

3. Completion of Killarney Seniors Centre

MOVER: Councillor Ball

SECONDER: Councillor Affleck

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation voted unanimously on May 4, 2009, to allocate land next to the Killarney Community Centre to build a seniors centre in South East Vancouver and directed staff to investigate options to add approximately 10,000 sq.ft. of program space;
2. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a \$2.5 million funding contribution toward the South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre on February 1, 2011, as part of the 2011 Capital Budget;
3. The City requested funds in the amount of \$1.3 million from the Provincial Government for a 700 square metre (7,500 sq.ft.) facility (as noted in the April 15, 2013, announcement by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development);
4. In response to the City's request the Province of British Columbia announced a \$1.3 million funding commitment toward construction of a new seniors centre in South East Vancouver on April 15, 2013;
5. Council unanimously passed a motion at the November 6, 2013, Standing Committee of Council on Planning, Transportation and Environment to write to the local Federal Member of Parliament, the local Provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly, along with the Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for Seniors, requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments each fully match the \$2.5 million capital funding already committed by Vancouver City Council towards the construction of a 10,000 sq.ft. Southeast Seniors Centre;
6. To date, the Province has yet to receive a written request from the City for the remaining \$1.2 million;
7. On January 7, 2014, the Federal Government announced a contribution of up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, toward a 10,000 sq.ft. seniors centre facility in South East Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund;
8. The Killarney Seniors Society has repeatedly stated that the Centre should be built to approximately 10,000 sq.ft. with a commercial kitchen and separate elevator to serve the growing population of Vancouver's seniors;

9. The Mayor of Vancouver announced on January 19, 2014, that he would introduce a motion to use surplus funds from the City's operating budget to cover the anticipated funding shortfall for the Killarney Seniors Centre referring only to a proposed \$7,500,000 budget;
10. The City of Vancouver has yet to commit formally to building a full sized 10,000 sq.ft. centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City Council commit to building an approximately 10,000 sq.ft. Seniors Centre at Killarney Community Centre, containing both a commercial kitchen and elevator.
- B. THAT the City immediately submit an amended funding application to the Provincial Government for a 10,000 square foot Seniors Centre facility before accessing City surplus operating funds.
- C. THAT Council requests that the Mayor write immediately to the Premier and MLA Suzanne Anton with a formal request for additional funding based on a 10,000 sq.ft. Seniors Centre facility.

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