

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Estimated Project Timeline for Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre

Mover: Commissioner De Genova

Seconded: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Maintaining a healthy, socially sustainable city is a priority for the Park Board, City Council, and staff;
2. It is important to give residents opportunities to interact with other members of their communities, and receive support and encouragement from community organizations and networks;
3. Community members need to enjoy safe, supportive, and healthy environments;
4. The City and Park Board have committed to the construction of a Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre, and funding commitments have been secured from senior levels of government as well as the City - and land has been allocated by the Park Board;
5. The Build Canada Fund reportedly will not sign a Contribution Agreement to present to the Treasury Board until design work and costing information for the Seniors Centre is received;
6. At the June 19, 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts and Cultural Society, it was reportedly speculated by a member of City Council that construction of the Seniors Centre will not begin for approximately two years (in 2016) and that the centre will not be completed four years;
7. A lack of firm, clear information surrounding the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre project is causing stress and uncertainty for many seniors and is leading to needless speculation and confusion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Park Board direct staff to prepare and distribute an Estimated Project Timeline for the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre in order to clarify the facts surrounding this project and provide firm, clear information for all involved.
- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to determine the exact nature and degree of the design work and costing information required by the Build Canada Fund and report back to the Board regarding the requirements at the next regular meeting of the Board.