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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Park Board-led Consultation and Development of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre

At the Regular Council meeting on February 3, 2015, Councillor De Genova submitted the following Notice of Motion.

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Over 27,000 seniors live in the South Vancouver area;
2. There are currently no City or Park Board owned/operated facilities specifically for seniors in East Vancouver;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation voted unanimously on May 4, 2009, to allocate land next to the Killarney Community Centre in order to build a seniors centre in southeast Vancouver;
4. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a \$2.5 million funding contribution toward the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre on February 1, 2011, as part of the 2011 Capital Budget;
5. The Province of British Columbia announced a \$1.3 million funding commitment toward construction of a new seniors centre in southeast Vancouver on April 15, 2013, and on April 23, 2014, announced an additional \$1.2 million in funding, bringing the total contribution from the Provincial government to \$2.5 million;
6. The Government of Canada announced on January 7, 2013, that it will contribute up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, towards a 10,000-square-foot seniors centre facility in Southeast Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund;
7. Key stakeholders are awaiting progress on development of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre;
8. Documents have been circulated to the public stating that the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre may not be completed before 2018;
9. The Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre will be built on Park Board land;
10. The Park Board is experienced in building community centres and recreation facilities in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council write a letter to the Vancouver Park Board requesting that the Park Board take the lead in all consultations and meetings with the public and key stakeholders relating to the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT City Council request in its letter that the Park Board - given the Board's experience in building community centres and recreation facilities - take the lead on the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre project and oversee its development as expeditiously as possible.

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