

# GRANDVIEW-WOODLAND AREA COUNCIL

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Dear Mayor and Council:

This letter is to express our whole-hearted support for the Motion submitted by Clr. Carr regarding an extension of consultation time for the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan (the Plan).

As you will be aware, City of Vancouver planners have been working on the Plan for more than a year now, and hundreds of local residents have attended workshops and open houses to discuss parks, arts & culture, transportation, housing, heritage, neighbourhood safety and the public realm. However, it was not until June this year that we were made aware of the planners' proposals for massive densification throughout our neighbourhood.

We note that the planners have, under pressure from residents' complaints, withdrawn their proposals in the area known as Commercial & Broadway. We also note that an additional hands-on workshop for that area was held a few weeks ago and that Open Houses regarding these same proposals will be held at the end of this month. However, as has been made clear in more than 1,000 emails sent to you by individual residents over the last few weeks, and as was clearly expressed in the meeting of more than 200 residents attended by a number of Councilors on 8<sup>th</sup> July, the problems with the Emerging Directions document do not begin nor end with the Commercial & Broadway area. Residents have clear and specific problems with the proposals for each of the six sub-areas into which Grandview-Woodland has been divided.

Therefore, we believe that a six month extension of the consultation process as called for in Clr. Carr's motion is the minimum time required to ensure that the concerns of residents *throughout our neighbourhood* are properly heard.

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Grandview-Woodland Area Council.