



Mission Association for Community Living (MACL)

“Building Bridges Together”

February 2, 2012

Dear Mayor and Council:

For over 50 years the Mission Association for Community Living (better known as MACL) has been providing critical supports to adults and children with developmental disabilities, and their families. As a non-profit, charitable organization we have always strived to be responsive, active and contributing members of the Mission Community (e.g. events such as Celebrate Mission/*Illuminaria*). In 2009 MACL was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as the Non-Profit Association of the Year.

We are writing at this time for urgent financial support. This week we were shocked to learn our annual \$100,000 application for a provincial Community Gaming Grant had been denied (except for \$3500 for Sandcastle Preschool). Exercising for the first time a clause that states 25% of the budget come from sources *other than* the provincial or federal government, without financial support the services described below will be lost.

In preparing our appeal of this Gaming Branch decision, we have cut our budget to \$65,000. In light of municipal revenue derived from slot machines at Chances Gaming Centre, on behalf of the Board of Directors and those we support, we implore you to look favourably on this request to fund 25% of \$65,000, or \$16,250. Viewed as an investment garnering an incredible yield, your letter of commitment will ensure such vital services to individuals with disabilities - and their families - will continue.

Sincerely,
Robert Keys, Executive Director

c.c. MACL Board of Directors

Family Support Service (\$50,000)

The Family Support Worker (FSW) provides support to families, children and individuals to enhance their overall well being and functioning. Individuals with a developmental disability, and families with a child with a developmental disability (or other extra support needs) face significant pressures. Services and support to individuals and families are fragmented and require various professional referrals for eligibility. The FSW assists to access local, provincial and federal services/benefits. She provides resource and supportive counseling and liaises with various agencies on behalf of individuals and families. More specifically, the FSW assists in the following ways:

- completes Persons With Disability benefits applications.



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- assists families with navigating various government agencies to access services and support (e.g. CLBC, MHSD and MCFD).
- assists families/individuals to secure funding for assessment to meet criteria for services/support.
- advocates for families regarding low income housing, food hampers, emergency funds, domestic violence support.
- attends school Individual Education Plan meetings with families upon their request.
- advocates for families when in crisis and the child needs to be "in care" via Special Needs Agreement.
- assists individuals and their friends/families in facilitating completion of Legal Representation Agreements.
- provides ongoing communication, and arranges workshops, conferences, training opportunities (e.g. Specialized Parenting Training, and info sessions on Registered Disability Savings Plans).
- has an excellent understanding and knowledge of existing community resources.
- provides support to families to strengthen and enhance families natural support network.
- provides supportive and resource counseling.
- liaises with Behavioral Consultants working with families.
- provides outreach support to underserved families.

Specialized Recreation Service (\$15,000)

This recreation service is for adults with developmental disabilities. It has been carried out for the past 15 years by our Society. With the necessary staff support, up to 50 individuals are able to participate in inclusive, community activities. Staff negotiate for better pricing, and make all the arrangements including travel. MACL provides a lift-equipped vehicle that is used to support individuals so they can participate like everyone else... all activities are planned with accessibility in mind. (e.g. activities such as camping will have sites that are level and can accommodate wheelchairs. Sporting events will have tickets/seating booked that allow for wheelchairs).

The greater community benefits by having greater involvement with individuals with developmental disabilities in typical activities. This helps create awareness of disability issues and educates the public.

A list of typical activities includes the following: Music in the Park, mini-golf, Bowen Island trip, trout farm fishing, camping trips (e.g. Cultus Lake), sporting events (e.g. Canadian's baseball, Whitecaps soccer), Vancouver Game Farm, Granville Island, Imax Theatre.

LATE ITEM: REGULAR COUNCIL – February 6, 2012 – PLANNING 6(h)

Discussion – Planning Application Process
(Verbal – Councillor Hensman)

File Category: ADM.BYL.BYL.
File Folder: Bylaw 5244-2011 and Bylaw 5245-2011

To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
Date: February 6, 2012

Subject: Amendment of Bylaws District of Mission Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5244-2011-4052(16) and District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 5245-2011-5050(54)

Recommendation

1. That District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 5245-2011-5050(54) be amended prior to third reading by amending the legal description noted in Section 2(b) for properties located at 7324, 7338, 7348, 7366, 32267 and 32299 Hurd Street and legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 011-930-942, Lot 3 Except: Part Subdivided by Plan 16383, Section 20, Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 905

Parcel Identifier: 010-207-945, Lot "B" Section 20 Township 17 New Westminster District Plan 16383

Parcel Identifier: 010-207-911, Lot "A" Section 20 Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 16383

Parcel Identifier: 005-543-363, Lot "4" Except: Firstly: Part Road on Plan LMP12762, Secondly; Part on Plan BCP 17333 Section 20, Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 905

Parcel Identifier: 006-487-289, Lot 36, Except: Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 32175); Section 20, Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 30073

Parcel Identifier: 006-457-215, Lot 38, Section 20, Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 30364 be deleted and replaced with

"Parcel Identifier: 028-741-731, Lot A Section 20 Township 17 New Westminster District Plan BCP49768"; and that

2. Prior to Third Reading, Section 2 of District of Mission Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5244-2011-4052(16), is hereby amended by deleting the section and inserting the following: "District of Mission Official Community Plan Bylaw 4052-2008", as amended, is hereby further amended by redesignating the properties located at 7348 and 7338 Hurd Street, being the area of land within the boundaries of the former parcels described as:

Parcel Identifier: 010-207-911 Lot "A" Section 20 Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 16383

Parcel Identifier: 010-207-945 Lot "B" Section 20 Township 17, New Westminster District Plan 16383

from *Urban Compact/Multiple Family* to *Institutional* on Map 1 and Map 1a."

Background

Fraser Health has consolidated the parcels on the above referred to properties into the new parcel legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 028-741-731 - Lot A Section 20 Township 17 New Westminster District Plan BCP49768

We have been advised that the consolidation of the property would not affect anything in the new CD 26 Zone regulations. Because the parcels referred to in section 2(b) of Bylaw 5245-2011-5050(54) no longer exist, staff are recommending that prior to third reading being given, Council be asked to amend the bylaw in section 2(b) by striking out the 6 separate legal descriptions and substituting the new legal description of the consolidated parcel.

In order to address the OCP amendment that affects two parcels referred to in the OCP Bylaw 5244-2011-4052(16), (neither of which still exists because of the consolidation) it is still necessary for the area within those two former parcels to be re-designated for Institutional development.

Conclusion

By amending the bylaws prior to third reading, the property legal descriptions are corrected to what presently exists.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.



Kelly Ridley