

MOTION ON NOTICE

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1. Planning Process for Pearson Lands

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver seeks to be a leader in the provision of accessible services to people with disabilities;
2. Vancouver Coastal Health has decided to replace the health care facilities at George Pearson Centre as part of a major redevelopment of this site;
3. Council's Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee has expressed concern about the nature of the new facilities and heard submissions that the hospital should not be rebuilt but replaced with community-based independent living arrangements;
4. The Province of BC has set early deadlines to achieve significant revenue from the development of the Pearson lands, although the planning process has just begun;
5. The Pearson planning process is separate from the Marpole Community Plan and the Cambie Corridor Plan, and the resulting development will be a major project in the Marpole area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

- advise Vancouver Coastal Health that the City will require assurances that the mix of health care services, facilities and residential options for people with disabilities resulting from the redevelopment reflects global best practices and full consultation;
- remind Vancouver Coastal Health that increases in land value resulting from rezoning may result in community amenity charges offered to the city, which are not, under current policy, available to subsidize capital investments in health facilities and residential options that are a provincial responsibility;
- seek opportunities to ensure that the planned George Pearson development maximizes the number of fully accessible and appropriately supported units available to current residents at the existing site.

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