

July 15, 2014

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Dear Messrs. Mullins and Suleman:

RE: Grandview-Woodland Community Plan (GWCP)

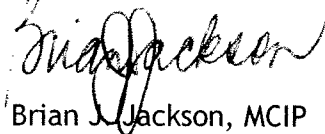
Thank you for your letter to Mayor and Council, Planning Department staff, and others dated June 29, 2014. Your letter raises matters of composition, content, recruitment and integration of the Citizens' Assembly; these are questions and concerns that you have raised in a number of other forums.

The approach for the Citizens' Assembly has been developed through a reasoned and inclusive process over the past number of months. This included a review of best practices, community workshops, focus group discussions and an online questionnaire. The resulting Terms of Reference have been consistently validated by the community. It is particularly important to note that many citizens of Grandview-Woodland took the time to attend workshops and to offer input into the design of the Citizens' Assembly process. Those participants, as well as others across the broader community, were also given the opportunity to review the draft Terms of Reference. The majority of the community is highly supportive of the process that is now being implemented.

I am pleased to note that both of you participated in the spring workshops where you contributed your thoughts on the Citizens' Assembly. Your perspectives were heard, understood and noted. Your input, along with all other input, is duly reflected in the summary documents. Additionally, Planning Department staff (including Kent Munro, Assistant Director of Planning) attended a session on June 9, 2014 at Britannia that was hosted by the Grandview Woodland Area Council (GWAC) at which time your group had another opportunity to comment and to inquire about the decisions that had been reached about the Citizens' Assembly. I am comfortable that between the summary documents and staff's direct responses to you, thorough responses to all of your questions have been provided. For further reference, all documentation is available on the City's website at www.vancouver.ca/gw.

We appreciate your participation in the process and invite you to register to volunteer on the Citizens' Assembly as the recruitment process is now fully underway in accordance with the Terms of Reference. The process will not be delayed and the City will not be holding any additional meetings on this stage of the process in the summer months. We are working to have the Citizens' Assembly underway in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

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