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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Steve Kellock– Director of Recreation
SUBJECT : **Sunset Seniors Centre Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo provides an update on the launch of the Sunset Seniors Centre project. The Sunset Seniors Centre is a new facility co-located with the Sunset Community Centre in Sunset Park.



Map showing the existing Sunset Community Centre context.

On [October 23, 2017](#), the Vancouver Park Board approved Sunset Park as the location for a new seniors centre in South Vancouver and directed staff to pursue funding opportunities to cost-share the project with the Federal and Provincial Governments. On [September 27, 2022](#), Council approved the creation of a multi-year capital budget for the Sunset Seniors Centre to be funded through a \$10,573,600 contribution from the Federal government (source: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) and \$4,000,000 in Development contributions through the City, with a total project budget of approximately \$14.5M.

By 2041, there is estimated to be an 80% increase in residents aged 65–74 and a 100% increase in residents older than 75 in Vancouver. The new 10,000 gross sq. ft. facility will serve South Vancouver's growing community of older adults and seniors of all abilities by expanding recreation and gathering opportunities. The proposed scope of work includes key spaces such as events and dining, multipurpose and flexible rooms, a fitness-oriented room, a kitchen, a lounge, lobby and administrative support spaces. The project architects are Carscadden Stokes McDonald Inc., who bring local expertise and have previous experience working with the Sunset community.



The next steps for staff and consultants are to continue the design development process. The next milestone and update for Park Board are expected to be in early 2024. The Contribution Agreement with the Federal Government requires project delivery by March 31, 2026. Construction of the project is anticipated to start in October 2024 and substantially complete by December 2025.

Staff expect the Sunset Community Centre, Sunset Nursery, and Sunset Arena to remain operational throughout the design and construction process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kellock".

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