



May 4, 2016

Distributed via email

Dear Community Centre Association Presidents and Directors,

Re: A New Way Forward to a Revitalized Joint Operating Agreement

Thank you to everyone who attended our kick-off Step 1 Meetings with the Facilitator, as well as the Dialogue Session on April 30. It was terrific to see them all so well attended. We appreciate your time, energy, and feedback.

As promised, by way of follow-up and next steps on the above process, we are writing to provide you with the dates and topics for the JOA Consultation Sessions that will take place between May and July. The goal is to enable you to plan in advance by having the full schedule in hand as so many of you requested.

As we spoke about April 30, the Park Board is committed to a fully open and transparent process throughout. As part of our commitment, this communication is being sent to all CCA Presidents and Board Directors, not just to those who attended the meeting on Saturday, April 30.

At each scheduled Consultation Session, Raymond Penner will lead us in a facilitated discussion on the specific 2-3 JOA topics assigned to that meeting. As committed, Park Board Commissioners and Park Board Senior Management will be in attendance at each meeting to listen to your ideas, concerns, and feedback.

You will be provided with draft materials two weeks prior to each Session (we have doubled the lead time to receive materials in response to your feedback), so you have the opportunity to review, discuss with your Boards, and gather feedback before each Session.

Additionally, there will also be an opportunity to submit feedback electronically directly to Raymond. All input shared both at in-person meetings and electronically will be documented by Raymond Penner for consideration and discussion.

Please note that we will send follow-up emails with meeting locations and details. To help us plan for space and light refreshments at each Consultation Session, it would be terrific if you could RSVP two weeks in advance of each session to let us know if you will attend. Of course, everyone is always welcome and there will be always be room should you choose to attend last minute and have not RSVP'd.



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If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact facilitator Raymond Penner directly at strategicactiongroup@telus.net.

We look forward to continuing to move forward and to working together on this process to complete a new JOA.

Sincerely,

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