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APPENDIX A

October 15, 2002

Mayor & Councillors (via City Clerk's Department) Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4 Refers to P1 Council Meeting Agenda October 22, 2002

Dear Mayor & Councillors:

Re: Rezoning: 705 West Broadway (Holiday Inn)

We understand, from the developer of the above referenced site, that their request for a bylaw amendment (to the rezoning achieved at a public hearing on July 6, 2000) is anticipated to come before you for consideration on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Basically, the developer will be asking that a cash contribution of \$850,000 be made in lieu of the construction of a community building intended to be operated by our association. We wish to state here that it is our organization's changed circumstances that have driven the need for amendment, not any change in commitment to our neighbourhood on the part of the developer. Please refer to our previous related letter of October 29, 2001 (attached for your convenience), as to our involvement in this matter.

Unfortunately, many years of co-operative planning, between ourselves and the developer, to make this building a reality have had to be abandoned. Without meeting facilities, we have found it impossible to sustain a ready level of volunteer commitment sufficient to meet the extent of operating hours we have been advised by City staff would be required immediately upon opening of the facility. As a result, we informed the developer we no longer felt able to continue with the project on Fairview Slopes.

As you will see from our previous letter, it is our desire, and a desire totally supported by the developer, to see the entire \$850,000 Community Amenity Contribution go to the False Creek Community Centre's expansion project - False Creek being the Park Board centre designated to serve our community. However, we understand the allocation of these funds, should a cash contribution be acceptable to Council, will be the subject of a subsequent process, involving neighbourhood consultation.

We respect that process but are concerned that the prospect of "ready money" will encourage groups and/or individuals to come forward who otherwise would make no commitment to any kind of service provision in our neighbourhood. As the registered residents/community association, we are not aware of any other organization that can claim to represent the interests of our community. Nor have we received assistance or encouragement from any like-minded organization, save for the False Creek Community Centre, over the eight years we have worked

with this developer to realize a community building on Fairview Slopes. If only we had, then this request for amendment might be entirely unnecessary!

We, therefore, respectfully request that should the required bylaw achieve enactment, we be given every opportunity to address and influence the allocation of funds that, since a 1996 hearing, were designated to be spent in collaboration with our association.

As volunteers who have worked hard and long to bring a benefit to our community, we ask that our efforts not be discounted in this process.

Yours sincerely,

Lin Bompas, President

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October 29, 2001

Mayor & Councillors Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor & Councillors:

Rezoning: 705 West Broadway (Holiday Inn)

I am sure many of you will recall the proposed community space linked with this rezoning. In brief, the owner of the site pledged \$850,000 to realize this space (\$350,000 to build, plus an invested \$500,000 to generate some operating funds for our Association to run the space). At a hearing in August 1996, Council recorded their approval of the rezoning and the community space proposed "in collaboration with the Fairview Slopes Residents Association, which feels it can put the space to uses for the benefit of the community."

For our group (now officially registered as Fairview Slopes Community Association), work with this developer began in August 1994. Over the past seven years there have been meetings too numerous to mention, false starts, set backs, and even a further rezoning along the way. And throughout it all, community and developer have worked in full cooperation to realize Fairview's dream of a having a community gathering place in the neighbourhood. Unfortunately, the passing of years has adversely affected the Association's ability to sustain a volunteer base adequate to meet programming expectations at the facility.

After examining every feasible possibility for operating this space, we reluctantly conclude that the commitment is beyond the Association's current resources. Naturally, we are extremely disappointed. However, if we cannot go ahead with a mini centre of our own, we believe our community will best benefit from supporting the goals of our Park Board designated centre, that being the False Creek Community Centre. Our Association has, therefore, asked the owner and the developer of the Holiday Inn site, on our behalf, to donate the \$850,000 to the False Creek Community Centre's building expansion project, currently at Development Permit stage with the City. They are amenable to this proposal. We trust you will grant us this right of bestowal and allow the developer's obligation to be fulfilled in this manner.

Yours sincerely,

Lin Bompas President



## FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Mayor and Council Members, City of Vancouver, 453 West 12<sup>th</sup>., Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 1V4

7 January 2002

Dear Mayor and Council:

## Rezoning: 705 West Broadway (HolidayInn)

The False Creek Community Association Board of Directors understand that the proposal to allocate development funds towards the expansion of the False Creek Centre, as outlined in the Fairview Slopes Community Association letter to Council dated October 29<sup>th</sup>, fulfills the conditions agreed between the City and the Developer.

The expansion project will greatly enhance our capacity to serve the needs of the rapidly growing False Creek/Fairview Slopes/Burrard Slopes/Granville Island population. We are close to going to tender; however, we cannot proceed to this phase until the substantial portion of the total funds required from our Association is in place. To raise the shortfall between the Building fund built up by the Association and the required amount, we have initiated a fund-raising campaign: the Fairview Slopes/Holiday Inn donation is the direct result of the fund-raising initiative of one of our Board members. Your granting of the right of bestowal and approval of the fulfilment of the Developer's obligation in this manner will enable us to proceed with the project without delay.

Community centres do not receive any support for capital expansion from CAC's or DCL's on new residential or commercial construction in their areas, despite the fact that such development brings more patrons to centres; therefore, a direct contribution from a developer is a rare and invaluable opportunity.

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The Developer and the Fairview Slopes Community Association feel strongly that the \$850,000 be allocated specifically to the False Creek expansion project. These parties worked together for many years in an effort to bring a community gathering place to Fairview Slopes; however, they no longer see that as a reality, and believe that the needs of Fairview residents will best be served by supporting the much-needed expansion at their designated community centre.

We hereby strongly endorse their request of bestowal, and urge Council to give its formal approval.

Yours sincerely.

President, FCCA

Clarence Hansen, Chair, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Susan Mundick, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Jim Lowden, Director, Stanley District, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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