

November 21, 2006

TO: Residents and businesses on West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

**RE: Foundation upgrades to Salt Building at 85 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

As you are probably aware, the City of Vancouver is doing construction work on the Southeast False Creek (SEFC) site to build Vancouver's Olympic Village. On November 16 we awarded a contract to upgrade the foundation of the Salt Building located at 85 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

The construction work will start around November 27, 2006. First, the contractor will prepare the site by removing water, wood debris and soil from underneath the building. Then a wall of sheet pile will be installed around the building, beginning the first week of December and continuing until mid-January.

Sheet pile is a pre-fabricated steel section that, when installed side-by-side, forms a retaining wall. Installing the sheet pile wall will create some noise and potential vibration during normal working hours.

A concrete retaining wall and slab will also be constructed underneath the building starting the first week of January and continuing until early February. The work is anticipated to be completed by end of February 2007. The construction work may require closure of the west-bound lane of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in front of the building for short periods of time.

The City is offering pre-construction condition surveys to nearby residents and businesses who are concerned that the installation of sheet pile by vibration or pounding may adversely affect their building's structure. Pre-construction survey would involve a walk-through and photographs of the building by our structural consultant and contractor prior to sheet piling and again after construction is complete. Please contact me by November 28, 2006 to schedule a time on December 1, 2006.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience this work may cause, and we appreciate the patience of neighbours as we build the Olympic Village.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 604-871-6188.

Yours truly,



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