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Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
City of Richmond
6911 Road No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Re: Steveston Community Centre Space Needs

Dear Councillor Steves;

Over the past several months, there has been numerous discussions and opinions offered in the local newspapers and from other sources about the possibility of relocating the Steveston library to another site in Steveston.

Our Board is concerned that we have not been privy to these discussions or been asked officially for our position on this matter. For the record, my Board has directed me to present our position on this issue for your information and consideration.

The Board of the Steveston Community Society wish to advise City Council of our desperate need for additional space in the community centre. Currently, our greatest need is for space for our fitness programs. Our existing space is very limited and to be able to compete with other programs such as those offered by the Richmond Oval and other community centres, we need to expand and improve our facilities.

We are cognizant of the fact that with the new buildings proposed for Minoru Park, a new community centre in Steveston is a low priority in the City's capital works program. The only option available to us is to re-purpose our existing space.

Based on this need, my Board supports the relocation of the existing Steveston library to another location within the Steveston boundary.

My Board also points out the need for sufficient City funding to renovate the existing library space if the current library is relocated to another site.

If discussions regarding the possible relocation of the Steveston library progresses further, we appreciate being apprised of any new developments and being included in these discussions whenever possible.

Yours truly,

Beth Ovenden
President
Steveston Community Society

Cc: Steve Baker, Area Coordinator, Steveston Community Centre