



COALITION OF VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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July 25, 2016

City of Vancouver Council

Dear Mayor Gregor Robertson and Councillors,

Re: Grandview-Woodland Community Plan, July 26, 2016

The Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) supports the Grandview Woodland Area Council (GWAC) in their stated concerns about the proposed Grandview Woodland Community Plan and supports their request for a delay of the City of Vancouver Council decision on the plan. GWAC is a member group of CVN.

GWAC has made a very reasonable request of delay. As stated in their press release:

“Among the top concerns of residents” said GWAC President Dorothy Barkley, “is having only one summer month to read, digest, and respond to a 250-page document.” Both the Citizens’ Assembly and the planners had almost a year to think about the plan for the neighbourhood. Residents need at least a few months. **“GWAC is calling on the City to delay the decision on the Draft Plan to at least November 2016 and to provide a clear mechanism by which resident feedback will be incorporated into the plan.”**

Even for those residents who did manage to make it through the 250 page draft plan there were other complications. Further we note that the proposed Plan was changed from DRAFT to a revised final document with only five business days before the council meeting, and that no change bars were included to assist residents in digesting the material and any changes.

A delay as proposed would be consistent with the CVN document *Principles and Goals for Collaborative Neighbourhood-based Planning in the City of Vancouver* as supported by neighbourhood groups across the city. We urge Council to grant them this reasonable request.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Member Groups of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Arbutus Ridge Community Association	Kits Point Residents Association
Arbutus Ridge/ Kerrisdale/ Shaughnessy Visions	Marpole Oakridge Community Association
Cedar Cottage Area Neighbours	Norquay Residents
Chinatown Action Group	NW Point Grey Home Owners Association
Citygate Intertower Group	Oakridge Langara Area Residents
Community Association of New Yaletown	Raycam
Crosstown Residents Association	Residents Association Mount Pleasant
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council	Riley Park/South Cambie Visions
Dunbar Residents Association	Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Association
False Creek Residents Association	Strathcona Residents Association
Grandview Woodland Area Council	Upper Kitsilano Residents Association
Granville Burrard Residents & Business Association	West End Neighbours Society
Joyce Area Residents	West Kitsilano Residents Association
Kitsilano-Arbutus Residents Association	West Point Grey Residents Association

Reference Documents:

Council Meeting July 26, 2016 and Reports <http://council.vancouver.ca/20160726/20160726ag.htm>

Grandview Woodland Area Council (GWAC) press release
<http://www.gwac.ca/news/media-advisory-grandview-woodland-area-council-does-not-endorse-the-draft-grandview-woodland-neighbourhood-plan>

Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) *Principles and Goals for Collaborative Neighbourhood-based Planning in the City of Vancouver* <http://coalitionvan.org/principles-and-goals/>