



October 30, 2023

To: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager
Sandra Singh Deputy City Manager

Re: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association, a democratically elected organization that represents over 5000 residents in False Creek South. We were recently alerted to the upcoming report to Council entitled "City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026," which includes the item "Advance toward optimizing the number of housing units on City land in False Creek South." We are ready to participate in any discussions to support the City's strategic policies that encompass initiatives toward the retention and expansion of truly affordable housing in False Creek South. We'd love to set up time together to further explore this conversation before the year end.

We hope that this signals a first step towards a comprehensive community planning process. For the Neighbourhood Association, optimizing the number of housing units on City land means optimizing the existing affordable housing in False Creek South by extending land leases, while building new affordable housing on empty land that will meet City priorities of supporting housing for seniors, building workforce housing, and adapting to, and mitigating, climate change.

As you know, our community has been engaged in planning for the future of False Creek South for over 10 years, and in October 2021 City Council unanimously endorsed a public planning process for our neighbourhood based on principles including: maintaining the existing income mix of 1/3 lower-income, 1/3 middle-income, and 1/3 higher income residents, working with non-profit developers and housing providers, and building additional affordable and non-market housing.

Further, we hope that our neighbourhood's inclusion in Council's Strategic Priorities signals the commencement of an open and transparent planning process that leverages the combined knowledge, vision, and experience of City staff, False Creek South

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residents, and the broader community, and we look forward to uncovering the shared wisdom and efficiencies that working together will provide.

Sincerely,

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