

MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Expediting the Completion of South East Seniors Centre

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation voted unanimously on May 4, 2009, to allocate land next to the Killarney Community Centre in order to build a seniors centre in South East Vancouver;
2. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a \$2.5 million funding contribution toward the South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre on February 1, 2011, as part of the 2011 Capital Budget.
3. The Province of British Columbia announced a \$1.3 million funding commitment toward construction of a new seniors centre in South East Vancouver on April 15, 2013;
4. The Government of Canada announced on January 7, 2014, that it will contribute up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, toward a 10,000-square-foot seniors centre facility in South East Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund, a program established in 2007 to fund projects from 2007 through to the end of 2014;
5. The Mayor of Vancouver announced on January 19, 2014, that he will introduce a motion to use surplus funds from the City's operating budget to cover the anticipated funding shortfall for the Killarney Seniors Centre.
6. South East Vancouver is home to 1/3 of Vancouver's Senior Citizens;
7. Killarney Seniors Centre will provide opportunities for recreation and resources to 27,000 seniors in East Vancouver;
8. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested the Centre should be built to 10,000 square feet to serve the growing population of Vancouver Seniors;
9. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested that a commercial kitchen is necessary to provide hot meals to seniors and will help the centre to provide resources for cultural events;
10. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested that a separate elevator inside the centre is essential for many of the Seniors who will use the facility;
11. The anticipated cost to complete a 10,000 square foot Killarney Seniors Centre, including a commercial kitchen and separate elevator, has not yet been presented to Park Board Commissioners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Vancouver Park Board direct the General Manager to work with Park Board and City Staff and report back within 30 days with an estimated total cost of a 10,000 square foot Seniors Centre, including a commercial kitchen and separate elevator.
- B. Park Board direct the General Manager to work with City Staff and report back to the Park Board with a timeline for architectural drawings and a projected date to begin construction of the South East Seniors Centre.
- C. Staff explore the possibility of including a roof top garden on top of the South East Seniors Centre which would be ideal for events at the centre and for the general enjoyment of seniors and would help the Park Board to meet its goal as a leader in greening.
- D. Park Board, in a formal letter to Mayor and Vancouver City Council, commit to assist in expediting the construction of the South East Seniors Centre.