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Subject: Memo - Update on Street Vending initiatives in the Downtown Eastside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Kathleen-Llewellyn-Thomas, GM - Community Services with an update on the relocation of the Sunday Market at Pigeon Park and Carrall Street to a city owned site at 501 Powell Street.

A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Market organizers are supportive of this move, and the first Sunday market at 501 Powell was successful with no issues at Pigeon Park;
- Market organizers continue to work with their members, staff and VPD to support vendors and customers getting to the new site;
- Other initiatives underway in include:
 - a) DTES Community Economic Development Strategy
 - b) DTES Women's Centre/Women's Fair
 - c) Mobile Street Vending and
 - d) The LUX RFP

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas at 604.871.6858 or kathleen.llewellyn-thomas@vancouver.ca

Best
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COMMUNITY SERVICES
General Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2016

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services

SUBJECT: Update on Street Vending initiatives in the Downtown Eastside

This memo updates Mayor and Council on the relocation of the Sunday Market at Pigeon Park and Carrall Street to a city owned site at 501 Powell Street along with additional initiatives that underway or planned to improve opportunities for low barrier employment for DTES residents.

Background

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The City has supported legal vending spaces to provide income opportunities, mitigate unlawful street vending, and associated street disorder since 2010.

In June 2015, Council received a staff report on the first phase of a DTES Community Economic Development plan identifying increased legal vending options from one day per week (Sundays) at Pigeon Park to 7 days per week. Two locations were added including 501 Powell Street. Council was advised at that time that the Sunday Market at Pigeon Park and Carrall Street would discontinue when other options were available (RTS 10989).

In January 2016 the DTES Street Market Society leadership changed and the Portland Hotel Society (PHS) was awarded an RFP/contract to operate the markets. At that time, community members were notified in an open letter from staff about the City's commitment to legal vending opportunities and plans for the Sunday market relocation. Stolen property cannot be properly mitigated without a secure fence surrounding the vending area, which the 501 Powell site provides. The relocation will also help centralize legal vending and work towards the vision of 501 Powell as a low barrier Community Economic Development Hub.

The Market organizers are supportive of the move and will continue to work with their members, staff and VPD. Market volunteers are working together to clean up Pigeon Park each Sunday and direct customers and vendors to the new location.

The tables below describes the locations, hours of operation and the number of vending spaces after the Sunday market transfers to the 501 Powell location.

Table I - As of October 16th: Market locations, days/hours of operation and vending spaces.

Location	Hours of operations	Vending Spaces
62 East Hastings	Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 4 pm	70
501 Powell Street	Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	100
	Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	100
Total Vending Spaces		270

Current Status

Other initiatives underway include:

- a) DTES Community Economic Development Strategy: This Council directed strategy is under development with input from a diverse and innovative community committee. Actions already underway, including the markets and other initiatives described below, align with gaps identified by the committee. Staff recommendations and priority actions will be presented for Council's consideration before the end of 2016.
- b) DTES Women's Centre/Women's Fair - Great Beginnings & City grant \$34,087 (2016):
 - The Women's Fair pilot was held on Saturdays from July until the end of September on Columbia Street between Cordova and Powell Streets providing 120 women with

earnings between \$40-\$120 a day. Items sold ranged from used/new clothing to homemade crafts/art/jewelry/fashion accessories, and food (homemade bread and jams). Staff are working with DEWC and the local BIA to identify opportunities to support this initiative in 2017.

c) Mobile Street Vending - City grant funding \$116,049 (2016-2017):

- Led by the Carnegie Community Centre, this 2 year pilot will feature 6 mobile vending carts and 6 stationary vending tables to develop low-barrier economic opportunities for local artists, bidders and entrepreneurs to participate in the formal economy. A Street Vendors Collective will be formed to achieve an independent, sustainable, peer-managed vending economy for DTES community members. Staff are working with VPD and BIA's to identify vending locations and a storage facility before the launch of the project later this month.

d) The Lux (City owned Space at 57 East Hastings):

- An RFP has been issued to select an organization(s) to operate a low barrier employment hub at a city owned, vacant storefront site at 57 East Hastings. It is being created to help fill a significant gap in connecting residents with appropriate employment and income generating activities including local social enterprises and engage with individuals '*where they are at*' in terms of the intensity of income generation work that they are able to engage in. Opportunities will include peer supported work, volunteering, artist/creation space, and part and full-time formal employment, and with connections to supportive services addressing mental health and addictions, and cultural healing. VCH and the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation are confirmed partners.
- Staff will return to Council to seek approval of lease terms and funding arrangements in 2017. It is anticipated that this service will relocate to the 501 Powell Community Economic Development Hub location once this VAHA site is redeveloped in 2-3 years. The bottom floor of the site will include the market, the low barrier employment hub, and other income generating opportunities for the neighbourhood.

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