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Good evening Mayor and Council,

The attached memo from Gil Kelley, GM Planning Urban Design and Sustainability highlights current Vancouver Plan engagement opportunities for Council's participation and leadership including:

- Series of five public dialogues being held in partnership with SFU City Program occurring until mid-March including the dialogue this week:
 - Towards a More Equitable Housing System: Is Vancouver a City for Renters? (Jan 21, 3-5 pm) <https://www.sfu.ca/publicsquare/upcoming-events/the-future-we-want/towards-a-more-equitable-housing-system.html>
- Request for Councillor members' interests in specific upcoming dialogues and topics where they may wish to play an active role in community engagement (convening, introducing events, etc.);
- Opportunity to receive Conversation Kits to support dialogues with constituents, groups of interest; and
- Outline of efforts underway by the Vancouver Plan team with more detailed information on specific workshops forthcoming in a follow-up memo in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley, GM or Susan Haid, Deputy Director, PDS for further information.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Gil Kelley
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SUBJECT: Opportunities for Council Involvement in Upcoming Vancouver Plan Public Dialogues

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Mayor and Council with a brief update on upcoming public engagement activities for Vancouver Plan and gain Council feedback on interests in participation.

Following the October 6th Council report "Vancouver Plan Phase 1 Report: Public Engagement Summary, Provisional Goals and Update on COVID-19 Community Recovery Actions" (RTS 13988), staff have been organizing the activities outlined in the report, and are following up on the Council direction in Resolution E:

"THAT Council direct staff to consider ways or forums to enable enhanced involvement and leadership of Council in the Vancouver Plan and city-wide and neighbourhood engagement, on a limited number of issues especially related to "complete communities"..."

The focus of this memo is on upcoming public dialogues occurring in partnership with SFU and on Vancouver Plan Conversation Kits. Detailed information on community workshops and Quick Start Actions will be forthcoming in a follow-up memo.

The Future We Want: the Change We Need” – On-Line Dialogue Series with SFU (Jan 21 – Mar 11 2021)

Many Councillors participated in the launch of our on-line dialogue series with Simon Fraser University in early December, which highlighted the Vancouver Plan process and *Planning for a Post-Pandemic City*. We had enormous interest and over 350 participants attending the session. We will be rolling out a series of five dialogues convening community members, knowledge keepers, thought leaders and change-makers to share their ideas and discuss the future of Vancouver as we create a long-term, strategic city-wide plan.

The schedule of dialogues is as follows:

- **Jan. 21st: Towards a More Equitable Housing System: Is Vancouver a City for Renters? (3-5 pm)**

<https://www.sfu.ca/publicsquare/upcoming-events/the-future-we-want/towards-a-more-equitable-housing-system.html>

- *How must the City of Vancouver think differently about housing and the housing market to better meet the needs of its residents, ensuring priority for those with the greatest need? What is required of a new city-wide plan to ensure the urgent and transformative change necessary to establish an equitable housing system? Join us and a fantastic panel of speakers to discuss these questions.*

- **Feb 11: Towards more Complete Neighbourhoods (6 - 8:30pm)**
- **Feb 25: A City of Economic Health** - (time to be confirmed)
- **Mar 4: Re-Imagining Streets & Imagining a Green Network** – (time to be confirmed)
- **March 11: Reconciliation through Decolonization** – (time to be confirmed)

Mayor and Council members are invited to attend and participate in all sessions. We would also like to provide opportunities for members of Council to identify sessions in which they have a specific interest and wish to play an active role, for instance, offering opening remarks or co-moderating with SFU. We anticipate up to two members of Council at each event in these roles. The January 21st event has been confirmed, as staff had initially approached Mayor Stewart, who is unable to attend due to another event; therefore, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kirby-Yung, will provide opening remarks.

Please let us know your interest in providing opening remarks, etc. at future dialogues (identifying which ones are of specific interest) and/or whether you would like to attend these by emailing Dear Bhokanandh (dear.bhokanandh@vancouver.ca), Vancouver Plan team. We will register you and coordinate your attendance with our hosts. **We are requesting your feedback on sessions of specific interest by January 31.**

Council Facilitated Dialogue supported by Conversation Kits

We have re-tooled our Conversation Kits to support safe dialogues on “The Future We Want” during the pandemic. These are available at five VPL branches

(https://vancouverplan.ca/the-future-we-want-conversation-kit/?_ga=2.61093100.1379881042.1610845975-1698201725.1575323718).

We also want to offer conversation kits to each member of Council, should opportunities arise to convene discussions with your constituents. Please let us know if this is of interest and we will deliver kits for your use. A supply of conversation kits will also be available at the Councillors administration office at City Hall.

Work Underway and Upcoming Updates

The Vancouver Plan team is actively working on analyses to support policy development, opportunities for Quick Start Actions, and a series of community-level workshops to develop a vision and strategic directions which will be the focus of a Council report in July leading to a Choices forum in the fall, 2021. We will provide an update and details of upcoming events in the coming weeks to support Council’s participation. Engagements include (and by no means are limited to):

Community Groups Round Table Update

- Staff will convene neighbourhood-based organizations for an online dialogue session in February to explore Vancouver Plan provisional goals and ideas for a vision and strategic directions.

Complete Neighbourhoods

- The Complete Neighbourhoods team on the Vancouver Plan is rolling out self-guided walk-and-roll guides and interactive surveys to enlist public input during this challenging pandemic period. We will be convening a series of interactive online charrettes for members of the public to help shape emerging design concepts for neighbourhoods.

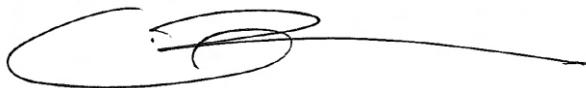
Scenario Planning

- We will be convening another working session with the Council of Council Committee Advisory Groups, the third in this process, to work through the emerging scenarios developed with our consultant team. Public facing exploration of the scenarios will launch in March and continue through April.

Community Navigators

- Engagement in partnership with nine Neighbourhood Houses is currently underway targeting groups facing barriers to participation (IBPOC, Youth, PWD, non-English speakers, low-income, gender diverse). Each neighbourhood house has hired community navigators with lived & cultural experience to tailor Vancouver Plan engagement activities and questions to their respective communities.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts or suggestions for your participation in the 2021 Dialogue series, and any other opportunities outlined here. Please don’t hesitate to contact me, or Susan Haid, Deputy Director, Long-Range and Strategic Planning if you have any questions.



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