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Good evening Mayor and Council,

Please find below and update from Sandra Singh, General Manager of ACCS regarding the work to identify alternatives to street vending after the market closes:

- Staff continue to explore indoor vacant storefronts and vacant lots in the DTES for daily vending, however thus far there has been no willingness to lease space to the City for this purpose.
- Staff are now also looking to identify space to allow pop-up markets on the weekend [one day for women] only vending and one day for elders only vending.
- Staff are also in discussions with the Chinatown BIA about the need for a vending site for Chinese-Canadian elders, ideally somewhere in Chinatown if feasible.
- Staff are also in discussions with several DTES community groups around low threshold vending, including different models such as donation-based thrift stores, etc. However, the current lack of storefront availability remains a limiting factor.

While there are various ideas being explored, there are currently no confirmed solution as of yet for the end of August. Staff will keep Council apprised of progress exploring the options above and any other that may arise.

Best,  
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