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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** Joanne McDonald  
**Subject:** RE: Regional Context Statement

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Thank you.

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**From:** Joanne McDonald s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
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**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Regional Context Statement

I am absolutely opposed to the Regional Context Statement that has been put together with no consultation and is being brought forward tonight.

Joanne McDonald

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2013 5:17 PM  
**To:** Guy Cross  
**Subject:** FW: Vancouver Regional Context Statement - Public Hearing  
**Attachments:** RCS staff amendments - June 10.pdf

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**From:** Guy Cross s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2013 5:15 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Vancouver Regional Context Statement - Public Hearing

Dear Mayor and Council,

Having attended the May 16 open house and subsequently taken time to provide comments, I am disappointed upon reviewing the attached staff memorandum (dated June 10, 2013) to find that comments received from the public are given no more than cursory acknowledgment. In contrast with close attention paid to comments received from the GVRD board and related recommended amendments to the draft RCS, the totality of public comments are characterized as "general in nature" and, consequently, "no changes to the Regional Context Statement are being proposed in response to these comments".

Ironically, this assessment is itself perfectly consistent with the common denominator of public commentary received through a consultation process that was severely limited at best. In particular, as of June 7th reporting of feedback, the clear view is that there has been virtually no public participation in development of the draft RCS, nor has there been an appropriate effort through legitimate public consultation to establish the extent of public support for it.

This would appear to be a remarkable failure in the context of a Vancouver City Hall that claims to be establishing new standards for public engagement and "improving the way the City consults with citizens on policy".

I personally offered specific comments regarding what I perceive to be legitimate concerns around the designation of a "future Frequent Transit Development Area" on the Broadway corridor, presumably in anticipation of a rapid transit link for which there is neither established public support, nor funding in place. Frankly, while it is difficult to see that designation of a "future FTDA" (in advance of appropriate planning, consultation or funding commitment) is in the public interest, it's apparently of great interest to Translink, judging by related comments in their letter date June 7, 2013. Unfortunately, however, while Translink's comments are appended to the recent staff memorandum, mine are not.

With all due respect, the staff memorandum dated June 10, 2013 only underlines the disconnect between City Hall and the public, and reinforces my opposition to the draft Vancouver Regional Context Statement that continues to avoid any reflection of public opinion.

Guy Cross  
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