



## Hastings North Business Improvement Association

October 31, 2007

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

Re: Hastings-sunrise BenchMark Project Neighbourhood Matching Fund Request

Dear Board Members;

The Hastings North Business Improvement Association (BIA) is proud to lend their support to the installation of sculptural ceramic and brick benches at Kamloops and Hastings Streets. The BIA has worked with the community in the formation of this project and is continually working to improve the public realm of the area. We will continue to work with the community to assist in the installation and maintenance of this project. We believe that it will bring a visual and functional improvement to the area both at this corner and the overall BIA district. In its current form the project will include the BIA colours in order to maintain cohesiveness in the area which we believe is very important. In addition it will provide a community public meeting place and take advantage of the wide corner and the northern views.

The BIA looks forward to working with the community as a member of the Public Realm Committee and as an active participant in the upcoming Neighbourhood Centres Program. We recognize that one of the issues once the benches are installed is continued maintenance. The BIA has a number of programs including graffiti removal and garbage pickup that include and will continue to include this area. Consequently, we will ensure that graffiti is removed and garbage pickup does occur. In addition, the benches are designed to minimize graffiti as well as other forms of misuse.

Yours sincerely,

HASTINGS NORTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Patricia Barnes, Executive Director