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Subject: Memo - Punjabi Market - Community Engagement Events - RTS 13287

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached joint memo from the General Managers of PDS, ACCS and Engineering, with regards to Punjabi Market RTS 13287:

- Staff from these different departments are delivering a series of engagement activities to raise awareness around the June 2019 Council motion on the 50th Anniversary of the Market
- The events are inviting preliminary input into public space improvements in the Market area, as well as other aspects of the motion

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Best,
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MEMORANDUM

October 25, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: **Punjabi Market – Community Engagement Events**

We are writing to provide an update on staff's work related to Council's motion from June 2019 regarding *Punjabi Market at Fifty: Celebrating the Past and Planning for the Future* (p. 29-30 - <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190612/documents/pspc20190612min.pdf>).

As noted in the motion, this three block commercial area along Main Street (between E 48^h Ave and E 51st Ave) is an area with historic significance and present day importance to the Punjabi and South Asian communities. The motion contains a number of directions regarding our work to date, as well as opportunities related to the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Market (in May 2020). To ensure a transparent and inclusive process, staff from our respective business units have worked together to undertake a series of six engagement activities with the community – three with area merchants and business owners, and three with the broader community.

The intent of these sessions is to enable a diversity of community members to:

- Learn more about the Council motion and upcoming opportunities related to Punjabi Market's 50th Anniversary;
- Review ideas and priorities related to potential public space improvement options for the Market area;
- Share thoughts on the future of Punjabi Market – and for merchants, the ways that merchants can work together to improve business conditions, and how the City can help build business capacity.

The first few meetings began this week:

Merchant & Business Owner Drop-in Meetings

Tuesday, October 22 6-8 PM Roots Café 6502 Main Street	Wednesday, October 23 1-3 PM Himalaya Restaurant 6587 Main Street	Thursday, October 24 9:30 – 11:30 AM Sunset Community Centre 6810 Main Street
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Further meetings will occur on the following dates/times:

Community Open House Sessions

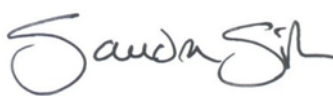
Tuesday, October 29 5:30 - 8:30 PM Sunset Community Centre 6810 Main Street	Saturday, November 2 11 am - 2 pm Himalaya Restaurant 6587 Main Street	Sunday, November 3 10 am - 12:30 pm Ross Street Temple 8000 Ross Street
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Staff anticipate reporting back to Council on the outcome of these sessions, as well as the other items outlined in the Council motion, in December 2019.

Please don't hesitate to contact the General Managers if you have questions or input.



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