



South Vancouver Seniors' Centre Location

Park Board Committee Meeting
October 23, 2017



To report back to the Vancouver Park Board on the site recommendation for a Seniors Center in the Sunset Neighborhood in response to:

- A 2016 Vancouver Park Board motion to investigate potential site options appropriate for the development of a Seniors Center nearby or adjacent to the existing Sunset Community Center; and
- City Council's direction to undertake a feasibility study for the development of a Seniors Center in South Vancouver/Sunset Area and explore opportunities for cost sharing with senior levels of government.



Background



- Demand for seniors facilities is expected to increase dramatically
 - By 2041, 80% Increase in residents age 65-74 and 100% Increase in residents age 75+
 - Among 8 seniors facilities, none are located in Sunset Neighborhood
 - Sunset location is supported by Seniors Advisory Committee and community



Feasibility Study

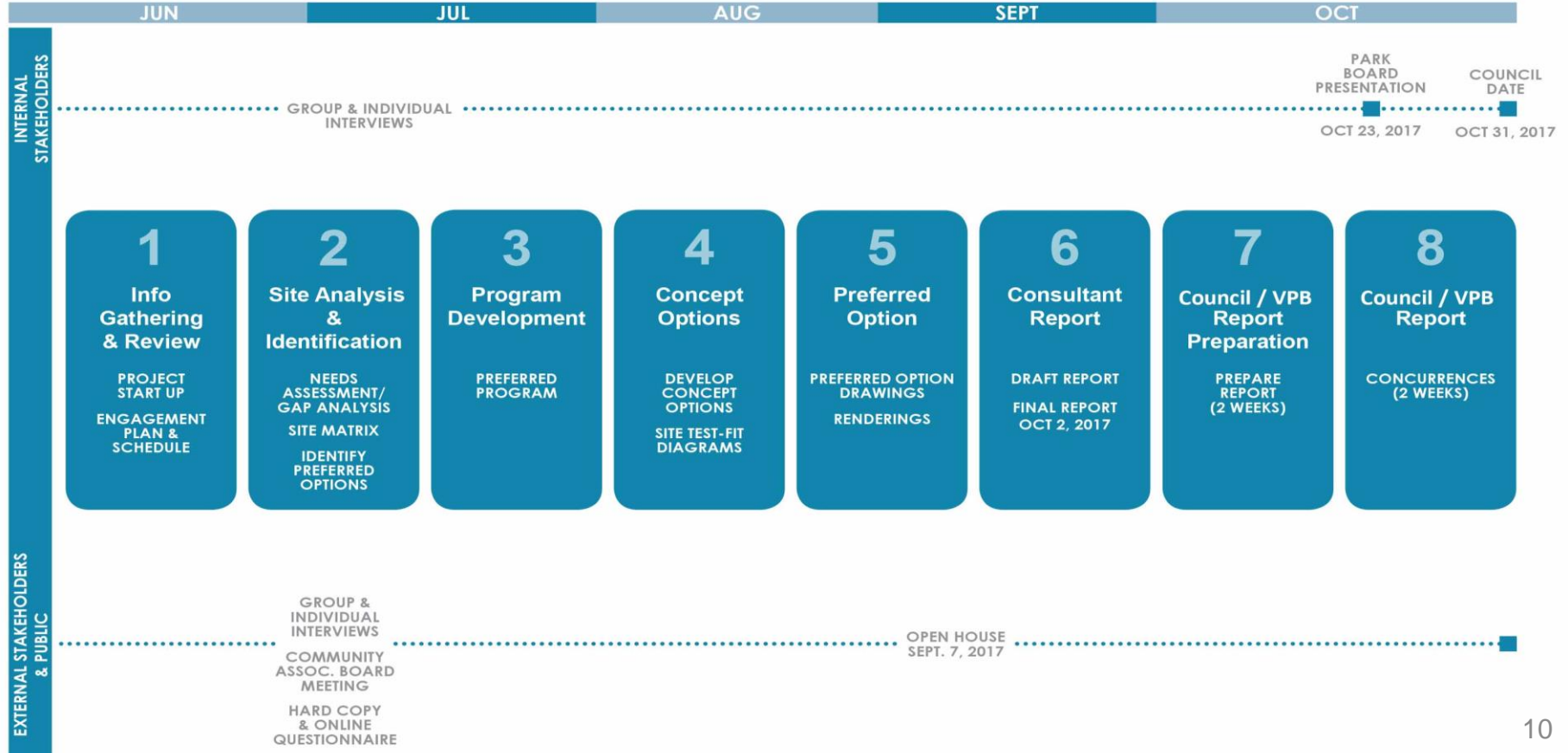
In spring 2017, City of Vancouver retained Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects & their consultants to undertake a feasibility study that included:

- Community Engagement
- Program Development
- Site Analysis & Test Fits
- Costing

