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Subject: DTES Street Market - management contract award

Dear Mayor and Council:

This email is to update you on the awarding of contract with the Vancouver Community Network (VCN) to continue to operate the DTES Street Market ("Market") currently at 62 E Hastings. To confirm, the DTES Street Market is distinct from the Women's Market operated by the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre the location of which has been the subject of recent concern from Chinatown businesses.

Since June 2018, VCN has been the interim operator for the DTES Street Market. In May 2019, the City publicly posted an RFP to select an organization to manage and operate the Downtown Eastside Street Market: an important community economic development hub providing Downtown Eastside residents with opportunities to build skills, earn more income, build community, and work with their peers.

Following a thorough review of the proposals received by ACCS and Supply Chain Management staff, the City has awarded the two-year contract to operate the DTES Market to VCN effective July 1, 2019 based on the overall best value demonstrated in VCN's submission. We look forward to the market's continued service to DTES communities, with the support of VCN's experienced management staff.

Should you require any additional detail regarding the market or the RFP process, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Singh.

Best,
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