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Subject: Memo - VSB-CoV MOU re Facilities and Land Optimization
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Mayor and Council,

The attached joint memo advises you of the recently signed *City-VSB Facilities & Land Optimization Memorandum of Understanding* by the Vancouver School District and the City of Vancouver (including the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation and the Vancouver Public Library).

Key highlights of the MOU:

- Confirms all parties are committed to working together to maximize available space
- Defines an overarching relationship framework among the four parties
- Identifies eight guiding principles to guide the optimal use of publicly-owned spaces
- Remains in effect from 2023-2026 with two options to renew

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

May 8, 2023

TO: Mayor & Council
Vancouver Board of Education
Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation
Vancouver Public Library Board

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SUBJECT: City-VSB Facilities & Land Optimization Memorandum of Understanding

This joint memo advises Vancouver's elected officials of the recently signed *City-VSB Facilities & Land Optimization Memorandum of Understanding* by the Vancouver School Board and the City of Vancouver (including the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation and the Vancouver Public Library)("the City").

Background

The VSB and the City work closely to maximize the availability of public benefits to those who live, learn, work and play in Vancouver.

Through this cooperative partnership, the VSB and the City identified an opportunity to establish an overarching relationship framework as it relates to joint planning, development, operation, maintenance, renewal and/or use of available publicly-owned spaces. Publicly-owned spaces include, but are not limited to, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasias, playgrounds, sport courts and fields, pools, ice rinks, libraries, and parking facilities.

Overview of MOU

The primary objectives of the MOU are to define shared principles for cooperative working relationships and future joint opportunities, encourage and capitalize on joint and cooperative ventures, and maximize joint, shared and reciprocal use of available land and facilities.

To achieve the objectives above, the partners have identified eight guiding principles:

1. Administrative Simplicity
2. Collaboration for Community Benefit
3. Equity, Reconciliation, Diversity & Inclusion
4. Good Governance
5. Taking a Holistic Approach
6. Keeping Each Other Whole
7. Maintaining Each Organization's Primary Purpose
8. Timely Communication

To implement these principles, the partners will leverage existing processes, templates, tools, governance structures and channels so as to eliminate unnecessary administrative requirements as a result of this MOU.

Staff will continue to sustain proactive communications with respect to current and future strategic opportunities, issues and challenges. This includes sharing respective planning processes, timelines, data, best practices and innovative strategies so the partners can optimize the use of spaces for the good of Vancouver's communities.

Conclusion

Staff in all organizations played a critical role in developing the details of this MOU. By articulating our strong commitment to working collaboratively long-term, staff in all organizations can more efficiently work together to optimize publicly-owned spaces.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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