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Subject: Healthy City Strategy Refresh Update

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The attached memo from Margaret Wittgens, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, provides an update regarding the Healthy City Strategy Refresh. Key points include:

- Following Council direction in May 2023 to proceed updating refreshing the Healthy City Strategy, staff have developed a scope and approach and are engaging key internal and external partners through summer and fall.
- Staff will be reaching out to Councillors' offices with an invitation to be engaged as part of this work.
- Staff anticipate reporting back to Council in early 2025 with recommendations for the refreshed Healthy City Strategy.

Should you have any questions, please contact Margaret directly and she will ensure responses are provided through the weekly Q&A.

All the best,

Karen

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish and səliwətaʔ/Tsleil-Waututh nations



Arts, Culture & Community Services
General Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

August 21, 2024

TO: Mayor & Council

CC: Karen Levitt, Acting City Manager
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FROM: Margaret Wittgens, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: Healthy City Strategy Refresh: update and invitation to participate

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

This memo provides an update on staff work to refresh the Healthy City Strategy, as directed by Council on May 8, 2024 (RTS 16138). It also outlines opportunities for Council to participate in the engagement process.

BACKGROUND

Staff have developed a workplan and timeline for a timely and targeted approach to refreshing the Healthy City Strategy, Vancouver's overall social sustainability framework. Staff have developed an approach to engaging key partners; engagement with Council is also an important component of the refresh.

DISCUSSION

Staff have commenced and are carrying out engagement over the summer and early fall. The engagement process will progress through three areas of focus:

- Framework and goals;
- Data and indicators; and,
- Implementation and governance.

Planned engagement activities include:

- Developing a coordination and governance model for the refresh process in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health, including targeted engagement in the health care sector.
- Convening interdepartmental tables and internal engagement with relevant departments.
- Engaging Council-appointed advisory committees and civic agencies.
- Facilitating workshops with key external partners, including place-based community organizations, community response networks, business improvement associations, and other selected groups.
- Collaborating with Host Nations (Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh) and Urban Indigenous populations (Metro Aboriginal Executive Council, Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee), guided by the recommendations of the Indigenous Relations department and Vancouver's UNDRIP Strategy.

As committed in the May report, engaging Council is an important part of this process. Staff plan to hold individual conversations with Councillors late summer and early fall.

Based on the planned scale of work and progress to date, staff anticipate being able to collate results late fall, and report back to Council in early 2025 with recommendations for the refreshed Healthy City Strategy.

NEXT STEPS

Between now and early September, ACCS staff will reach out to the office of each Councillor to confirm interest in participating in this engagement and schedule meetings accordingly.

As Council is aware, this informal engagement does not constitute direction, but is an opportunity for questions and feedback that can inform the policy development process.

Staff will continue to update Council on the progress of the Healthy City refresh in anticipation of a full report back in early 2025.

FINAL REMARKS

If Council requires further information, please feel free to contact me directly at margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca and we will provide response through the weekly Council Q&A.



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