



Save Our Parklands Association

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To: Mayor, Council, and City Planning Staff

With respect to the proposed amendments to the Marpole Community Plan to be considered today (May 13), I would like to once again thank you for including Save Our Parkland Association as a future member of a committee which will advise on the implementation of the 10 acre park at the foot of Cambie Street, and other trails or street-ends that will provide public access to the Fraser River.

The amendments to the plan remind us once again that the proposed density increase in Marpole is both sizeable and imminent. Because of this, it is important that increasing public access to parks in Marpole should be addressed now because the construction of some projects has already begun, a significant portion of this in proximity to the river (SW Marine Drive) and the Canada Line access will ensure that others who live further away will also be able to travel to the proposed 10 acres park.

We look forward to any assistance we can provide on the creation of this much-desired green space.

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To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments required for Marpole Community Plan

Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments required for Marpole Community Plan

As I won't be able to make the Council meeting tonight, I would like to give you my feedback.

I would like to focus on the issue of the location of the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre.

I strongly believe that the **existing** community centre building should remain at its present location at Oak Park at 59th and Oak. I also believe that the funds slated for renewal in the capital plan should be used to build a community centre **addition** adjacent to the existing centre for the following reasons:

1. Central Location

The current location is central to the majority of major developments under construction or coming on stream, and would be the best location to serve existing and future residents.

As chair of the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre Association Programme Committee, I can tell you that the current centre is at capacity and just barely accommodates the existing population.

Major projects will generate an increase in the population in the area and we will need additional space at the community centre to accommodate their recreational needs.

The projects include:

- Pearson/Dogwood Lands, 2 blocks away
- Langara Gardens, 3 blocks away
- Cambie Corridor, 4 blocks away
- Marine Gateway and the proposed towers across the street from it at Cambie and Marine

2. Proximity To schools

The existing building is within a short walking distance to four schools, and is a valuable student resource for recreation and education outside of school hours.

I believe that moving the centre elsewhere would be a challenge for students to easily get to and result in a sharp decrease in usage by the students.

3. Playing Fields

The centre is located on a park that has playing fields that provide a wide range of sports such as soccer, baseball and other outdoor activities.

4. Land Ownership

The City already owns Oak Park and taxpayers would not have to pay a penny for land acquisition to build elsewhere.

The Marpole Oakridge-Community Centre is a vibrant centre used by seniors for social programmes, pre-schoolers in the daycare, and all ages in between from morning to night. There's even a church group who rents our centre on Sundays. It is the heart of the neighbourhood, both geographically and metaphorically. I urge you not to move it, because if you did it would be like driving a stake in the heart of the community.

Sincerely,
Wayne Soon

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