

MOTION ON NOTICE

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

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER: 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.