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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Re: Marpole Transit Centre Development Permit Review

Musqueam Indian Band (“Musqueam”) has been working with Translink and The City of Vancouver to co-develop the design details for the Marpole Transit Centre Project. Musqueam understands that Translink has submitted a development permit, which is under review and will go to the development permit board on May 1st. Conversations around Musqueam’s preferences for the site are ongoing and there is still a significant amount of engagement with Musqueam staff and community that is required for reaching consensus on various elements of the site design, including options for public or Musqueam only access as well as design of the foreshore area.

As we have communicated to both Translink and the City of Vancouver, this particular location is of critical importance to Musqueam. The ancient village of čəsnaʔəm was located *directly* on this project site and around 2000 years ago was one of the largest Musqueam village sites. Since time of contact, this area has been categorically mined of belongings and continually developed – almost eliminating the Musqueam community from accessing the area. It is important to Musqueam to be involved in this process and for Musqueam’s vision for the site to be implemented, given the already heavily impacted area.

At this stage, Musqueam can only provide high level preferences for the site and recommendations for conditions, and we stress that flexibility is needed as Musqueam and Translink continue to work towards specific design details. Musqueam has had internal discussions around various options for the Easterly portion of the site, as presented to Musqueam by the City of Vancouver via PowerPoint on January 18th, 2023. After some internal discussion, Musqueam requires the following commitments:

- That any design of the Easterly portion of the site prioritize the highest and best use for habitat and restoration purposes.
- That a long-term plan, of at least ten years, is required to be developed for monitoring of the site and efficacy of habitat restoration efforts, including a robust contingency plan.
- That a plan for vegetation is developed in consultation with Musqueam
- That any additional design decisions be made collaboratively with Musqueam



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Musqueam looks forward to ongoing conversations around the development of the site. We have also appended a set of criteria for the site design, that contains potential linkages between design aspects and Musqueam values and interests, in the hopes this can be a guide for considering the impacts of potential design elements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larissa Grant'.

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Musqueam Interests	Description	Potential Indicator(s)	Potential Areas of Impacts/Overlap with Design Elements
Cultural Heritage	<p>Cultural Continuity: The ability of Musqueam people to maintain their distinct culture, including supporting practices and resources. Includes the ability to continue transmission of knowledge across generations, including place-based knowledge through practice, language, and sharing of oral histories and traditions.</p>	<p>-Safety—changes in real or perceived personal and community safety impacting the ability to continue cultural practices and transmission as a result of the project -Physical, environmental and multi-sensory changes impacting the ability to practice and transmit cultural knowledge and practices -Changes to availability of resources to support cultural practices and ceremonies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Access considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential Musqueam exclusive use ○ Potential for members of public to damage or harm area ○ Design of path, and linkages to broader CoV policies and objectives • Visual elements that disrupt or help to support Musqueam sense of place and identify • Any archaeological impacts from construction • Cultural Recognition Art and educational elements • Elements that can be integrated into design to support Musqueam inter-generational knowledge transfer • Incorporation of language into design • Planting of Indigenous plant species • Any environmental impacts of the project that have potential to contribute to adverse cumulative impacts in Musqueam territory (i.e. to habitat, or river processes) • Any restoration opportunities that help to support Musqueam stewardship
	<p>Sense of Place and Identify: Includes the ability to maintain territorial integrity, continue to access and use preferred places for spiritual purposes safely preferred timing and conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in access to spiritual locations - Change in quality of experience due to sensory disturbance - Change in real or perceived safety - Increased psychological and emotional stress from loss of spiritual landscape - Change to ability to traverse and navigate the territory 	
	<p>Heritage Resources: Includes the tangible and intangible aspects of Musqueam’s culture passed down from our ancestors and to which there is an onus to protect and maintain for successive generations. Heritage resources include, but are not limited to, transformer sites, s̓ʕələqəm sites, named sites, “archaeological” sites,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to heritage objects - Change to access to heritage objects - Changes to heritage sites - Changes to access to heritage sites - Changes to intangible heritage resources - Changes in access to key teaching cultural areas - 	



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	spiritual use sites, aspects of the landscape integral to Musqueam culture and identity and associated hən̓q̓əmiñəm language and knowledge.		
Musqueam Title (Governance)	Includes the right to decide how the lands/waters will be used; and, Right to proactively use and manage the lands/waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to Musqueam decision-making authority within and over Musqueam territorial lands and waters - Changes to ability to derive economic benefits from infrastructural development in Musqueam territory - Changes to ability to proactively govern and control Musqueam territorial lands and waters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ownership and use of crown water lots -Musqueam decision making in design process
Marine Fishing and Estuarine Harvesting	Includes the right and ability to access, harvest, and process marine fish and other marine foods and materials for sustenance, social cohesion, and spiritual/ceremonial purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in access to harvesting areas due to physical, temporal, or administrative restrictions - Change in opportunity (current and future) due to impacts on abundance and/or quality (real and perceived) of harvest (including reduction of suitable habitat to support abundance) - Change in opportunity (current and future) due to decreased efficacy and/or increased competition - Change in cultural and sensory experience while marine and estuarine harvesting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood protection Wall (any design elements that support/impact water flow and fish or fish habitat) - Any encroachment into the river that extends beyond what it already there -



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in ability to transfer marine and estuarine harvesting knowledge intergenerationally 	
Terrestrial Harvesting	Includes the ability to access, harvest and process terrestrial goods and materials for sustenance, social cohesion, and spiritual/ceremonial purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in access to harvesting areas due to physical, temporal, or administrative restrictions - Change in opportunity (current and future) due to impacts on abundance and/or quality (real and perceived) of harvest (including reduction of suitable habitat to support abundance) - Change in opportunity (current and future) due to decreased efficacy and/or increased competition - Change in cultural and sensory experience while terrestrial harvesting - Change in ability to transfer terrestrial harvesting knowledge intergenerationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential Plant Harvesting in foreshore area -
Economic	Includes the right and ability to access the economic benefits of the lands/waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to economic benefits from infrastructural development in Musqueam territory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential Employment, contracting, - Cultural recognition opportunity for Musqueam artist



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anything that supports ecological health of the environment and, in turn, Musqueam harvesting - Anything that adversely impacts ecological health of the environment, and in turn Musqueam harvesting