 Attendance: 88

President Fred Cotton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He announced that the September meeting is our Annual Meeting.

Our guest speaker, David Podmore, CEO of Greystone Properties, was introduced by John Hoyle and thanked by David Pollock.

Mr. Podmore described "Portside", the exciting expansion of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Portside is located east of Canada Place and was necessitated by the success of the existing Convention Center. This development will include:

1. Enlarging the cruise ship terminal to dock three - 1000 ft. long ships and process 6000 passengers simultaneously. The current capacity is two ships at the same time. This work is scheduled to start in October 1998, and be complete by May 1999 which is the start of the cruise season.
2. Enlarge the convention facilities by adding 250,000 sq.ft. exhibit hall, 50,000 sq.ft. of meeting space and a 1500 seat lecture hall. This work will not interfere with the existing facilities and will be completed by 2002.
3. Add a Plaza at the foot of Howe Street that will accommodate 15,000 to 20,000 people for civic events.

4. Add a Marriott Hotel which will have 1,040 rooms, 40,000 sq.ft. ballroom and 15,000 sq.ft. of meeting space - all in addition to the convention center. The hotel will be 380 ft. high and will be completed by 2002.

5. The existing convention facilities will be retrofitted when the new addition is completed. The work will start in 2002 and be complete in 2003.

6. Transportation improvements of:

- a) Move and enlarge the Sea Bus Terminal to include the passenger only "fast ferries."
- b) Bus and truck traffic will be on the lower road. On site parking will be provided for 80 buses and 29 semi-trailers.
- c) Automobile parking will be increased by 900 spaces to a total of 1650 spaces.
- d) Canada Place Way will be extended to Cordova Street to provide another access route.

7. Construction will be by union workers and will provide 7,200 person years of employment. Ongoing employment is estimated at 4,200 jobs at the hotel and convention site.

8. The project cost is estimated at \$750,000,000 of which 60% is private funds.

Mr. Podmore briefly described other Greystone projects in Greater Vancouver - Arbutus Walk, Collingwood, and Fullerton Lands in North Vancouver.

At the conclusion of the question period, Mr. Podmore received compliments from the floor on his fine presentation describing an exciting project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jim Gilley

JOHN R. TAYLOR
CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, married, two children.

Educated in British Columbia and Ontario. Graduated with B.A. degree at University of Toronto in 1940. Completed legal training and education in British Columbia and called to the Bar in 1946.

Served in the Armed Forces in Canada and overseas and held the rank of Captain in the army.

Mr. Taylor and members of his family have been active members of the United Church of Canada for many years.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver; a member of the Vancouver Board of Trade; and Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club.

John Taylor is a director of numerous companies in British Columbia. For some twenty years he served as director of a British Columbia Trust Company. He is a director of the British Columbia Hockey Benevolent Association. Mr. Taylor has served on Committees of the Canadian Bar Association and has completed a lengthy article on the role of lawyers at Canadian offices overseas.

Members of the Taylor family have been active in community and political matters for many years. John's father, Fred "Cyclone" Taylor served as Commissioner of Immigration at Vancouver and London, England. He is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and served on the selection committee of the National Hockey League for many years. He was elected to the Vancouver Parks Board at civic elections on many occasions. He was voted Vancouver's Man of the Year in 1960. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1958. Mr. Taylor, senior, was the candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party in the Provincial elections of 1952.

Drew Taylor, John's son, ran for the Progressive Conservative Party in the Federal Elections of 1978 and was defeated in the riding of Vancouver Kingsway.

John Taylor was twice elected as a Member of Parliament for the riding of Vancouver Burrard. In Parliament John introduced a resolution for the establishment of a National Council for Fitness and Sport. This led to a separate Bill and in turn to the establishment of a separate Ministry. John Taylor made arrangements for the then Prime Minister to attend the Pan American Games in Chicago, the first time a Canadian Prime Minister had attended such international sports event. The Canadian Government then proceeded to deal actively with National Fitness and Sports Canada.