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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Gil Kelley regarding additional clarification regarding public engagement. A brief summary is as follows –

- In follow up to the memo provided Friday March 20, 2020 (Subject: Public Engagement Period for Secured Rental Housing Policy Implementation Extended due to COVID-19), this memo provides some clarification regarding further questions staff have received on next steps that were outlined in relation to the Public Hearing process.
- Specifically, the memo confirms that a Public Hearing is a required part of the process for any changes to the Zoning and Development Bylaw, and a Public Hearing will be held before Council makes a decision on any such changes proposed as part of this work.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley at [Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca](mailto:Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
Sadhu

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## MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
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FROM: Gil Kelley, General Manager – Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

SUBJECT: Additional Clarifications Regarding Public Engagement Opportunities for the Secured Rental Housing Policy Implementation Extended due to COVID-19

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In follow up to the memo provided Friday March 20, 2020 (Subject: Public Engagement Period for Secured Rental Housing Policy Implementation Extended due to COVID-19), this correspondence provides some clarification regarding further questions staff have received on next steps that were outlined in relation to the Public Hearing process. Specifically, there has been some misinterpretation that the City is intending to proceed with zoning changes in low density residential areas without holding a Public Hearing.

As described previously, staff are working to provide some further engagement materials and have extended the window for public comments as first steps to mitigate the impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff wish to clarify that in addition to these efforts and the public engagement activities already undertaken, the Public Hearing process would provide further opportunities for public input. A Public Hearing is a required part of the Council approval process for zoning changes, and a Public Hearing will be held before Council makes a decision on any such changes proposed as part of this work. No circumvention of this standard process is proposed, nor meant to be suggested by the language in the previous memo.

Work is underway to determine how scheduling and logistics for Public Hearings may be adapted as part of the City's response to COVID-19, and further details are expected on this shortly.

Staff continue to anticipate that the timeline for the report back and potential Public Hearing on this important work will be delayed as a result of ongoing emergency response to COVID-19. Staff will make every effort to provide more specific updates as they are available, and interested members of the public are being encouraged to sign up for available mailing lists and to monitor the City's online resources.

If you have any questions, they can be directed to Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Housing Policy and Regulation at [dan.garrison@vancouver.ca](mailto:dan.garrison@vancouver.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gil Kelley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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