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Hello Mayor and Council,

Further to the email and memo provided last week regarding the Uplifting DTES housing-related analysis and associated community engagement, and in response to several questions we have received, staff have drafted some potential key messages for your consideration should you find yourself in discussion with constituents who are asking for clarification around next steps. These succinct suggested key messages provide some further refinement on the process and next steps.

Over the past six months, staff have conducted technical analysis and financial testing, and the proposed options are the result of this work.

We are seeking feedback on these options through public engagement, which has just launched and will run until May 16. We anticipate a lot of feedback, questions, and debate. A summary of the feedback will be prepared and published publicly by the end of June.

Over the summer, staff will refine the policies and options based on the feedback received during the engagement process, with a final report to Council expected in late fall.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Josh White and/or Margaret Wittgens directly and they will work with their teams to respond through the weekly Q&A.

Thank you,

Sandra

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Please find attached a memo that provides an update to the housing portions of the *Uplifting the Downtown Eastside and Building Inclusive Communities that Work for All Residents motion*, including work related to the single room occupancy stock and changes to land-use and housing policy. The memo includes an update on engagement activities to inform draft policy options, before being brought to Council for consideration in Q4 2025.

In summary:

- There are several key land-use and housing and SRO policies being proposed for change as a result of the Council motion, financial testing, and analysis.
- Staff are bringing these proposals out to public engagement from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>, including a number of in-person and online engagement opportunities.
- After engagement concludes, staff will analyze the feedback and refine the proposed changes as appropriate.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Josh White and/or Margaret Wittgens directly and they will work with their teams to respond through the weekly Q&A.

Thank you,

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