Greetings Mayor and Council-

Yesterday at Council, I was asked to provide data on the character homes consultation. The comments we received from people wanting new forms of housing in RS zones were mostly from the many other submissions we received (phone calls, emails, letters, in person conversations). These comments, as well as significant media, showed that there was a significant and growing desire for a larger review of the city’s low-density areas to provide more housing opportunities.

See the presentation from March 7 here: http://council.vancouver.ca/20170307/documents/rr1presentation.pdf

This presentation only gives the highlights from the consultation. We will be providing a full summary of the survey and other consultation activities with the Council report in May that I imagine will more fully answer your questions.

In terms of the presentation, here are the highlights it includes:

- Slide #25 summarizes feedback received in other submissions – including many comments with strong concern that that study did not include higher-density housing forms for new home construction (i.e. duplex, triplex).
- Slide #18 shows that all respondents had a high level of concern on the affordability in single-family areas. Amongst renters, there was also a high-level of concern around the limited availability of housing choices.
- Slide # 21 shows that 73% of all respondents (70% of those who live in the study areas) support new dwelling unit options for character home retention (i.e. infill buildings, multiple conversion dwelling)

Best

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