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Dear Mayor and Council,

The attached memo from Theresa O'Donnell, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provides an update and details regarding the upcoming Special Meeting of Council November 23 (3:00 – 5:00 pm) on: *The Vancouver Plan: Big Ideas and Emerging Directions – A Dialogue with National and International City Builders*.

- This dialogue responds to Council's direction to engage community and thought leaders in providing perspectives on the directions for the Vancouver Plan.
- It involves a national and international panel in a moderated dialogue with Council on the emerging directions for the Vancouver Plan, which currently are the subject of a month long public engagement underway.
- As outlined in the memo, staff are seeking questions from Council members on city-building and emerging directions for the Vancouver Plan in advance to help shape panel presentations and the dialogue. Please forward your questions to Andrew Pask, Planner on the Vancouver Plan by November 22 at: andrew.pask@vancouver.ca.
- Council questions will also be invited at the dialogue session.

Should you have any questions on this session, please don't hesitate to reach out to Theresa O'Donnell at theresa.o'donnell@vancouver.ca or Susan Haid (susan.haid@vancouver.ca).

Best,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱məθḵəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

November 17, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Theresa O'Donnell
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SUBJECT: November 23rd Special Meeting of Council Outline and Details -
Vancouver Plan: Big Ideas and Emerging Directions – A Dialogue with National and International City Builders

RTS# N/A

As part of the Vancouver Plan process, Council has requested a series of dialogues in fall 2021 and spring 2022 to hear from experts and community leaders on plan directions. The first two sessions looked at: (1) Vancouver 2050: Long-term Planning and Growth (September 23), and (2) Council Advisory Committees' perspectives on the Vancouver Plan Emerging Directions (November 10). The third dialogue on November 23 (3:00 – 5:00 pm), focuses on city-building and the opportunity to advance the proposed emerging directions of the Vancouver Plan for a more equitable, sustainable, and livable city.

This meeting is being convened as a Special Council Meeting under section 14.5 of the Procedure By-law for the purpose of conducting a workshop. Mayor Kennedy Stewart will chair the meeting and, once Council has dealt with suspension of relevant meeting procedures, the meeting will be run by an external facilitator.

This memo includes an agenda outline and details of the November 23rd session. The focus of the workshop is to hear perspectives on the Vancouver Plan Big Ideas from panelists and

provide Council the opportunity to ask questions and engage in dialogue with national and international city builders. Please note that speakers will not be heard at this meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to listen and view proceedings online (which will also be recorded).

Meeting details

Title: *Vancouver Plan: Big Ideas and Emerging Directions – A Dialogue with National and International City Builders*

Date: November 23rd, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm PST

Format: Council may participate in-person in Council Chambers or electronically (via Webex) in accordance with the Procedures Bylaw. Panelists will participate electronically (via Webex).

Purpose

This workshop will engage speakers and Council in a discussion about the Vancouver Plan Big Ideas and emerging directions including:

- The opportunity to revisit status quo approaches to planning in order to deliver change around equity, livability, affordability and sustainability
- Topic focused material that may include: housing (equitable housing, Missing Middle); neighbourhood design (15-minute cities, mobility); economy (innovation; manufacturing; port cities); resilience and climate responsiveness
- Perspectives on city-building from national and international examples
- Critical reflections on the Vancouver Plan fall engagement materials and approach.

Council Questions

Following the panellist presentations, a facilitated discussion with Council and panel members will take place for approximately 60 minutes.

To make effective use of the limited time, **Council members are invited to share questions they may have about city-building and the Big Ideas in advance** – so that these can be themed and shared with the panelists prior to the session. Questions may be sent by email to Andrew Pask, Planner, Vancouver Plan at: andrew.pask@vancouver.ca by Monday, November 22. Council questions will also be invited at the dialogue session and the Moderator will facilitate in a manner to maximize dialogue between panelists and Council (for example, by seeking related questions concurrently for the Panel to respond to while maintaining equitable time allocations for questions from each member of Council).

Agenda

3:00 Opening; Roll-Call; Procedural Motion (Mayor) (10 min.)

3:10 Moderator and Panel Introductions (5 min.)

3:15 Vancouver Plan Fall Engagement – Emerging Directions (City staff) – (5 min.)

3:20 Moderator and Panel presentations (25 min.)

