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Mike Andruff  
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Dear Mr. Andruff:

**RE: City Purchase of Site at 16th and Dunbar (3588-96 West 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3212-28 Dunbar Street)**

The City of Vancouver has purchased a site on the south-east corner of West 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dunbar Street for the development of social housing.

In making its decision to acquire the site, City Council had the following considerations before it:

- Dunbar is one of three neighbourhoods in the city that does not have any social housing, though the 2001 census indicated that 8% of the households in Dunbar are in core housing need (low-income households paying more than 30% of their income towards rent);
- The site is on the north edge of Dunbar with good transit access and local services;
- It would be a good site for supportive housing for singles, or housing for seniors or families; and
- The allowable floor space could accommodate up to 50 small units for singles, or 35 units for seniors or 25 units for families, with retail uses along Dunbar.

The present owners of the property have asked to remain on the site for 1 ½ years to allow them to locate replacement premises for their businesses. This will also allow adequate time for planning for the site.

During the remainder of 2005 and early 2006, the City will be working with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to develop a supportive housing plan for the city. It is possible that this study will dovetail with planning for this site. The public will be consulted during the development of the supportive housing plan and, in the case of the individual projects, through the development permit process.

I would like the opportunity to meet with the Association to talk about the kind of projects that may occur on this site and opportunities for the community to get involved in the planning process. I understand from the Association's Web site that the regular meeting is on the first Tuesday of every month and I would be happy to attend at your convenience.

Yours truly,



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