Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Gil Kelly. A short summary is as follows –

1. The DTES Plan was approved by Council in 2014 and staff are to monitor and report back on the status of implementing the plan every three years.

2. In order to report to Council next year March/April staff are working with communities and organizations to hold a Community Fair on June 20th.

3. The Community Fair will share the implementation actions, discuss priorities for the next five years, consider gaps and examine project ideas for DTES Capital Grant funding in future.

4. The Community Fair will be followed by a meeting of the former Local Area Planning Committee members to share their input before preparing a report to Council in September/October.

Mayor and Council are welcome to attend. Should you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley at 604.873.7456 or Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Sadhu

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

June 4, 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
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    Neil Monckton, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office
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    Malcom Bromley, General Manager Parks and Recreation
    Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance

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

SUBJECT: Invitation to the Downtown Eastside Plan: Community Fair

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Downtown Eastside Plan: Community Fair.

To mark the Downtown Eastside Plan’s fifth anniversary, and as part of our plan implementation and monitoring program, the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhoods Group in Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability is organizing a free public event to:

- Assess Plan implementation progress to date, including what has been completed, is underway, and to be done;
- Gather public feedback on priorities for the DTES Capital Grant program funding for the next five years; and
- Provide an opportunity for local organizations to showcase work and achievements in the DTES.

Date: Thursday June 20, 2019
Time: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Venue: Japanese Language School and Hall
        487 Alexander Street, Vancouver, BC

More event background information can be found below and at vancouver.ca/dtes. Online registration for the event is available through https://dtesplanfair.eventbrite.ca.
Background

Adopted in 2014, the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Local Area Plan (the “Plan”) is a 30-year vision for the area, prepared over a two-year period in collaboration with community groups, low and middle income residents, Indigenous groups, as well as businesses, non-profit housing and social service organizations. Together, community groups, organizations, and City departments have been implementing the policies and actions of the DTES Plan to improve the neighbourhood and lives of DTES residents and community members.

As part of Plan implementation, its strategies are to be monitored, evaluated and updated through regular meetings with the community. Specifically, Council directed staff to report back every three years on the Plan’s ‘Social Impact Assessment Monitoring Indicators” to monitor the pace and impact of neighbourhood change in the DTES.

The Community Fair gives us a chance to take stock of the Plan’s impact to date and have a conversation with local residents and community groups about priorities moving forward. Feedback gathered from the event will be included in a six-year progress report on the DTES Plan to Council in 2020.

Event Format & Preliminary Program

The format of the Community Fair, including its title, has been developed collaboratively with DTES residents and community organizations, and will include:

- A community exhibition space where organizations have signed up to display materials and showcase the work they are doing in the DTES;
- Information from various City departments with respect to Plan implementation progress to date;
- Themed discussion sessions (e.g. housing, local economy, DTES Capital Grant program, and healing and wellness, TBC), with panelists from various City departments as well local residents and various DTES organizations; and
- Free lunch and light refreshments.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Welcome & Acknowledgement
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  Discussion Session #1
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM  Lunch
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  Concurrent Discussion Sessions #2A, #2B
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  Discussion Session # 3
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Close

We hope you will be able to attend.

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