3:45 Moderated Discussion with Council and Panelists (60 min.)

- 4:45 Panel Round Table - Closing Remarks (10 min.)
4:55 Closing Remarks and Adjournment (Moderator and Mayor) (5 min.)

Moderation and Panel Presentations

Following Council guidance, staff have worked diligently to assemble a diverse panel of experts who will present on many of the key planning themes identified through the Vancouver Plan. The workshop will be moderated by *Alex Bozikovic*, *Globe and Mail* and it will start with a brief update on the Vancouver Plan Fall Engagement from City Staff. Each of the invited panelists will give a short presentation in their area of expertise.

Alex Bozikovic

Architecture & Planning Critic, Globe & Mail (Toronto) Bio: <https://tgam.ca/3oewOlr>

Alex Bozikovic is The Globe and Mail's architecture and planning critic. He is the co-editor of *House Divided: How the Missing Middle Will Solve Toronto's Affordability Crisis* (Coach House Books, 2019), and co-author of *Toronto Architecture: A City Guide* (McClelland and Stewart, 2017). He has won a National Magazine Award and has also written for design publications such as *Azure*, *Blueprint*, *Dwell*, *Spacing* and *Wallpaper*.

Paty Rios

Executive Director, NewCities (Montreal); former Housing Policy Director, Happy City
Bio: <https://bit.ly/3CYjXhK>

Paty Rios is a global leader in promoting wellbeing through the design of the city, applying a human-centered approach and developing participatory engagement opportunities. Paty's multi-lens approach comes from a background in architecture, urban design, ethnography, and public policy. Before joining NewCities, Paty was the Housing Policy expert and Research lead at Happy City, where she led the Happy Homes initiative, aimed at boosting social wellbeing in multi-unit housing. In addition to her work with NewCities, Paty lectures on urban policy at UBC.

Andre Brumfield

Design Director, Gensler Cities & Urban Design (Chicago) Bio: <https://bit.ly/2ZCcrKN>

Andre Brumfield is Design Director at Gensler, where he focuses on revitalizing and repositioning urban environments through urban design, master planning and architecture. His broad career experience includes: redevelopment in emerging urban districts; neighborhood and community revitalization, high-density, urban-infill, city-wide master planning, corporate campuses, and industrial centers. He has extensive experience in mixed-income housing. Andre also services as Vice Chair of the Urban Land Institute's National Urban Revitalization Council.

Jay Pitter

Principal, Jay Pitter Placemaking; Fellow, Canadian Urban Institute (Toronto)
Bio: <http://www.jaypitter.com/>

Jay Pitter is an award-winning placemaker whose practice mitigates growing divides in cities across North America. She spearheads institutional city-building projects specializing in public

space design and policy, forgotten densities, mobility equity, gender-responsive design, inclusive public engagement and healing fraught sites. Jay's work is distinguished by a multidisciplinary approach, located at the nexus of urban design and social equity. She is the co-editor of *Subdivided: City-Building in an Age of Hyper-Diversity*, and her forthcoming book, *Where We Live*, will be published in 2021. Ms. Pitter is currently the John Bousfield Distinguished Visitor in Planning at the University of Toronto.

Solomon Wong

President and CEO, interVISTAS (Vancouver) Bio: <https://bit.ly/3n980QY>

Solomon Wong is a multidisciplinary expert on transportation policies, transportation economy and innovation. Through his consulting work at interVISTAS, he focuses on designing process improvements for goods and passengers. From re-engineering flows of people and goods through a journey to newer ways of mobility, Solomon has helped to implement solutions for a range of private and public sector clients. He sits on the board of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance, and is active on several committees for Airports Council International. Solomon has a Master of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto.

Next Steps

Over the past month, the City has been engaging the public on key questions related to the emerging directions and Big Ideas for the Vancouver Plan, including exploring specific opportunities for growth and change in neighbourhoods. The input from this dialogue, along with extensive community input from the fall engagement will be summarized and shared publicly in early 2022. This along with technical analysis, will inform the creation of the draft Vancouver Plan anticipated in March, 2022 for public consultation. Additional Council-led opportunities to convene community and thought leaders in providing perspectives on the draft Vancouver Plan will be coordinated in early 2022 consistent with Council's directions.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (theresa.O'donnell@vancouver.ca) or Susan Haid (susan.haid@vancouver.ca).



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