

News Release

City of North Vancouver Working with Developer for Harry Jerome Neighbourhood Lands

November 15, 2017

The City of North Vancouver is pleased to announce it has begun working with Darwin Properties to acquire and redevelop the City's Harry Jerome Neighbourhood Lands.

The City conducted a search among the development industry and a review of submissions, identified Darwin Properties as the preferred proponent to lead the rezoning application process for the acquisition and redevelopment Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre (HJCRC) lands south of 23rd St East.

The City of North Vancouver plans to deliver these lands on a 99-year lease to Darwin Properties, who will apply to develop the lands with a mix of multi-family residential and other uses, including a significant public park. The City will use the proceeds from the lease to fund construction of a new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre and Silver Harbour Seniors' Activity Centre on City-owned land north of 23rd St East.

The rezoning application process will begin immediately. Darwin Properties will prepare development options for the site, a community consultation process, and negotiations with the City on the proposed amount, type and form of development, as well as a package of community amenities. These amenities, including an expanded Crickmay Park, will be negotiated through the rezoning application process. A Public Hearing and approval of the rezoning application will take place by summer 2018.

The first public consultation event will take place on December 6th, 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the North Vancouver School District Offices, Mountain View Room.

The existing HJCRC facility is over 50 years old and in need of replacement. Over the last decade there have been several studies to assess opportunities for its revitalization or replacement. Since 2013, City Council has supported the rejuvenation of the HJCRC through advance planning and an annual operating budget contribution to the project. The lease and redevelopment of the lands south of 23rd Street will help bring about this key community amenity.

In addition to planning and designing the new HJCRC, the City is working with the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club and Flicka Gymnastics Club on feasibility studies to relocate to the Mickey McDougall site. The results of these studies will come back to Council concurrent with HJCRC planning. www.cnv.org/HarryJeromeProject