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Subject: Invitation - Smart City Talks: Planning West Coast Cities - Thursday, September 20

Greetings Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Gil Kelley and the Planning department, I am delighted to invite you to the upcoming talk on the future of West Coast city planning **this Thursday, September 20** at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre. The event will start at 6.30 pm. If you are interested in attending please reply to **Catherine Neill** (catherine.neill@vancouver.ca) **by Wednesday noon for a free ticket** Otherwise, your ticket will be given to a member of staff.

Event Schedule

5:30pm Doors Open/Check-in

5:30 – 6:30pm Networking and No Host Bar

6:30 – 8:00pm Talk and Q+A

8:00 – 9:00pm Reception

On **Thursday, September 20**, three Westcoast planning leaders from Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco will join Planning Director, Gil Kelley, for an evening to discuss the opportunities and challenges of a new era of urban growth in West Coast cities in a Smart City Talks public event, hosted by Urbanarium.

The West Coast cities represented (San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver) have all been experiencing development and investment at a pace not seen for decades, creating population and economic growth that has confronted city planning in entirely new ways. Growth has created challenges – such as housing affordability and displacement, a backlog of transportation investment needs, among others. The evening will discuss these challenges and potential solutions for cities to grow sustainably, gracefully, and in a way that is welcoming to all.

The evening will be a unique opportunity to see and hear planning leaders present on the big opportunities and challenges their cities face, followed by a panel conversation that will unpack these shared themes.

We have a limited number of promotional tickets provided by Urbanarium to the City of Vancouver and the Planning Department are delighted to offer you one. If you are interested in registering, please email Catherine Neill so she can personally forward you a ticket.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact either Catherine Neill (catherine.neill@vancouver.ca) or Cory Dobson (cory.dobson@vancouver.ca).

See you there!

Best,
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