

MOTION

Funding solutions to assist in securing funds to complete Killarney Seniors Centre

At its meeting on Monday, October 7, 2013, Vancouver Park Board referred this motion to the Park Board Committee on October 21, 2013 in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. Over 17,000 Seniors live in the South Vancouver Neighbourhood;
2. Park Board and City Council have identified a site, adjacent to the Killarney Seniors Centre as appropriate for a Seniors Centre;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation currently has no specialized centre for Seniors on the East Side of Vancouver;
4. Studies have shown that opportunities for recreation and socialization is imperative to the health and well-being of Senior Citizens;
5. Senior Citizens helped to build the City of Vancouver;
6. The immense contributions of Senior Citizens should be recognized by providing a place for recreation specialized to for seniors and Vancouver's aging population;
7. The City of Vancouver passed a motion to contribute \$2.5 million dollars to a Seniors Centre in Killarney;
8. The estimated total cost of building the Killarney Seniors Centre to meet the need of the community is approximately \$10 Million;
9. The Provincial government granted the City of Vancouver \$1.2 Million towards the Killarney Seniors Centre;
10. There is still a shortfall of funds, preventing this very important project from moving forward;
11. Community Amenity Contributions (CAC) as is stated on the City of Vancouver website "address increased demand by adding and expanding City facilities including: Park space, Libraries , Childcare facilities, Community centres , Transportation services , Cultural facilities , Neighbourhood houses";
12. A Seniors Centre in Killarney would qualify, under the City of Vancouver definition for CAC;

13. There are current and future projects and developments where Community Amenity Contributions could assist the City and Park Board in meeting this shortfall and completing the Killarney Seniors Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board Chair and Board write a letter to Mayor and Council asking for Community Amenity Contributions from current and/or future developments in the Killarney neighbourhood be recommended; pending extensive public consultation and community support, for the Killarney Seniors Centre.
- B. THAT Vancouver Park Board direct Park Board staff to inquire with the City of Vancouver as to possible current or future opportunities for Community Amenity Contributions for this project.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back to the Board with an update as to the funding secured to date, possible funding solutions for any shortfall and a timeline for this project.