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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

In follow up to Tuesday evening's Council decision regarding natural gas in new builds, I am writing to address a mischaracterization we have seen in ensuing media stories as it relates to current policies related to natural gas use in new builds for purposes of cooking.

The City's current requirements for new construction, in place since 2022, does not accommodate natural gas use for heating and hot water in new detached homes in Vancouver. The City's current requirements **do allow for** gas in cooking and some ancillary uses, such as a gas fireplace or backup heating, in new detached homes. The policy does not limit or regulate gas in Vancouver's existing buildings.

The City's communications team has issued corrections to outlets who have covered this story. We hope the foregoing is helpful to you as you speak to stakeholders and the media on this matter.

Best,  
Paul

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