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Little Mt. Neighbourhood House to get new home



The new Little Mt. Neighbourhood House (shown above) will occupy the ground floor and second level of the six-storey building with a childcare facility offering 69 spaces on the ground floor.

Vancouver City Council has approved the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society (LMNHS) as the social/childcare non-profit tenant and operator of a new facility at 157 and 155 East 36th Ave.

The new Little Mt. Neighbourhood House will occupy of 13,454sq ft of the ground floor and second level of the six-storey building with the childcare facility taking up 7,776sq ft on the ground floor.

The new childcare facility will include 69 spaces for infants, toddlers, 3-to-5-year-olds and a flexible space for part-time 3-to-5 and school-aged care. There will also be an outdoor play space adjacent to a community plaza.

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- Joel Bronstein, LMNHS Executive Director

These amenities are being delivered by the developer of the facility, Holborn Properties Ltd., as a Community Amenity Contribution, and will be owned by the City of Vancouver.

The lease agreement with LMNHS is for five years with two options to renew, each for a further five years for a maximum term of fifteen years. A nominal rent of \$10.00 plus GST per term or renewal has been set for each the Neighbourhood House and Childcare Facility and is conditional upon the City being satisfied that LMNHS has the capacity to operate, maintain and program the premises in accordance with the lease terms and public service requirements for the duration of the renewal term contemplated.

Joel Bronstein, LMNHS Executive Director, expressed the excitement and relief of many in the community, that after so many years this facility and the remainder of the social housing on the site is nearing completion. “With escalating affordability, food insecurity and social isolation concerns, the new neighbourhood house can continue to play a vital role in providing needed resources and connecting local residents,” he said.

Little Mountain Neighbourhood House was opened in a local storefront at 3981 Main St. in 1978. At that time, a group of committed volunteers and three staff members began the challenging task of identifying and responding to a spectrum of local, regional and national issues as they were then experienced by the residents of their own neighbourhood. On July 2, 2023, a fire destroyed that longtime premises forcing them to relocate to #102-1193 Kingsway.

Over the years, programs and initiatives have emerged from their work in the community that today provide vital programming services in line with the strategic direction of all 3 levels of government.

With the help over 300 volunteers, the team now serves almost 5,000 individuals annually in the areas of child care, children and youth, community and food production and distribution, family resources, mental health, older adults and newcomer settlement, literacy, employment enhancement and leadership development.

When addressing City Council, Joel Bronstein said, “we are deeply grateful that the City has entrusted and provided resources for us to operate our neighbourhood house to welcome and connect people of all ages from this diverse, evolving and amazing community for nearly half a century.”

For more information about LMNH visit <https://www.lmnhs.bc.ca/>

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Development on steroids



Multiply sites with skyscraping towers

- A 31-storey, mixed use, residential tower is proposed for the southeast corner of Broadway and Commercial Dr. previously the location of several single-storey retail stores including a branch of CIBC.

- Further up the street, four mixed use towers from 39-45-storeys are proposed for southwest corner of E. Broadway and Renfrew.

- And the iconic 2400 Motel on Kingsway could be replaced by four residential towers up to 28-storeys.

Kent Ave. bike route extention

The route would incorporate the railway right of way through the Kent Ave. corridor between Boundary Rd. and Oak St. and beyond along West 75th Ave. to connect with the southernmost end of Arbutus Greenway at Milton St. The length of the proposed route would be approximately 9 kilometres.



Vic. Dr. plaza still being considered

A plaza at 43rd & Victoria Dr. is still being considered despite negative feedback from local merchants.

Champlain to stay green

Vancouver City Council recently passed a motion “Protecting the Champlain Heights Forest Trail Network for Future Generations and Residents”.

