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Subject: Update: Biennale Proposal for Seawall Installation

Hello Mayor and Council,

Please find below and update from Sandra Singh, General Manager ACCS regarding a Biennale proposal to Engineering for a temporary artwork on a City-owned plaza along the seawall just east of Moberly Road. Engineering has jurisdiction of the site and oversees locally initiated proposals for public space through a licensing process which includes site and technical reviews. Public Art is assisting Engineering with review and assessment of the proposal as well as ensuring appropriate engagement with the neighbourhood.

Process:

- The City requested the Biennale to notify nearby residents (via mailed distribution) and users of the seawall (via signage) to provide an opportunity for feedback.
- The public has until June 14 to provide comments. Public Art is tracking all comments received.
- City staff are currently reviewing the site for technical considerations such as underground utilities, infrastructure, and pedestrian and cycling circulation.
- Public Art staff are also reviewing the site for additional considerations such as scale, sight lines and current use of the plaza.

Issues:

- Staff have heard from a number of residents that they did not receive notification.
- Many residents have the mistaken belief that the installation has already been approved (in part due to the Biennale's website which has an image of the artwork along with a "Coming Soon" banner and the location of the plaza).
- There is an online [petition](#) in opposition to the installation.
- This proposal and its opposition have been covered in an [article](#) by Kevin Griffin in the Vancouver Sun.

If you have any questions, please send them to Sandra Singh and she will ensure they are responded to through the weekly Council query process.

Best,

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