

## **Update 9 – SVSACS May 23/2016 Following Building Team Meeting**

The Comments and feedback left at the 26 April Open House reached me after the Meeting with Park Staff, COV architect, and Design Build reps on 20<sup>th</sup> May. I was really impressed with your feedback and valuable comments. I must say your feedback was important and they were taken seriously. It looks as though we will have the second elevator\* and a stage for the big multi-purpose room. And listen to this, there will be an enlarged and improved turn-around for buses which will take seniors closer to an easy drop-off point for entrance to the centre. There are also plans to have benches/seatings available so seniors can watch for Handi-Dart or other pick-up in a dry, safe place and in a comfortable seat. Hip, hip hurray. The other improvement is the stair risers have been made shallower so it is easier to lift legs for each step I am very pleased and I hope you are too. A/Chair of Building Team asked for a Budget statement from Ventana and the City to provide a picture of where we are with the funding dollars. We hope to have that presented before our next meeting as well as a tentative schedule of meeting dates.

The Park Board has revoked its previous position regarding having two kitchens in one community centre and so the kitchen facility in Room 203 will be left intact. This is a good move and eliminates disruption of service and costs of demolition.

\*Re second elevator. I am not sure if Killarney Society will be asked to contribute funding for this second elevator or not.

### **To May 19<sup>th</sup>:**

100 people registered at the Open House on April 26<sup>th</sup> where City Staff and the Design/Build contractor presented drawings and plans for the new Seniors Centre to be built at Killarney. I know some you had a lot to contribute in the way of comments and concerns. As a result, I will be attending a meeting with City Staff and the Architect, on May 20<sup>th</sup>. As that is the start of our first long summer week-end, most of the Building Team are out of town. The only other item I want to mention is the Community Dialogue held in the Experience Centre at River District. (Donna was also there.) The discussion centred around the City's Planning Staff intention to change the location of the Day Care Centre and use a large chunk of the big green field to build it on. That field was zoned for the school but, as the years passed and the school was not built, it soon filled a need for outdoor community gatherings, the field became the "village green". It was also enjoyed for organized team sports as well as community "pick-up" games or ultimate Frisbee, or kite flying etc. c. Now many people do not want to give up that field for a daycare centre and cite the need for more playing fields for impromptu community sports. However, the field was NEVER zoned as Park space.

The ODP as originally approved by the community (many years ago) has undergone major surgery. Today there is concern that low income families, singles and seniors will be underserved and priced out of the project because what is deemed affordable housing is out of reach for those without significant private savings or investments. The proposal with the altered daycare location and altered low income rentals will be going to Council again for consideration very soon.