Feasibility Study



SOUTH VANCOUVER/SUNSET SENIORS' CENTRE FEASIBILITY STUDY

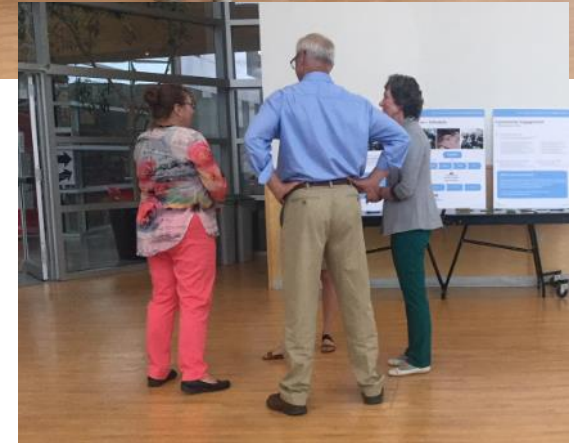


Community Engagement



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- A robust Community Engagement process was facilitated by the consultant team including:
 - 5 Stakeholder Meetings
 - 6 Public Engagement Sessions
 - 4 Public Questionnaires
 - Presentation to Senior Advisory Committee
 - Open house at Sunset Community Center
- 14 Stakeholder groups were consulted during the process





Functional Program



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A 10,000 sq.ft. recommended Functional Program was developed that considered spaces for health & wellness, culture, education, recreation, intergenerational activities, information and support services

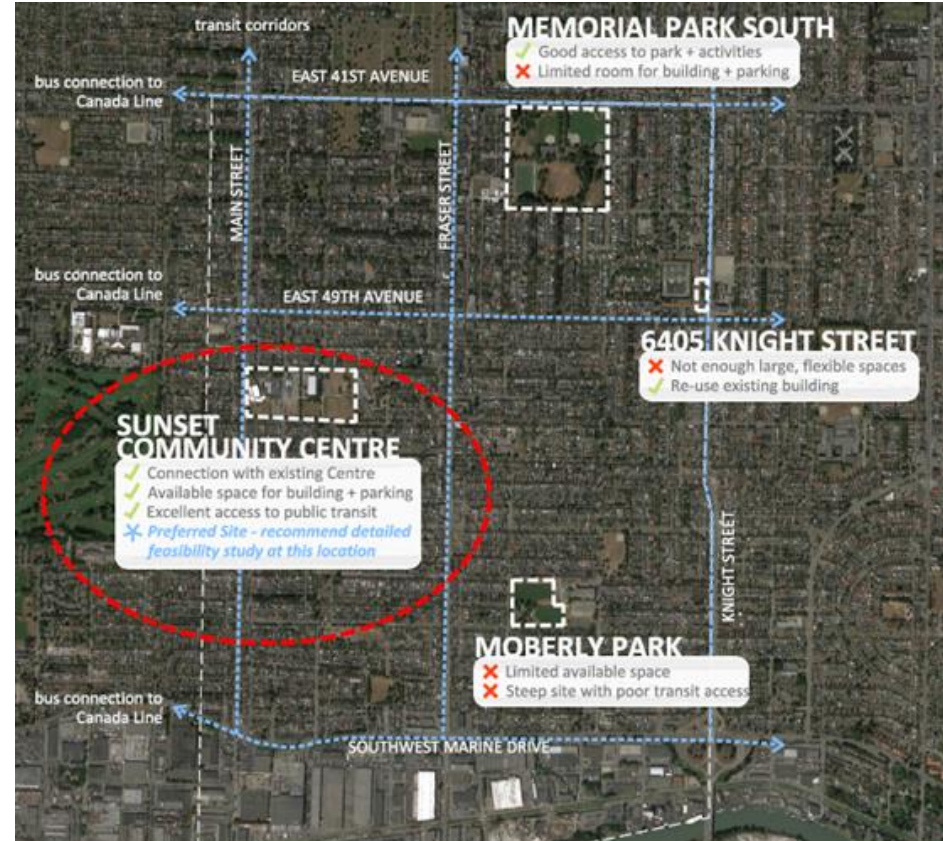




Site Selection

Potential Sites were reviewed & tested and then a short list was further analyzed based on criteria in categories including:

- Social
- Environmental
- Financial
- Test Fit



- Co-location with Sunset Community Center emerged as the preferred option with some advantages being:
 - Proximity to transit
 - Access to parking & outdoor spaces
 - Social benefits building on existing programming.
 - Potential to integrate seniors & inter-generational programs
 - Potential for capital operation cost savings
- Cost estimate for the project is in \$10M range



- Sunset Community Association (SCA) is engaged in legal action regarding control and ownership of community centre facilities;
- Outstanding legal issues will need to be addressed prior to construction of the new seniors facility.



- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the use of land in Sunset Park, at a site adjacent to the existing Sunset Community Centre, as the location for the construction of a new seniors centre of a minimum of 10,000 square feet; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to pursue funding opportunities to cost-share the Sunset Seniors Centre Project, currently estimated to cost up to \$10 million, with the Federal and Provincial governments.

