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Subject: Update re: 205 Kingsway

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find below a brief update from General Manager of ACCS Sandra Singh on the work to implement supportive housing at 205 Kingsway.

Coast and City staff recently held a successful neighbour tour of the building (offered to attendees of prior neighbour meetings) which allowed an opportunity to view the building and ask additional questions regarding building operations. Tenanting is underway via BC Housing's Coordinated Access and Assessment process in conjunction with the City's Homelessness Services Outreach team.

Additional updates regarding building operations:

- To date, 6 tenants have moved in (additional move-ins occurring this week). Tenanting will be complete at the end of November
- CAC draft Terms of Reference complete and applications to be distributed next week
- Staffing model (on site):
 - At least 2 staff 24/7 (comprising Community Mental Health workers and Front Desk Attendants)
 - 1 full-time manager (5 days per week)
 - 1 full-time cook (5 days per week)
 - 1 full-time social worker (5 days per week)
 - 1 full-time peer support specialist (5 days per week) *to be hired once building is more fully tenanted*
 - 1 full-time building operator
- Coast will conduct building perimeter sweeps for needles
- Coast has established a relationship with VCH IHOT team to address any health needs of tenants
- Coast are in regular communication with Raincity to address emerging issues and concerns
- Partnerships with Kingsgate mall and Mount Pleasant BIA to provide welcome kits to incoming tenants
- Planned outreach by Coast to local businesses to establish opportunities for additional partnerships
- Staff will be updating Council shortly on an initiative to address concerns about issues (unsheltered homelessness, garbage, etc., in the broader neighborhood).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Sandra if you have any questions.

Best,
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