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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo on forthcoming engagement for Vancouver Plan. As a highlight, we also wish to remind you of the upcoming on-line event, **"Closer to Home: The Case for Complete Neighbourhoods"** taking place on February 17th, 6:30-8:30pm, as part of the **"The Future We Want: the Change We Need"** Dialogue Series in collaboration with Vancouver Plan and Simon Fraser University. Mayor and Council have been invited to RSVP to dear.bhokanandh@vancouver.ca to confirm their attendance.

The following link provides details on the event and panelists: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/closer-to-home-the-case-for-complete-neighbourhoods-registration-139556871359>

You will also find details on upcoming engagement activities over the coming months and we welcome your involvement, as you are available.

Thank you and please reach out to Gil Kelley, GM PDS (Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməŋəm (Musqueam), ləwú7mesh (Squamish), and səilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Update on Vancouver Plan Public and Stakeholder Engagement 2021

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Mayor and Council with a regular update on public engagement activities for Vancouver Plan in order to support ongoing Council participation and leadership.

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"...

This memo summarizes upcoming Vancouver Plan engagement and offers options for Council involvement in the weeks ahead.

These engagement activities support the current Phase 2 of planning: Envision the Future and Strategic Directions. Staff intend to report to Council in July on these emerging directions, and on Quick Start Actions to advance the Vancouver Plan. This will be followed by Phase 3 – Choices, Trade-Offs and Draft Strategy in the Fall of 2021.

Summary of Engagement Activities (January – March 2021)

Staff are coordinating a series of broad public and community-level dialogues/ workshops (virtually and consistent with public health protocols) to advance the goals for the Vancouver Plan. Efforts include activities with nine neighbourhood houses, outreach to school-aged children, youth councils and university students, partnership development with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and MVAEC, and focused activities with Council Advisory Committees.

The Future We Want: The Change We Need” – On-Line Dialogue Series with SFU (January 21 – March 11, 2021)

We have appreciated ongoing Council participation in our online dialogue series with Simon Fraser University, which launched late last year and continues into March. The dialogues engage local, national and international leaders and thinkers on the future of Vancouver.

The January 21st session: *Towards a More Equitable Housing System: Is Vancouver a City for Renters?* engaged nearly 500 participants in a wide-ranging dialogue on models, approaches and challenges for more equitable housing and rental strategies.

The next session, on **February 17th: Closer to Home: The Case for Complete Neighbourhoods (6:30-8:30pm)** will feature a panel of knowledgeable presenters who think about neighbourhoods from different perspectives, exploring questions like:

- When is a neighbourhood "complete," and does a more complete neighbourhood actually benefit residents?
- Can we prevent displacement as we accommodate change?
- What is our best thinking about how to meet diverse needs in our neighbourhoods?
- Does strengthening individual neighbourhoods strengthen the city overall?

Information and registration is found here; <https://www.sfu.ca/publicsquare/upcoming-events/the-future-we-want/closer-to-home-the-case-for-complete-neighbourhoods.html>

The subsequent sessions outlined below will complete this dialogue series. We are also working with SFU and other community partners to develop an “Ideas Book” that will capture key thinking from participants and speakers alike.

- **Future Economy: Prosperous, Sustainable and Resilient** – February 25th 8:00 -10:00am
- **Reimagining a Green and Connected City Between the Buildings – our streets, places & spaces** – March 4th 6:30 - 8:30pm
- **Reconciliation and Decolonization** – time and date to be finalized in collaboration with partners.

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.

Please let us know your interest 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 February 12th.**

Community and Neighbourhood Groups Workshops – February 2021

Staff are convening neighbourhood-based organizations – including resident associations, community centre associations, neighbourhood houses and other community leaders – for online dialogues to explore Vancouver Plan provisional goals and big ideas to advance them at the local and city-wide level. This workshop will also discuss how best to engage with local community organizations throughout the planning process.

Invitation here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vancouver-plan-neighbourhood-workshop-tickets-140169614089>

Complete Neighbourhoods

A suite of interactive activities will invite Vancouverites to explore their relationships to neighbourhoods, to identify what makes them great, and to help explore opportunities to enhance liveability, vibrancy and accessibility in the future.

- Launch of self-guided workshops, surveys and workshop registrations – February 17th
- Community Asset Mapping Workshops – March 1st - 15th
- Online Neighbourhood Design Workshops – March 29th - April 12th
- Share Back Event – April 26th

Scenario Planning

Vancouver Plan has worked with global leaders in foresight analysis to help the City understand a range of possible futures using leading-edge trends analysis and forecasting. The goal for this scene-setting work is to help all those who live, work and play, as well as those who are developing the plan, to grasp both the positive and negative trends that could impact Vancouver of the future.

- A digital platform – Storymaps -- that offers an interactive experience of the future scenarios will be launched March 1, 2021
- A Council Advisory Committees Workshop: Exploring Scenarios and how they may impact communities is planned for March 3, 2021.

Council Resources

We are regularly updating VancouverPlan.ca and Shape Your City with information on all events and these are also promoted through the City's social media channels. We will provide a package of tailored social media tools to your executive assistants on a regular basis and would appreciate your support in sending them through your channels and networks, as you see fit.

We would be happy to answer your questions on any of the above referenced engagement, and invite you to participate in all public and community sessions as they are scheduled. I look forward to hearing your thoughts or suggestions on any of the opportunities outlined here. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Susan Haid, Deputy Director, Long-Range and Strategic Planning in this regard.



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