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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.



October 25, 2013

Dear Marpole resident,

I want to give you an update on our work to create a new community plan for Marpole.

City Council has heard loud and clear many of the concerns raised by Marpole residents in recent months. Many of you wrote to me expressing your concerns about proposed changes to your neighbourhood in the draft plan released earlier this summer.

You said that although you recognize the need for new affordable housing, and new amenities like child care spaces and a renewed community centre and library, you want the unique character of Marpole preserved. If there is new development, it needs to fit with the neighbourhood.

We are listening to you, which is why we made several changes based on your feedback.

Rather than approving a plan this fall, City Council extended the timeline by an additional six months, so that there can be more time to involve the community and hear from you.

We also gave direction that proposed changes to single-family areas near Heather and Ash be removed, to protect the existing neighbourhood character.

City staff will be holding several public events to discuss the community plan starting November 13th, running into early December. I encourage you to take part and to invite your neighbours. The details for the events can be found on the back of the enclosed Marpole Community Plan Update, online at vancouver.ca/marpoleplan or by phoning the City at 3-1-1.

Vancouver is a city of neighbourhoods -- each one with a unique and distinct identity. As a growing city, we must plan for the future: to build housing for our children to live here, that meets the needs of seniors, and that provides affordable opportunities in Vancouver. We also must make sure we have the amenities to serve our neighbourhoods: the daycares, libraries, community centres, and parks we all treasure.

I hope you'll take part in this next set of events as the City works with you to develop your vision for Marpole's future.

Yours truly,



Gregor Robertson
MAYOR



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尊敬的馬寶社區居民:

本人謹此向閣下報告有關市政府對馬寶 (Marpole) 新社區計劃的最新工作情況。

市政府現已深徹明白及瞭解到馬寶居民近月來提出的關注。

很多居民寫信給我，對本年初夏發表的馬寶社區規劃改動草案，表達了你們的憂慮。

你們說，雖然認同區內是需要新可負擔房屋、亦需要新的福利設施：例如兒童日託地方、翻新的社區中心和圖書館，但希望馬寶社區的特色能夠保留。如有新土地發展，都需要融入當地社區的特性。

我們真誠地按照你們的意見，對馬寶社區規劃改動草案作出多項改動。

原本打算在今年秋季審批的計劃，市政府已決定延期 6 個月，以便有更多時間，讓社區居民參與以及聽取你們意見。

為了保護馬寶社區現存特色，我們已對有關部門作出指示，將原來對希達街 (Heather) 和亞殊街 (Ash) 附近單戶房屋區提出的改動建議，予以撤銷。

市務職員將於11月13日開始到12月初期間，舉行多場公開活動，討論新社區計劃。我鼓勵大家及你們的鄰居踴躍參加。這些活動的細節，刊印在附上之「馬寶社區計劃新情 (Marpole Community Plan Update) 的背頁。網上查閱可瀏覽vancouver.ca/marpoleplan，或致電市政府查詢：電話 3-1-1。

溫哥華是個以社區為本的城市，每個社區各具獨特和顯著風格。作為一個增長中的城市，我們需要計劃未來，興建房屋以便下一代可以在這裏居住，以及配合長者的需要，並且要提供可負擔的生活機會。我們還必須保證有足夠的福利設施，例如託兒所，圖書館，社區中心與我們都引以為榮的公園，以服務居民。

我希望大家都參與特別為你們而設的連串新討論活動，讓市政府跟你們一起工作，規劃出你們對馬寶區未來的願景。

市長羅品信

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