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Subject: Update: Squamish Nation project to relocate yellow school house from Hudson Elementary

Good morning Mayor & Council,

I am writing to share some information on Squamish Nation's (SN) plan to move and repurpose a 1912 yellow school house currently located at Henry Hudson Elementary in Kitsilano.

Synopsis:

On the evening of Tues, Aug 1st, Squamish Nation will have the 1912 building picked up and moved safely down Cornwall Ave and through Kits Beach Park to an awaiting barge where it will then sail across the inlet to Squamish Nation Reserve in North Vancouver. With support from BC Hydro, SN will complete energy retrofits and repurpose the building into an Indigenous learning nest.

Key highlights:

- The yellow building, which does not have a heritage designation, was intended to be demolished by VSB as part of construction for the new elementary school
- Instead, VSB agreed to transfer building ownership to SN who, in turn, retained a private company to have the building moved to its reserve
- The non-profit childcare operator currently in the yellow building was moved to other spaces on-site
- Abatement work and building preparations will be complete in time for the move during high tide
- Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations have provided their respective approvals of this project
- Cornwall Ave will be closed overnight and returned to regular operations by 8am Wed, Aug 2nd
- The move will be monitored by a consulting archaeological company to ensure no damage to the park or First Nations' cultural heritage

City and Park Board role:

While the City is not a party to agreement between VSB and SN regarding the school house, City and Park Board staff have undertaken considerable of effort to facilitate this project:

- DBL staff worked closely with VSB on the two replacement childcare locations, expedited building/fire/occupancy inspections and permits. ACCS staff also assisted in managing the relationship with the childcare operator and liaising with VCH childcare licensing.
- Engineering has prioritized street use permit applications, approved street closure and temporary removal/replacement of 6 traffic signals arms.
- Park Board staff have also been working worked closely with the Nation.s contractor and archaeology to permit the best temporary pathway through the park, given significant cultural heritage.
- Our Indigenous Relations and Communications teams have also been supporting this work.

The building moving company will host a small thank-you event with stakeholders on Tues, Aug 1st at 9:30am (no media is expected). Squamish Nation will have a more formal event in North Vancouver once the building is installed.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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