

June 26, 2003

Information Letter

RE: Joint Operating Agreement Task Force – Progress Report and Discussion Paper

The Joint Operating Agreement Task Force was established in recognition of the need for a renewal of the partnership between the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and each of 20 not-for-profit Community Association Societies involved in the delivery of community based recreation and community services at Community Centres in Vancouver. The mandate of the Task Force is to make recommendations that will result in the development of a new agreement to strengthen the partnership and enhance the capacity of both to better provide for the recreation needs of citizens.

The Task Force has now completed half of its work plan and we are pleased to distribute to you the attached two reports:

June 2003 Progress Report
Discussion Paper

The Progress Report summarizes the results of our research and analysis to date and the Discussion Paper encourages dialogue on the key issues. The Progress Report contains useful background information to support an informed discussion of the ideas and issues presented in the Discussion Paper. We recommend reviewing the Progress Report before reading the Discussion Paper.

The Discussion Paper is intended to promote a broad exchange of ideas and provoke consideration of both established and proposed aspects of the partnership by which recreation services are delivered. We hope you will find it thought provoking.

Please review these documents, share them with colleagues, and pass them to others interested in community recreation services. It is our aim to inform and engage as many people as possible in the work of the Task Force.

The Task Force will be collecting feedback on these documents until September 30, 2003. Responses can be directed to:

