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Subject: FW: City Of Vancouver Development & Building Services Covid-19 Protocols - Well Done & Keep It Up!

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Good morning Mayor and Council,

We are forwarding for your information the attached letter received recently from a group of professionals in the development industry who work with our staff on a regular basis in relation to development/building projects. The letter references a number of process changes we implemented in response to the pandemic and speaks to the positive impact of those changes for applicants.

As you know, our staff in Development Services, Planning and Engineering have made an immense effort to sustain the review and approval of permit applications since the onset of the pandemic, including the transition to remote work. We will provide a more comprehensive update on this work at the regular Council meeting next Tuesday, but thought this letter was relevant as direct feedback from key stakeholders based on their recent experience engaging with us.

Best,
Paul

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:00 PM

To: Johnston, Sadhu; Mochrie, Paul; Greer, John; Olinek, Jason; Kelley, Gil; Jesse Adcock

Subject: [EXT] City Of Vancouver Development & Building Services Covid-19 Protocolss - Well Done & Keep It Up!

Hello Everyone:

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Please feel free to pass the attached letter along to any relevant parties.

Respectfully yours,

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