

May 27, 2016

Distributed via email

Dear Community Centre Association Presidents and Board Members,

Re: JOA Consultation Process Update

I am writing with an update on the JOA Consultation Process in advance of our JOA Consultation Session scheduled for next Tuesday, May 31st.

Last week we received an email from a group of CCA Presidents with a suggestion for an improvement to the consultation process to help make it even more open and transparent. The suggestion was for:

1. The Park Board to revise the draft content of each JOA content section/component based on CCA feedback from the previous consultation session/online survey, then
2. The Park Board to send the revised version back to all CCAs before moving on to new components at the next consultation session. *For example, the suggestion was that after we meet with you on May 31st about the JOA Preamble, Principles and Access, we would send back a revised version of the content (on Preamble, Principles and Access) so you can see how your feedback is being integrated for each topic, rather than waiting until the full draft JOA is circulated in September to see how your feedback is reflected.*

We are pleased to incorporate the suggestion to circulate revised content after each Consultation Session into the process. Please note the following clarifications:

- The revised content you will receive after each meeting will still be key points for that particular JOA component in point form summary format. It won't be in formal legal contract language, as that will come once the whole JOA is drafted with legal in the summertime and circulated to the group in September.
- We will do our best to get you the revised content as quickly as possible after each Consultation Session and the close of each survey for each component. Note that due to timing with the online survey and compilation, this may not always be before the next meeting. However, we will work to get it to you as quickly as possible.
- Each Consultation Session will continue to focus on the content slated and planned for that workshop.

- It is important to note that early 'Draft 2' versions might go through further changes after discussion of subsequent sessions. For example, as we continue to discuss new components of the JOA at each Consultation Session from May to July, content on previously discussed components could evolve based on joint consideration of the draft JOA as a whole. In other words, revised content circulated after each Consultation Session should be considered as draft and not final until all parties have had the opportunity to complete the overall discussions.

As you know, the Board of Commissioners committed to one process for all CCA's. We also committed to a fully open and transparent process and communication for everyone and for all centres, which is why this response is being sent to the full group and not just the group of centres that brought the improvement suggestion forward.

We hope this commitment to get revised content to all of you as soon as possible after each Consultation Session will help build progressive understanding and alignment as we work through this together, and that it demonstrates how your feedback is being seriously considered and responded to by the Park Board.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening, May 31.

Sincerely,



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