

2. Building a New Killarney Seniors Centre

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The non-profit society "Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Art and Cultural Centre Society" has been long advocating for a seniors' centre;
2. Over the last two election terms it has been the standing policy of both Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver Park Board to support the seniors community in the construction of a Seniors' Centre in Southeast Vancouver;
3. In 2009, the Park Board approved "THAT staff investigate siting options to add up to approximately 10,000 sq.ft. of program space to the existing Killarney complex in order to accommodate the proposed seniors' centre";
4. In 2011, Vancouver City Council approved a \$2.5 million contribution toward the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre as part of the 2011 Capital Budget, conditional on receiving external funding;
5. In 2013, \$1.3 million was committed by the Government of the Province of British Columbia;
6. In January 2014, \$2.5 million was committed by the Government of Canada; and
7. The seniors' community in southeast Vancouver has been waiting for well over 10 years for a seniors' centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct the City Manager to proceed immediately with the planning and construction of a seniors' centre in southeast Vancouver with a goal of a 10,000 sq.ft. facility, including a kitchen and elevator.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council make an additional financial contribution of up to \$1.2 million with funding from the 2013 Operating Budget surplus.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council send letters to thank the Government of Canada for their \$2.5 million contribution and the Government of the Province of British Columbia for their \$1.3 million contribution.
- D. THAT Vancouver City Council encourage further contributions from other funders to help fulfill the facility goals of the seniors community and the City of Vancouver.

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