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Please find below speaking points prepared by Communications and Civic Engagement staff in case you are asked about this lawsuit:

- The City was pleased to learn this morning that the Caring Citizens of Vancouver Society’s application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada has been denied, with costs payable to the City.
- This lawsuit challenged the zoning bylaw followed by the City in building the temporary modular housing at 7430 and 7460 Heather St in Marpole and was dismissed by both the BC Supreme Court and the BC Court of Appeal.
- Temporary modular housing has provided immediate relief to hundreds of people in Vancouver. The two temporary modular housing buildings in Marpole have provided more than 70 people with a safe, secure place to call home.
- The success of the temporary modular housing operation in Marpole provides clear evidence to counter the misapprehensions that the Society relied on as the basis for its opposition.
- While we did see some initial opposition before the buildings opened in Marpole, we have also seen a high level of support in making the residents of temporary modular housing feel at home, with neighbours hosting welcome parties and leaving care packages for the new residents.
- The City and the Province currently have 606 units of temporary modular housing at various stages in the development process, 502 of which are already built. These buildings are providing safe, warm homes for people who might otherwise be living outside on the streets.

Best,

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In December 2017 the Caring Citizens of Vancouver Society filed a petition in BC Supreme Court challenging the zoning bylaw which allowed for the erection of a TMH Project in Marpole. In January 2018 the petition was dismissed by the BC Supreme Court and the Caring Citizens commenced an appeal in the BC Court of Appeal. The BC Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal and upheld the City’s bylaw allowing the TMH project in Marpole.

Following the Court of Appeal’s decision the Caring Citizens sought leave to appeal that decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. The decision on the Caring Citizens’ application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada will be released tomorrow (Thursday) morning. If the application for leave to appeal is denied then the matter is at an end, if it is allowed it simply means that they are now allowed to make a full argument on the issue before the Supreme Court of Canada.

I will advise you of the Court’s decision once we have received it.

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