

RECREATION

Supports Item No. 3 P&E Committee Agenda May 3, 2007

May 2, 2007

Mayor Sullivan and Members of City Council City Hall Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mayor Sullivan and Members of Council:

Re: Downtown South: Park Strategy for 2007-2021 and Amendments to Development Cost Levy By-Law

The Board at its regular meeting on Monday, April 30, 2007 received copies of a staff report regarding Downtown South: Park Strategy for 2007-2021 and Amendments to Development Cost Levy By-Law and passed the following motion:

- A. THAT the Board support the following targets for parkland acquisition and park development for Downtown South for the 2007-2021 period:
  - Build the second phase of Emery Barnes Park at Seymour and Davie Streets (0.53 hectares or 1.3 acres);
  - Acquire and develop as park a City-owned parcel at Richards and Smithe Streets (0.31 hectares or 0.8 acres); and
  - Acquire and develop two mini-parks in the area between Granville and Burrard Streets (0.17 hectares or 0.4 acres).
- B. THAT the Board accept the proposal to revise the Development Cost Levy allocation for parkland acquisition and park development in Downtown South from 45.35% to 38%, provided that Council:
  - Increases the Development Cost Levy rate from \$9.50 per square foot to \$13.00 per square foot; and
  - Supports other mechanisms (e.g. Community Amenity Contributions) to acquire and develop the parks identified in the targets for Downtown South during the 2007-2021 period.

Regards,

Susan J. Mundick General Manager

cc: Judy Rogers, City Manager