

City of Vancouver, Project Manager,

February 27, 2013

Hastings Park Master Plan

Dear Mr. Hutch ,

On behalf of several community groups that have been interviewed as stakeholders in the Hastings Park Governance Review process, including the Hastings Community Association, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, the Hastings Park Conservancy, the Hastings Sunrise Business Improvement Association, and the Friends of Hastings Park, we would like to clarify our position on the governance of Hastings Park so that the project consultants can include a strong community voice in all the options that will be presented at the next meeting.

First, we would like to begin by mentioning that the process for the governance review has been very unclear. We were not presented with an agenda for the first Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting held on February 13 until one day beforehand, and we were given no idea of what the process of the review would be ahead of time. At the first meeting, we were presented with a series of questions to which we had to respond on the spot. There was no time given for us to consult with our respective community members on the particular issues. We were also totally unaware that the questions posed in the initial meeting would then form the basis for the governance options.

In view of these limitations in the review process, we have taken some time to consult with our respective community groups, and we would like to communicate the importance of including public processes in the governance options. To this end, we request that

1. The Park Board be included as an option for a governing body as its mandate for park maintenance is imperative in protecting the public interest at Hastings Park, and
2. That ALL the governance options include strong community representation and transparent processes.

Thank you for taking the time to review and respond to this matter.

Sincerely,

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