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Dear Mayor and Council,

Recently, a few Council members met with and toured The Children's Foundation. Below are the responses to three questions that arose in the meeting that were sent onto staff for information. I thought they would be of interest to all of Council so am sending the response to these questions to everyone.

**Question 1: Is there an existing city or community-led table/body that serves to bring together child/youth serving agencies, particularly agencies serving children/families who are dealing with complex behaviours, mental health issues, as well as vulnerable children/families?**

There are three groups of note that bring together child/youth serving agencies in Vancouver:

- **First Call BC** (<https://firstcallbc.org/>): First Call BC is a child and youth advocacy coalition located in Vancouver. They are a non-partisan coalition of 104 provincial and regional organizations focused on putting children and youth first through public education, community mobilization, and public policy advocacy. The First Call coalition meets monthly to discuss emerging issues and set priorities. Coalition members working in early childhood development meet bi-monthly in an Early Childhood Development (ECE) Roundtable. There are coalition members who serve children/families dealing with complex behaviours (e.g., Developmental Disabilities Association), mental health issues (e.g., West Coast Family Centres) and vulnerable children /families (e.g., Aunt Leah's Place).
- **The Joint Childcare Council:** The Joint Childcare Council (JCC) was originally established in 2004 as a joint initiative of the City, Park Board and School Board to advise City Council on how to accelerate the building of childcare on municipally-owned lands. Over the years, the JCC has expanded to include membership from the Vancouver Public Library and Vancouver Coast Health, as well as representatives from larger childcare operators, childcare resource hubs, unions that represent childcare workers and the building sector. The JCC has successfully overseen the creation of 1,982 new spaces of childcare, the renovation of existing childcare spaces, and has been a key driver in informing recent provincial and national government childcare policy and funding changes.
- **City of Vancouver's Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee:** The mandate of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) is to advise Council and staff on matters that relate to children, youth and families. If requested by the Court, the CYFAC is also mandated as a family court committee under the British Columbia Provincial Court Act and as a youth justice committee under the Youth Justice Act.

**Question 2: Do we have any sense of what BC Children's Hospital's plans are for Sunny Hill?**

City staff (ACCS, REFM, PDS) are not aware of BC Children's Hospital's plans for the future of the Sunny Hill Health Centre.

**Question 3: What is the City's long term thinking about this site? (I understand they have a lease with the City until 2021, with two 10 year renewal options; we were also advised there is some sort of covenant in place that commits the land be used in support of children's care – I might have the wording wrong).**

2750 East 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., both land and building, are owned by the City in the Capital Portfolio. According to Real Estate Services records, the operator is responsible for capital and maintenance expenses.

Regarding the City's long term thinking for 2750 East 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., City staff are not engaged in any conversations regarding the future of this site. As a result, it is anticipated that the use of this site will remain as permitted under its current zoning.



Regarding the lease, The Children's Foundation currently has a 25 year lease with the City, with two 10 year renewal options. The 25 year lease term began on October 17, 1996 and will expire on October 16, 2021. Lease renewal will be subject to the conditions in the lease, which include that:

- the Tenant shall continue to use the Premises for the benefit of children; and
- the Tenant shall continue to be a party to an operating agreement with the Province of British Columbia in connection with its use of the Premises.

In addition, the CD-1 (356) bylaw for the site (2750 E 18th Ave) only allows for two types of uses, which include:

- A maximum of two of the following: Community Care Facilities or Group Residences, consisting of residential and educational functions and which may include administrative functions; and
- Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to the above use.

Regarding any covenants on the site, there is in fact a registered covenant on title to the lands (charge number BK330648). It is for a right of way in favour of the City for utility purposes in a small section on the southeast corner of the site.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to connect with Sandra Singh directly.

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