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Dear Mayor and Council,

Staff recently responded to an inquiry from a member of the public with regard to the process for identifying suitable sites for TMH. I thought you would be interested in the response below.

Best,  
Sadhu

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Thank you for your email enquiry, and for your follow-up question on the sidewalks in the area. Staff and the applicant team are looking at that issue as we proceed through the DP process and will respond with more information when possible.

As to your original question, at Council's direction City staff have searched the City's own land holdings and reviewed privately owned sites city-wide that could host temporary modular supportive housing. Technology has made it more efficient to filter through the thousands of parcels within the City of Vancouver (approximately 94,000 parcels) to select out those that meet the basic criteria for temporary modular housing.

Criteria includes:

- Vacant site area of at least 15,000 s.f.
- Site with slope of 4m or less
- Site within 400m of transit

Following this initial review, the list of potential sites was further refined to exclude sites which deliver public amenities including transportation sites, parks, schools and their associated sports fields, archaeologically sensitive

areas, hospitals and libraries. Sites with active rezoning applications, development permits or building permits were also excluded because development was imminently underway. A site-by-site review of the small group of remaining sites was conducted to consider site-specific context such as ensuring viable access for building assembly.

Thank you for ongoing interest in delivering social, supportive and affordable rental housing across the City.

Best regards,

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