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Good evening Mayor and Council,

I am sending this Q&A response in advance of the Weekly Q&As as the information is related to tomorrow's consideration of the proposed Council Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026.

Regarding the Better Together Pilot Project, we were asked about the engagement of residents in one of the pilot neighbourhoods, Downtown South:

Vacancies outstanding if any:

- As of Oct 30th, we have only received one application for the DT South Resident Round Table
- The Mount Pleasant and Olympic Village resident tables are active, with a total of 17 residents attending regularly.

Recruitment efforts to date if applicable:

- For the DT South, in addition to previous efforts to solicit applications there was targeted Social media in September and October.
- Staff will continue to work with Communications team to solicit interest in participation until the end of the pilot in March 2024.

How many meetings have taken place, format, outcomes, etc:

- Due to lack of applications, no meetings have taken place for the DT South Resident Round Table. There have been six agency roundtable meetings in DT South; these have been virtual meetings to support attendance.
- There have been eight meetings in Mt. Pleasant, and ten meetings in Olympic Village of the resident tables.
  - These have all been in person, in the evenings.
  - Each of these meetings have been well attended.
  - Members report joining to contribute to their community and report feeling more connected after meetings

Please note the Better Together Pilot ends in 5 months in March 2024. Staff will provide a summary of the evaluation findings and any recommendations for future consideration in early summer 2024.

Thank you,

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