

From: "Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>

To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

CC: "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL"

"Kelley, Gil" <Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca>

"Haid, Susan" <Susan.Haid@vancouver.ca>

"Robertson, Chris" <chris.robertson@vancouver.ca>

"Connell, Francie" <francie.connell@vancouver.ca>

Date: 4/25/2019 4:18:57 PM

Subject: Memo - Regulation Redesign Update

Attachments: Memo to Mayor and Council - Regulation Redesign Update – Upcoming Council....pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, regarding Regulation Redesign Update – Upcoming Council Report and Document Library Web Page Launch. The purpose of this memo is to:

- Provide an update on the Regulation Redesign project
- Advise Council of upcoming report
- Advise Council of the launch of revised web pages for land use documents

Should you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley at 604.873.7456 / Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Sadhu

Sadhu Aufochs Johnston | City Manager
Office of the City Manager | City of Vancouver
sadhu.johnston@vancouver.ca
604.873.7627



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

MEMORANDUM

April 24, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager
Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office
Rena Kendall-Craden, Civic Engagement and Communications Director
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Neil Monckton, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor's Office
Anita Zaenker, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Susan Haid, Deputy Director of Planning, Long Range and Strategic Planning
Chris Robertson, Assistant Director, City Wide and Regional Planning
Francie Connell, Director, Legal Services

FROM: Gil Kelley
General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

SUBJECT: Regulation Redesign Update – Upcoming Council Report and Document Library
Web Page Launch

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on the Regulation Redesign project including an upcoming report to Council and the launch of revised web pages which are scheduled for the end of April.

Background

Regulation Redesign is a project to simplify the land use regulatory framework to improve permit processing. It is a corporate priority in the City's 2019 Corporate Plan (Goal 1C - Excellent Service) and a key action item in the Housing Vancouver strategy.

The key objectives of Regulation Redesign are to:

- simplify regulations;
- reconcile competing objectives;
- improve consistency between by-laws and policies;
- ensure land use policies and regulations advance City priorities; and
- improve external and internal communication.

The outcome of the project will be a simpler, more consistent and user-friendly Zoning and Development By-law, improved online tools that make finding and understanding land use documents easier, and more clarity on the implementation of amendments to those documents.

Upcoming Council Report

In May, staff will bring forward a report with an initial set of proposed amendments to reformat some sections of the Zoning and Development By-law for referral to public hearing. The proposed amendments to sections 2, 10 and 11 of the Zoning and Development By-law will generally be to the format and not the content. Some additional (housekeeping) amendments and the repeal of outdated and superseded documents will also be proposed. A detailed project overview including work completed to date and upcoming tasks will be presented to Council when the above-noted report is brought forward.

Zoning and Land Use Document Library Launch

In addition to the amendments being proposed, a new web page for finding zoning and development related documents: vancouver.ca/zoning has been created. This web page includes a new video providing an overview of what zoning is and instructions on how to find information in the By-law. It also provides a link to the new zoning and land use document library, which is a repository of all current zoning and development related documents.

The City of Vancouver has hundreds of regulatory and policy documents (e.g. zoning district schedules, community plans, policies, design guidelines, and bulletins) that set out the rules and expectations for developing in Vancouver. These documents were previously located on over 60 different web pages, making them hard to find. To address this, staff compiled a comprehensive inventory of zoning and land use documents and organized them by type (e.g. regulations, policies, etc.) and category (e.g. area-specific, topic-specific). A brief description of the function of each document type is also provided. This inventory will make up the zoning and land use document library and will be available for public use on April 29.

Additional improvements include the introduction of a new naming convention to make finding the documents online more intuitive, and consolidation of documents so that related information is easier to find. In time, the web page will also allow users to find the zone and policies for an address through an interactive mapping application. Another new web page has been created to better communicate information about amendments to the various documents. This page similarly brings together information that was previously contained on multiple pages, onto one page. Summaries of changes are grouped by document type and listed in date order.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact me or Marco D'Agostini (email: marco.dagostini@vancouver.ca or phone: 604-873-7172).



Gil Kelley, FAICP
General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
604.873.7456 | gil.kelley@vancouver.ca