



MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council
Park Board Commissioners
Vancouver Public Library Board of Trustees

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FROM: Paul Mochrie, Acting City Manager
Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation
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SUBJECT: New Joint Data-Sharing MOU with the Vancouver School Board

Dear Mayor and Council, Park Board Commissioners, and Library Board of Trustees,

We are writing to inform you about a new joint Data-Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently signed by the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation, the Vancouver Public Library (collectively, the "City") and the Vancouver School Board (VSB) that will improve our collective long-range planning and provision of services across Vancouver.

A first for Vancouver, the joint City-VSB Data-Sharing MOU will further collaboration among COV, VPB, VPL and VSB by allowing for the sharing of aggregated demographic, socio-economic, school enrollment and other data to improve integrated planning within Vancouver communities including area, school, student enrollment and childcare planning.

As public sector organizations, a principle cornerstone of this MOU is to uphold our regulatory requirements with respect to the maintenance, storing and sharing of data as outlined in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). To respect data privacy, confidentiality and licensing, the parties will only be sharing non-personal, aggregated data.

In working together, select City and VSB staff will form a joint committee to review the aggregated data provided, assess the process for sharing and explore future opportunities to strengthen data collaboration including the potential for joint research, analysis and process improvement.

The benefits of this MOU include a stronger partnership among public-sector bodies to achieve enhanced public benefits, continued evidence-based decision-making to inform and enable long-range planning such as the Vancouver Plan and area plans, and improved data and analysis through collaboration.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with our government partners for the betterment of Vancouver. If you have any questions about the information above, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.



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