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Good evening Mayor and Council,

I am writing to pass along an update from Sandra Singh, GM of ACCS regarding work that our Homelessness Services staff are leading with other City Departments to develop a Neighbourhood-based Collaborative Initiative (NBCI) pilot project. We will provide Council with a more fulsome update next month but wanted to share the following background.

The objectives of the pilot will be to build on existing partnerships between the City and neighbourhood organizations and provide a proactive response to specific neighbourhood concerns and issues by implementing actions related to four key objectives:

1. Improve access to support services for equity denied individuals and those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the local neighbourhood;
2. Improve sense of safety and connection for all neighbours;
3. Improve neighbourhood cleanliness; and
4. Improve communication between community liaison organizations (such as BIAs, residents associations and service providers) and City Departments.

Staff are currently planning to focus the pilot on the neighbourhoods of Mount Pleasant, Olympic Village, and Downtown South/Yaletown, and the pilot project will include training opportunities for community organizations and their staff.

Staff were aiming to bring this initiative to Council last year but have been balancing a number of concurrent pressures, including the expanded winter response and the work to advance Tiny Homes shelter pilot.

If you have any immediate questions, please let me or Sandra know.

Best,
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