

<b>Commission Agenda</b> <b>Date .....</b> 2017 Apr 19 <b>Delegations .....</b> (b)
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**From:** East Van NC  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Parks - City of Burnaby  
**Subject:** Kathryn Matts - Commission Secretary

Dear Mrs. Matts,

My name is Dakota Koch, and I am representing the East Vancouver Newcomer Camp, a non-profit initiative organized by a group of university students which operates a summer camp for recently arrived refugee children in the Lower Mainland. Last summer, our organization, working partnership with the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, ran a program for 20 children for seven weeks through July and August. The camp curriculum centred on developing the children's English abilities, teaching them a variety of popular sports, and fostering their ability to make friends as they enter school.

This summer, we plan to expand our program into Burnaby in order to accommodate a larger number of children. As such, we are currently looking for a location to operate our program that both meets our needs for space and fits into our budget. I am approaching the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission in hopes of appearing at the April 19th meeting to present our plans for the upcoming summer. We are hoping to find a space at one of the recreational facilities overseen by the Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to operate our program.

The names of the speakers are Dakota Koch and Duncan Bernardo, with our organization's address being 432 East 35th Avenue. Please feel free to contact the speakers at any time by email at [eastvannc@gmail.com](mailto:eastvannc@gmail.com), or by phone at 604-720-7878.

Dakota Koch

Vice President - East Vancouver Newcomer Camp

Dear Mrs. Matts,

The following is an outline of what we will be presenting to the board:

- What inspired us to start our organization
- What issue our program addresses (the lack of programming that provides recently arrived refugee children with the abilities to more easily integrate and transition to life in Canada)
- What our organization did last summer and the success of our program
- How we plan to build on that success by expanding our operations and why Burnaby is the focus of our expansion
- What needs we face and how we hope the Burnaby Parks, Recreation, and Cultural services Department can help us address those needs

Thank you,

Dakota Koch