Greetings Mayor and Council,

I am writing in relation to a neighbourhood engagement process that City staff have initiated regarding the use of the City-owned property at 688 Cambie (Larwill Park) as a site for temporary modular housing. We are currently considering the potential to situate two 50-unit buildings at that site. In advance of a development permit application, preliminary notifications have been distributed to residents in the immediate vicinity.

The VAHA team is still working to confirm the location of the proposed buildings on the site. At least one, if not both, will be located on the 1/3 of the block that is reserved for use by the City. In the event that one building is constructed on the portion of the lot that is committed to the Vancouver Art Gallery pursuant to the recently-extended MOU, the temporary modular housing would not have any adverse impact on the VAG building project. If necessary, the modular housing could be relocated in the event VAG is in a position to commence construction over the next few years.

We have been engaged with VAG staff regarding this issue and have also spoken with representatives of the film industry and special event producers regarding the potential constraints on their use of the space. We will continue to work with those stakeholders to manage the impacts on their businesses.

If you have any questions or concerns at this point, please let me know.

Thanks,
Paul