

### Latest update on the Gordon School Seismic Project (October 2011)

After reviewing the feedback from the Open House, the VBE Project Team and Consultants have refined the preferred Concept 4 to address some of the key issues identified on the comment forms:

**Building Location** - The preferred concept is still a replacement school resulting in demolition of the existing building; however, the proposed new building location has been moved further north on the site to reduce any impact on 8th Avenue residents and increase the amount playfield with southern exposure. The main entrance and drop-off area will still be located on Bayswater Street. Options to build a 2 or 3 storey school will be explored during the Design Development phase.

**Temporary Accommodation** - The preferred concept does not require portables during construction phasing. A temporary gym is the only external facility required.

**On-Site Parking and Access** - Through discussion with the City of Vancouver, the proposed amount of required on-site parking has been reduced by 50% to 12 stalls and will be accommodated in a way that limits impact on play area. Parking and loading will be accessed through a combination of 7th Avenue and the adjacent lanes.

**Montessori Preschool** - Some residents expressed that the location of the Montessori building causes significant parking and access issues along 7th Avenue. Subject to consultation with adjacent residents, the revised concept proposes relocating the Montessori to the north east corner of the site with drop-off on 6th Avenue.

**Heritage** - In honor of the school's heritage, various options will be explored in the Design and Development phase which could include a commemorative display or incorporation of historical markers or materials. The replacement school could also recall similar exterior colours in the new building.

**The revised preferred Concept 4b is a full replacement school with no need for portables but will need a temporary gym. Open area would be created on the southern and eastern sides of the school. 12 parking stalls are proposed along eastern edge of the site. The existing Montessori Preschool operations to be relocated to the north-east corner of the site. Concept 4b was presented to the VBE trustees at Committee II on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Click on [http://www.vsb.bc.ca/manualfiles/comm/11Oct04\\_op\\_comml item18.pdf](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/manualfiles/comm/11Oct04_op_comml item18.pdf) for more information.**

The minutes from the Committee Meeting will be posted soon.