

HASTINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Hastings Community Centre

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION




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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hastings Community Association, I am pleased to write in support of the Benchmark proposal to install sculptural benches on Kamloops Street at Hastings. This project, which is the result of two years of consultation with neighbours and the local business community, will answer several aspects of the Hastings-Sunrise Community Vision document, which called specifically for more public art, the creation of inviting public spaces on the wide side streets, and streetscape improvements, including street furniture. As well, the project will connect with and reinforce other public art projects in the neighbourhood including the story benches at Hastings School and the series of Our Community Story mosaics to be installed at points along Hastings Street, creating a cohesive visual 'brand' that is unique to our area.

We believe that the Benchmark project, from consultative planning phase, through hands-on participation by community members and local businesses in implementing the design, to final creation of an inviting respite area away from the noise and bustle of Hastings Street perfectly meets the criteria for a Neighbourhood Matching Fund grant.

Sincerely,



Eric Harms
President
Hastings Community Association