



NOTICE OF MEETING

SPECIAL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2017

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise Denise Swanston at 604.871.6399 or e-mail denise.swanston@vancouver.ca*
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ROLL CALL

1. Pearson/Dogwood Re-development Application 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Staff from the City and Vancouver Coastal Health will provide updates on the Pearson/Dogwood re-development application process. The Committee will consider its March 2016 motion below and whether it should be amended or a new motion should be considered.

WHEREAS:

1. An application has been submitted to the City of Vancouver for rezoning of the Pearson Dogwood lands; and
2. A public consultation process is underway and some aspects of the redevelopment plan have not been finalized; and
3. The George Pearson Centre ("GPC") is being closed and the building demolished; and

4. The residents of GPC will be re-housed by Vancouver Coastal Health (“VCH”) on the same site (the “VCH Units”); and
5. The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, Disability Alliance BC and Pearson Residents Redevelopment Group have agreed to the housing options for Pearson residents (the “Consensus Agreement”); and
6. Some of the Pearson residents may choose to live with a friend, caregiver or family member; and
7. The Consensus Agreement includes a group living option referred to as Greenhouses, and the future demand for such housing is uncertain; and
8. There is a severe shortage of affordable and wheelchair accessible housing in Vancouver and the shortage is especially acute for users of power wheelchairs; and
9. There is a need for wheelchair accessible units in all types of housing, including housing designated for families and seniors; and
10. Full inclusion of persons with disabilities requires that their housing be distributed throughout the community; and
11. The Pearson Dogwood redevelopment is expected to include, in addition to housing, a community health clinic, a therapeutic pool, a park, an urban farm, retail space and access to public transit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT support of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee for the rezoning application will be conditional on the following:

1. That the VCH Units be developed in accordance with the consensus agreement;

2. That, to accommodate Pearson residents who may choose to live with a friend, caregiver or family member, the City of Vancouver and VCH work toward allocating up to 2000 square feet to supplement the space now allocated for the VCH Units;
3. That the designs for the Greenhouses incorporate plans to efficiently modify them into smaller independent units to efficiently accommodate possible changes in future demand;
4. That 5% of all categories and sizes of housing on the site be wheelchair accessible; this includes market and non-market housing and in sizes from studio to three-bedroom;
5. That 50% of social and affordable wheelchair accessible units (which does not include the VCH Units) be designed for users of power wheelchairs; those designs are to be commensurate with the current designs for the VCH Units;
6. That wheelchair accessible units, including the VCH Units, be distributed throughout the site; and
7. That all public spaces, amenities and facilities on the site, including parks and walkways, the farm, the pool, the community health clinic, public transit and any retail space, be designed to maximize inclusion of persons with disabilities and in accordance with principles of universal design;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee will withhold approval of the rezoning application until after it has received further details of the redevelopment plan and may add to or amend the conditions for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
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