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## MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk  
Chris Robertson, Urban Design & Sustainability  
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FROM: Vancouver City Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Arbutus Greenway Option Lands

At the Vancouver City Planning Commission's (VCPC) January 8, 2020, Commissioners received a staff report on a parcel included in the Arbutus Greenway Option Lands. This site is located within [Area 10B of the False Creek Area Development Plan](#).

Although not presently part of any formal planning or development approval process within the City, the VCPC was asked to provide input on this matter, in part, because the [False Creek Official Development Plan Bylaw No. 4812](#), originally adopted in 1974, states that:

The False Creek Comprehensive Development District is of sufficient magnitude, and the developments within it will be staged over a sufficiently extended period of time, that detailed regulations and plans cannot be drawn too precisely. Modifications to the specific policies and regulations set out in this By-law may be adopted by City Council from time to time. *City Council shall receive advice from the Development Permit Board and the Vancouver City Planning Commission before adopting modifications to this By-law in whole or in part.*

The VCPC supports the recommendations of staff as presented to us on January 8, 2020 and we appreciate staff amending their proposal in response to community feedback. In particular, the Commission was pleased to hear that co-op housing will be included as an option for the site in addition to the Moderate Income Rental Housing Pilot Program (MIHRPP). This is in keeping with the original housing mix in False Creek South.

We do, however, have two suggestions that we would like to see incorporated into the proposed plans for the site:

1. Acknowledgement of the history and cultural significance of the original Indigenous inhabitants in the development of this site -- namely the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam),

Sḵw̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Selíiwitlh (Tseil-Waututh) Peoples -- as part of the City of Vancouver's commitment to being a City of Reconciliation. This land was never ceded, relinquished, or handed over by these Nations to Canada or British Columbia through a treaty or any other means.

2. Engagement with the Sḵw̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw to ensure compatibility of plans of their adjacent Seḥákw development.

We are thankful to have received that staff presentation, and for the—albeit unconventional—opportunity to offer the VCPC's support and suggestions on the development of this Arbutus Greenway Option Lands site. We look forward to future updates on this process. Should you have any questions, or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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