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Subject: Update on City Engagement activities

Dear Mayor & Council,

I'm writing with an update on City engagement activities, including plans to begin slowly resuming "virtual" engagement (i.e. online, by phone, and via written comments). Based on public health recommendations, staff are not conducting any in-person engagement at this time.

Earlier this spring, we asked community members to share their thoughts on engagement during COVID-19, and received more than 3,000 responses from Talk Vancouver members and the general public. The majority of respondents said they are in favour of virtual engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic (84%) and most said they were likely to participate (between 67%-80%). A summary of the results can be found [here](#).

Building on what we heard, our intention is to slowly restart virtual engagement activities, and to use the opportunity to learn and adjust as needed. Part of this approach includes prioritizing a small number of engagement projects this summer, as well as giving our community members additional time to share their thoughts, including both online and offline options.

For June, public-facing engagement projects will include:

- Rezoning virtual open houses
- Vancouver Plan
- Jericho Lands
- Rental Incentive Program Review ò in low-density transition zones
- Cambie Corridor Municipal Town Centre Rezoning (tentative).

I'm also pleased to let you know that we've launched the City's new digital engagement platform [Shape Your City Vancouver](#), where residents can find digital engagement opportunities. All major public-facing projects will have their own Shape Your City Page, using a variety of online tools such as surveys, forums, ideation with virtual sticky notes, polls, and more.

I would encourage you to visit [shapeyourcity.ca](#) at the end of the month when our upcoming projects and engagement opportunities have been published.

In closing, these changes will provide new opportunities for our residents and businesses to learn more about and share their thoughts on City initiatives. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,
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