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Subject: Update: Vancouver FWC26 draft Human Rights Action Plan community consultation update – Partially confidential

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide a brief update that the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Host Committee will be convening several targeted community consultation sessions in early May (commencing this Friday) as a follow-up to earlier community engagement undertaken to inform the development of the draft Host City Human Rights Action Plan (the "Action Plan"). **We ask that members of Council keep the information in red confidential until end of day Friday, May 1.**

Background and Context

As Council will recall the Host Committee published a first draft of the Action Plan on February 19, 2026, and is targeting publication of the finalized plan in late May. The upcoming community consultation sessions are focused primarily on community-serving and advocacy organizations operating in Vancouver's Downtown, Downtown Eastside, and Downtown South neighbourhoods, as well as Indigenous-serving organizations. The purpose of these sessions is to: (1) Summarize feedback received from participating organizations; and (2) Outline feedback anticipated to be incorporated into the final Action Plan.

Update: Discussions underway

Staff will be sharing some updates with community organizations starting Friday afternoon, and we wanted to ensure that Council received this information first:

- During development of the draft Action Plan, staff identified several potential interventions to address service gaps and community concerns; however, funding discussions with the Province were ongoing, and staff were unable to confirm these actions at that time.
- Since release of the draft Action Plan, the City has secured funding from the Province through the FWC 2026 Incremental Budget Reserve to support targeted Action Plan-related interventions.
- As a result, staff are actively discussing with local community-serving organizations to scope and deliver the following initiatives:
 - Peer-based community safety patrols around key match venues and the Downtown Eastside on Vancouver match days;
 - Incremental staffing for a sexual violence helpline operator to accommodate a potential

- increase in call volumes;
- Extending operating hours on Vancouver match days to operators of drop-in centres serving vulnerable residents;
- Outreach services to sex workers during the event period through key city corridors; and
- Expanded daytime programming at City-operated spaces on match days to support people experiencing homelessness and housing precarity.

Next Steps

As noted, staff will be meeting with a number of organizations over the coming weeks in preparation for the finalization of the Action Plan. Given the subject matter and level of public interest, Council may receive questions or inquiries related to the finalization of the Action Plan in the coming weeks. To support Council's responses to constituent inquiries, key information points are provided below for reference. Please consider directing media inquiries to media@vancouver.ca.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions and I will work with staff to provide a response through the appropriate channel.

Thank you,

Sandra

Host City Human Rights Action Plan – Key Information

- On February 19, 2026, the Host Committee released the first draft of the FWC26 Vancouver Host City Human Rights Action Plan, outlining how human rights considerations are being integrated into the City's planning and delivery of the event given the local context and hosting scope
- Development and implementation of a Host City Human Rights Action Plan is a FIFA requirement for all sixteen FWC26 host cities.
- The FIFA Human Rights Framework sets forth various standards for which host cities need to submit plans demonstrating how they plan on meeting the standard. The Framework is nation independent and makes no assumptions as to whether there are existing protections of these rights already in place or if there are gaps that need to be addressed.
- The Host Committee approach to developing the Vancouver Human Rights Action Plan has been to:
 - Build on existing legislation, policy, and servicesRecognize the existing human rights related legislation and programs already in place by senior government, consider our jurisdiction and role as local government, and leverage existing City human-rights related policies and community services.
 - Right-size to event scale Actions are scoped to the scale of Vancouver's hosting role: seven (7) matches over 3.5 weeks.
 - Identify priority actions Identify areas of salient human rights risk relative to Vancouver context to target focus and potential actions.

- Leverage existing practice Utilize what already exists to address the Framework standards, focusing on actions within municipal jurisdiction while coordinating with senior governments on actions within theirs.
- Implement targeted additional measures Light augmentations to existing City practice to accommodate areas of community feedback
- Where feasible and reasonable, the City's goal is to mitigate potential impacts and provide targeted supports for vulnerable communities that may be disproportionately affected by large-scale sporting events.
- The finalized plan is targeted for release in late May 2026.

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