

**CD-1 Rezoning: 4910-4950 Willow Street - Support**

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2025-03-10	11:02	CD-1 Rezoning: 4910-4950 Willow Street	Support	<p>Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4</p> <p>Mayor Ken Sim Cllr Rebecca Bligh Cllr Lenny Zhou Cllr Adriana Carr Cllr Lisa Dominato Cllr Pete Fry Cllr Mike Klassen Cllr Peter Meiszner Cllr Brian Montague</p> <p>Dear Mayor and Council,</p> <p>Re: Support for Willow House – RMH BC&amp;Y’s Second House in Vancouver</p> <p>I am writing to share my strong and enthusiastic support for Ronald McDonald House BC &amp; Yukon’s (RMH BC&amp;Y) plan to build Willow House - a second facility in Vancouver. This much needed facility will support families who travel from towns and cities across British Columbia to Vancouver seeking children’s specialised medical care.</p> <p>There is an urgent need for Willow House. Currently, the demand for supportive housing for sick children who come to BC Children’s Hospital with their families for specialized treatment greatly outstrips availability. The current House is operating at full capacity: each year over 500 families are turned away, countless families are forced to rely on hotels, long-term rentals and even shelters during an already emotional and stressful time.</p> <p>The recent approval of \$18 million through the GICB program and an additional \$1 million from the GCWood grant demonstrates the Federal government’s understanding that there is a critical need for Willow House. This funding is a significant step forward, but the support of the City of Vancouver is crucial to ensure that this project can move ahead as planned.</p> <p>Please refer to the attached Appendix A for full letter.</p>	Christine Boyle		Appendix A



Hon. Christine Boyle,  
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The new facility, located at 4910, 4930, and 4950 Willow Street, will provide 75 apartment-style units, including spaces with kitchens and private bedrooms, to offer families both comfort and independence during an incredibly difficult time. In addition, the project's commitment to being net-zero carbon echoes our shared goals of sustainable development. I am excited to welcome this new building into my riding of Vancouver-Little Mountain, knowing it will serve families from across the province.

Willow House is about more than just providing a place to stay - it's about keeping families together, easing financial burden during a stressful and emotional time and creating a supportive environment for vulnerable families. With the City's support, I am confident that RMH BC&Y will successfully raise the remaining funds philanthropically and break ground as planned.

I urge Vancouver City Council to approve the rezoning application and deliver the support needed to begin construction for this much needed facility.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Richard Pass, CEO, Ronald McDonald House British Columbia & Yukon  
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