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Greetings Mayor and Council,

As per the motion passed at last week's Council meeting, staff has developed an approach to engage citizens in idea generation and discussion about how to direct the net revenue generated by the Empty Homes Tax to support more affordable housing in our city.

An online ideation platform launches today at the following url: vancouver.ca/eh-ideas. We have "seeded" the platform with six starter ideas to get the discussion going, and are encouraging the public both to comment on /show their support for those ideas, as well as to add their own ideas.

Staff are also planning a face-to-face, invitation only "Idea Jam" event later in May where key stakeholders would participate in a day-long workshop (similar to the Arbutus Greenway "Design Jam" event). More details on that event to follow.

A summary of the public input will be included with the Housing Vancouver update to Council in June, along with recommendations to Council for investments in affordable housing.

Best,
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