



July 18, 2018

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **West End Community Centre Renewal and Expansion – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide background on the inclusion of \$10M in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan Facilities subsection for a West End Community Centre / King George Secondary School / Joe Fortes Library master plan and detailed designs for the project's first phase of implementation.

### **Background**

In 2013, the [West End Community Plan](#) was approved by Vancouver City Council. The renewal of the West End Community Centre and Joe Fortes Library were identified in the plan, which identified the need to develop a strategy for renewal and expansion of the facilities within the first ten years of the plan. Since the time the plan was approved, there has been more growth than anticipated and an increasing recognition of the need to expedite delivery of public benefits in the neighbourhood in the short-term in order to keep pace with development. 12,000 to 15,000 new residents are anticipated by 2028. With this growth comes significant cash CACs for use inside the West End for growth related public benefits.

As is the case with many of our community centres, the West End Community Centre is co-located with a number of other public facilities including a Park Board operated ice rink, King George Secondary School and the Joe Fortes Library, on land that is owned in part by the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and in part by the City. In the future, the City is also interested in exploring relocating a nearby fire hall to the site, due to seismic concerns, as well as considering other city needs such as expanded childcare and housing. Based off growing demand, the VSB has included the renewal and expansion of King George Secondary School in their capital submission to the Province, recognizing a short term need. VSB has identified this site as a short term priority. Given these pressures on the renewal and expansion of the site by the City and VSB, the City (Real Estate and Facilities Management - REFM) is in the very early stages of identifying what is feasible on the site, given the co-location of all of these functions.

The City (REFM) has identified site master planning (similar to the work recently undertaken at Britannia) through detailed design of the site during the 2019-2022 capital plan cycle. Public consultation would be initiated as part of the site master plan. Funding would be drawn from CACs already generated in the West End. This timeline would enable construction of the centre during the 2023-2026 capital plan cycle.



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As part of a multi-partner site, the West End Community Centre has been identified as a short term priority in order to meet the needs of the other partners as well as the need to renew and expand the Community Centre in order to meet population growth in the neighbourhood. Identifying this site as a short term priority will meet the needs of all site partners.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Bromley".

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