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Subject: **Vancouver Plan - Special Council Meeting & Neighbourhood Workshops**

Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am writing in response to questions we have received regarding the **Vancouver Plan Emerging Directions: City-Builder Dialogue (Special Council meeting)** scheduled for November 23, as well as questions regarding the **Neighbourhood Workshops** on Vancouver Plan Emerging Directions.

Regarding the Special Council meeting on November 23, staff offer the following responses and additional information:

- Staff have worked to pull together a panel of diverse experience and perspectives for this dialogue session with Council on Nov 23rd. As our most recent Van Plan dialogue with advisory committees (November 10) focused on hearing from local voices, we felt the 3rd event offered an opportunity to bring in some outside as well as local perspectives on city-building on the Vancouver Plan emerging directions.
- Two of the panelists have direct city building experience in Vancouver and the Metro Region:
 - Soloman Wong, interVISTAS is a Vancouver-based mobility policy planner with local/regional experience. For example, interVISTAS has worked on projects in this region related to the Port and the Airport.
 - Paty Rios, currently with NewCities, Montreal was until recently, a Policy Director at Happy City in Vancouver and is also currently a lecturer of urban policy at UBC.
- Other panelists have Vancouver perspective, for example Alex Bozikovic, the panel moderator from the Globe and Mail, writes about urban planning issues nationally (including those in Vancouver), and Jay Pitter has worked on engagement projects in Vancouver and spoken locally on urban planning matters. Andre Brumfield (Design Director at Gensler in Chicago), is part of a firm that has recently opened a Vancouver office.

Staff would be happy to receive any additional suggestions from Council members to shape upcoming dialogues.

In response to recent Council questions regarding community access to the **Neighbourhood Workshops on Vancouver Plan Emerging Directions**, we can confirm the following:

- We have now successfully completed 12 neighbourhood workshops, with 2 in each of the 6 neighbourhood engagement districts. In all workshops, we were able to engage those who signed up and were also able to offer spots to all on waitlists to attend the area-specific workshop they signed up for.
- Based on the popularity of these workshops, we have also added two additional sessions which are being advertised on the project website (<https://vancouverplan.ca>), via e-newsletter and social media:
 - Monday, Nov 22 (6 - 7:30 pm)
 - Fri, Nov 26 (10 - 11:30 am)

Thank you and we look forward to any questions Councillors may wish to forward in advance of the Nov 23 session to help shape the dialogue (please send questions to Andrew Pask, Planner at: andrew.pask@vancouver.ca by Nov 22).

Many thanks,
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