

September 13, 2016

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Dear CCA Presidents and Directors:

Re: JOA Fall Consultation Process - Draft Documents

Thank you so much everyone for joining us this past Saturday for the walk-through of our new draft Joint Operating Agreement. It was a very productive session and we are making excellent progress as we enter the home stretch of our work together and joint journey towards a revitalized JOA.

In the last months we have accomplished a great deal together - thank you! We are on track towards completion of a new JOA, that will enable us all to get on with what you we do best which is providing the highest quality recreation and other services to our communities.

I am very pleased that the new draft JOA is a true reflection of a community and partnership driven model that recognizes the contributions of both the CCAs and the Park Board. This will provide us with a strong foundation as we look ahead to the future.

In April, we invited you to participate in a fresh round of consultation. This consultation was different from previous negotiations in a number of significant ways. All CCAs and all Commissioners were included and participated in one, shared, transparent process.

Our consultation process facilitated by Raymond Penner provided many opportunities for feedback. As you saw from the draft JOA overview this past Saturday, September 10, staff worked diligently to incorporate your contributions wherever possible.

As promised, a copy of the draft JOA is attached as well as a summary of some of the key components as a supporting reference tool. Raymond's report, which includes the feedback received and how it was used, is also attached for your reference.

Our next scheduled session to provide comment on the Draft JOA is Saturday, September 24. As discussed at last Saturday's session, staff will send a separate email with suggested potential date options for our third review session, given that we have cancelled the previously scheduled Saturday, September 17 session to allow time for CCAs to further review the document.



At the upcoming sessions, Raymond Penner will facilitate and capture your feedback on screen for everyone to see. As with previous sessions, we will also have an online survey available. The [link for the online feedback survey](http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/3023771/VPB-JOA-Draft-2-Consultation-Input) is now live (<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/3023771/VPB-JOA-Draft-2-Consultation-Input>).

We will carefully consider your feedback to determine if there are tweaks that need to be made or issues to consider before the final JOA is generated.

I want to acknowledge the incredible time and effort that has gone into this consultation and to thank everyone who has helped get us to this point in the journey. We believe this agreement sets the stage for a healthy working partnership and allows everyone to get back to the business of providing excellent services and programs to our residents.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair - Vancouver Park Board