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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you know, the City of Vancouver is launching a public engagement process starting January 19 to seek citywide input for a vision and values for the future of Arbutus Greenway and to better understand how people want be involved in the process. From January 19 to February 15, a Talk Vancouver survey will be available in English and Chinese by visiting vancouver.ca/arbutusgreenway. Three open houses are also planned on the following dates:

- o February 4, 11am-2 pm, at Kitsilano Neighbourhood House
- o February 9, 7-9 pm, at Marpole Community Centre
- o February 11, 2:30-5:30 pm at Roundhouse Community Centre

I invite you to attend the media event we are holding <u>tomorrow (Wednesday, January 18th) at 11:30am at</u> <u>West Boulevard and West 57th on the Arbutus Greenway path (near Choices Market)</u> to highlight the launch of engagement and increase awareness and participation citywide, to invite the public to join the conversation on the vision for the future Arbutus Greenway and to promote the Talk Vancouver survey.

The Arbutus Greenway is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reimagine a former railway corridor and community input will be used to develop a vision statement that will be reported out in March. Building on that vision, the Arbutus Greenway project team will develop several design concepts to share with the public during the next phase of the engagement in the fall 2017.

In addition to being a transportation corridor, the greenway is also an opportunity for public art, plazas and so much more.

Please don't share this information until we have a chance to finalize the details and announce it tomorrow before noon.

Best Sadhu

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