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Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation  
Neighbourhood Matching Fund  
2099 Beach Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4

**RE: Vancouver Parks Board Neighbourhood Matching Fund**

On behalf of the Hastings-Sunrise CityPlan committee, please accept this letter of endorsement for the Hastings-Sunrise Public Realm subcommittee group which has applied for the Vancouver Parks Board Matching Fund. The Public Realm group is comprised of community volunteers working to implement the Hastings-Sunrise vision directions regarding public realm improvements in the Hasting-Sunrise area.

We feel that this application for the installation of sculptural benches on Kamloops Street at Hastings Street (Benchmark) will serve to assist in the accomplishment of the Hastings-Sunrise Vision approved directions noted below:

*18.10 Improve the Area's Appearance*

The appearance of the Hasting Sunrise/North shopping area should be improved through efforts of private owners, the BIA, and the City (e.g. street furniture, murals, public art, sculpture, bike racks, public notice boards, directory to the area, drinking fountains). Special streetscape treatment and 'branding' should be implemented to enhance the identity, cultural heritage, and viability of the shopping area.

*18.13 Better Utilize Wide Side Streets*

The extra wide (100') road allowances of side streets (such as Kamloops, Penticton, Slovan, Kaslo) are a major opportunity to create public spaces, to bring greater amenity and greening to the area, and to provide a respite from the noise of Hastings. Emphasis should be placed on the development of these as public spaces, rather than seeking public space in larger developments.<sup>1</sup>

We encourage the Parks Board to select this group for the matching funds grant as we have community support and willing volunteers but no funds to make the approved City-Plan directions a reality.

Yours truly,

Haida Lane, Chairperson  
Hastings-Sunrise CityPlan Committee

<sup>1</sup> <http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/cityplan/Visions/hs/pdf/neighcentres.pdf>