



Commission Agenda

Date 2016 Nov 16

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Mayor and Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Burnaby City Hall
4949 Canada Way
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October 26, 2016

Re: Alta Vista Playground

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (2016.11.17)
City Manager
Deputy City Manager
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission (Nov. 16)
Dir. Parks, Recreation and Culture
Dir. Planning

Dear Mayor and Council

We, the Friends of Alta Vista, are a group of neighbours who use Alta Vista Playground (corner of Royal Oak Ave. and McKee St. in South Burnaby). Our group originally came together when the playground was being renovated in 1993.

We strongly endorse the transformation of the adjacent old reservoir land into an expanded playground. We wish to make our opinion known to you since the playground is currently undergoing another renovation and we have had input into the renovation plans.

Growth in the neighbourhood has accelerated with the densification of housing in the Alta Vista area, and an expanded, dedicated, greenspace would be a logical and greatly beneficial improvement.

Many of us are long-term residents who can attest to the strong community ties in our Alta Vista subdivision that was built in the early 1960s. Alta Vista Playground is not only a great place to play but acts as a community anchor, as evidenced by 23 successful Alta Vista community picnics, attended by an average of 300 neighbours every year and sponsored by local businesses.

Please consider our support for the re-zoning of the adjacent reservoir land to park land. This will allow an expansion of Alta Vista Playground for the benefit of all the children, teenagers, adults and seniors who use and enjoy the park. In this age of environmental awareness, this is a rare and wonderful opportunity to keep Burnaby the green and liveable city that it is.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the future of Alta Vista Playground, and we kindly request an update of the status of the rezoning of the reservoir property. Please contact Lorraine King on our behalf by e-mail at lorrking@shaw.ca. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The Friends of Alta Vista

NOTE

Staff are reviewing the opportunity to expand the park and will provide Council and Commission with a report.

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