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Subject: Memo - Blood Alley Square Public Open House

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- There will be a public open house to seek feedback on the design progress for Blood Alley Square on May 15, 4-7 pm at the Woodward's Atrium.
- The detailed draft design being presented at the open house is one that has been informed by public and stakeholder feedback from previous open houses, questionnaires and meetings. The redesign process is guided by the nine social impact objectives in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan.
- Next steps will be to refine the design based on feedback received at the open house, engaging with local stakeholders to develop community partnerships for stewardship of the Blood Alley Square and coordinating with the Gastown Complete Streets Project which will develop a holistic vision for the streets and public spaces in the area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Dobrovolny at 604-873-7331 or jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca.

Note: an Information Bulletin will be distributed tomorrow.

Best,
Sadhu

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MEMORANDUM

May 14, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Blood Alley Square Public Open House

This memo is to inform Mayor and Council that there will be a public open house on May 15, 2019 to seek feedback on the design progress for Blood Alley Square in Gastown. The open house will be held at the Woodward's Atrium from 4-7 pm.

The detailed draft design being presented at the open house is one that has been informed by public and stakeholder feedback from previous open houses, questionnaires and meetings.

The redesign of Blood Alley Square seeks to:

- Update the space for neighbourhood gatherings
- Conserve its heritage characteristics and 1970s character look
- Create a stewardship plan that involves the local community

The redesign process is guided by the nine social impact objectives in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan. The square is an important public asset, and the redesign aims to create a space that is respectful of its heritage assets, surrounding urban area, and social and community context.

Blood Alley Square serves a wide range of people with various needs and interests. Staff have received extensive public feedback and have heard that tree preservation, how the space can be used for activities and events, the value of historic elements, and ensuring the space is inclusive and inviting are important issues.

Next steps will be to refine the design based on feedback received at the open house, engaging with local stakeholders to develop community partnerships for stewardship of the Blood Alley Square and coordinating with the Gastown Complete Streets Project which will develop a holistic vision for the streets and public spaces in the area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Dobrovlny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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