

**Council Report**  
**For the Governance and Priorities Meeting of January 21, 2016**

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**Date:** January 15, 2016

**From:** Councillors Isitt, Loveday and Lucas

**Subject:** Improving Equity in Support for Neighbourhoods

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**Background:**

Six neighbourhood associations that do not currently have access to dedicated City facilities – the Downtown Residents Association, James Bay Neighbourhood Association, North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, North Park Neighbourhood Association, Rockland Neighbourhood Association and South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association – have requested through a delegation at the January 14 Council Meeting that Mayor and Council acknowledge that a funded operational capacity inequity exists between neighbourhoods and extend to all neighbourhood associations the opportunity to submit operational plans and related funding needs to the City for consideration in the annual budgeting process. The six associations have also requested to meet with staff as soon as possible to discuss near-term operational plans and submit immediate funding requests for Council's consideration as part of the 2016 financial planning process.

**Recommendation:**

THAT Council:

- (1) Acknowledges that a funded operational capacity inequity exists between neighbourhood associations that have access to dedicated City facilities and neighbourhood associations that do not have access to City facilities, and extends to all neighbourhood associations the opportunity to submit operational plans and related funding needs for Council's consideration in the annual budgeting process;
- (2) Directs staff to meet with each of the following neighbourhood associations as soon as possible, to discuss their near-term operational plans and submit any immediate funding requests for Council's consideration as part of the 2016 financial planning process: the Downtown Residents Association, James Bay Neighbourhood Association, North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, North Park Neighbourhood Association, Rockland Neighbourhood Association and South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association.

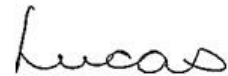
Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Isitt



Councillor Loveday



Councillor Lucas

**Attachments:**

Appendix 1 – Correspondence

Appendix 2 – Neighbourhood Funding Equity Analysis