



MOTION ON NOTICE

Ray-Cam Renewal

MOVER: Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. For forty years, Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre has been serving the Downtown Eastside and some of our city's most vulnerable populations. Over 18,500 people live in the Downtown Eastside, more than half are low income, dependent on welfare support, pensions, charitable and/or social services;
2. Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre is one of the highest membership, most frequently used community centres in all of Vancouver - a welcoming, family-oriented, and safe environment, with recreation and programming for people of all income levels, including youth, seniors, new immigrants, and a significant number of First Nations residents;
3. Over 700 volunteers take an active role in decision-making and staffing, along with program and service delivery for over 6,000 members;
4. The Ray-Cam Renewal Plan represents over two years of visioning and productive collaboration between our visioning team and stakeholders, staff, and the community; and
5. A renewed Ray-Cam envisions a neighbourhood centre with services and housing to meet the needs of the local population. A fully inclusive multi-generational community, with social and rental housing affordable for local residents. Expanded recreational, child care, seniors, local health and youth programs. Facilities for partner organizations, NGO's, and local start-up enterprises; and potential leasable space for local serving businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation support RayCam's request to City Council for inclusion in the next Capital Plan.