



MOTION ON NOTICE

Seniors Centre to Serve the Sunset Community in Southeast Vancouver

MOVER: Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. Over 28,000 seniors' live in Southeast Vancouver and numbers are expected to increase as the growing population continues to age;
2. Although the long awaited South East Vancouver Seniors Centre is expected to be completed in 2018, there is an overwhelming need for seniors' facilities to provide recreation, programming and resources for seniors in Vancouver;
3. All levels of government contributed to the South East Vancouver's Seniors Centre; the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allocated land next to the Killarney Community Centre and the successful financial model included matched contributions of \$2.5 million each, from federal and provincial governments and The City of Vancouver.
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has a mandate to provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation to benefit all people, communities and the environment;
5. The Sunset area is served by the Sunset Community Centre that was rebuilt and opened on December 17, 2007; there are concerns the centre was underbuilt and cannot meet the high demands for programmable space, especially for seniors and a growing population;
6. The Sunset Community Centre is centrally located in the Sunset Area and is near transit; there are currently 13 seniors centres in Vancouver and only one of these centres is located in East Vancouver; Vancouver Park Board staff have indicated the need for recreation facilities for seniors, especially on the east side of Vancouver;
7. Kerrisdale Seniors Centre and the soon to be developed Killarney Seniors Centre are both connected to Community Centres; staff have indicated this to be a successful model;
8. At the July 12, 2016 Vancouver City Council Meeting, a notice of motion was called entitled "Building a Seniors' Centre in South Vancouver/Sunset Area"; this motion calls for staff to explore funding models, governance models, design, site selection and consultation with the Sunset Community with the goal of developing a new seniors centre in the sunset area.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate potential site options appropriate for the development of a seniors' centre nearby or adjacent to the current Sunset Community Centre, taking into consideration the existing Sunset Community Centre Master Plan; staff are directed to report back with information and recommendations by January 2017;
- B. THAT staff explore a funding model similar to the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre; the Park Board's capital contribution to this project is to be the allocation of park land within the vicinity of the Sunset Community Centre; no funds committed or earmarked to Park Board projects in the 2016-2018 capital budget are to be redirected to this proposed project; furthermore, staff are to consult with the City of Vancouver, Provincial Government and Federal Government to explore potential funding sources for a Seniors Centre in the Sunset Neighborhood area; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, the Sunset and South Vancouver community, including the Seniors Hub, the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts and Cultural Society (SVSAC), the Sunset Community Centre Association, the Khalsa Diwan Society and Seniors Committee, as well as other affiliated seniors groups and stakeholders throughout the process, and on the governance model, planning and design.