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MLA Suzanne Anton delivers additional funds for new Killarney Seniors Centre

VANCOUVER – The government of B.C. has committed an additional \$1.2million, on top of the \$1.3 million that was announced in April 2013, towards the new seniors centre in Southeast Vancouver.

“I’m very pleased that my government was able to step up and provide for the seniors living in this area. This will be a wonderful facility for seniors to get out and participate in social activities and be active in our community,” said Suzanne Anton, MLA for Vancouver-Fraserview. “South Vancouver seniors have been working for years towards this objective, and I am thrilled to be able to help move the project forward.”

“There are 27,000 seniors in South East Vancouver who will benefit from the resources this centre will provide. I applaud Vancouver Fraserview MLA Suzanne Anton for her continued advocacy for funding,” said Commissioner Melissa De Genova, Park Board Liaison to Killarney Community Centre “This announcement brings the BC Government's contribution to \$2.5 million. The Park Board and City of Vancouver are fortunate that the federal and provincial governments have supported this project and made equal contributions. The leadership shown by the senior levels of government will make this long awaited seniors centre a reality.”

“I am delighted to hear of this funding contribution. It is a great relief to know that our governments, at all levels, recognize the importance of seniors’ well being,” said President of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts and Cultural Society, Lorna Gibbs. “A properly designed Seniors’ Centres is a vital component in developing complete communities in South East Vancouver. This one will serve families for many years to come. We can’t wait to get started on the design phase of the project! Hurrah.”

It’s estimated that one-third of Vancouver’s seniors live in the southeast and their population in the area is growing faster than the city as whole. This increasing population of seniors highlights a growing need for this new centre and the services it will offer.

Once built, this new facility, an addition to the existing Killarney Community Centre, will provide programs, services and special events for older adults of all cultures in the southeast section of Vancouver.

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