

Presentation of a cheque from Thompson Community Association  
to Richmond City Council  
for the addition to the Thompson Community Centre  
February 11, 2002

Presenters: Julie Halfnights, President  
Robin Percival-Smith, former Fitness Committee Chairman

Key Points:

- \$200,000 is the Community Association's commitment to the construction cost of the addition
- 2000 square feet was added, doubling the size of the original area
- the Association supplied \$65,000 of new equipment for the enlarged fitness centre
- the number of users has approximately doubled since the addition opened in mid-June 2001
- the need for the addition became apparent when maximum capacity for the fitness centre was often reached during busy times
- all costs of the fitness centre, including wages for attendants, equipment and maintenance are supplied by the Association
- Fitness Centre planning, budgeting, purchasing, policies and procedures are all determined by the Fitness Committee, with the support of a staff City staff person
- Thompson fitness centre has personnel on duty during all operating hours
- since September 2001, the fitness centre has been open early at 8 a.m. on weekdays; all personnel costs for the additional 2 hours, including City staff, are paid by the Association
- the centre is used by a wide range of community members from 13 to well over 80; the original goal of providing a safe and welcome facility where people of all fitness levels could improve their health has been achieved
- special programs for seniors, youth, cardiac rehab and respiratory patients have been developed in cooperation with other agencies
- a significant number of WCB and ICBC rehab clients use the centre under the direction of trainers and therapists
- the new Thompson Community Centre building was opened in September 1996

