



Canadian Passive
House Institute West



Dear Deputy Mayor Reimer,

The City of Vancouver's leadership in nurturing carbon-neutral buildings is recognized worldwide.

Vancouver is noted as a "leading region" in the enclosed booklet, *Net Zero Energy Buildings: Passive House + Renewables*, co-published this year by the Passive House Institute out of Darmstadt, Germany and the North American Passive House Network (see page 23). **Booklet will be distributed in Council Chamber.**

The proposed changes to RS-1 zoning (scheduled for public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 20) aim to further level the playing field for carbon-neutral homes by granting roughly the same interior square footage to the builder of a Passive House residence as would be granted to the builder of any other dwelling on the same lot.

The proposed rule change poses no additional cost to taxpayers, presents no disadvantage to builders of traditional dwellings, and has been carefully drafted to avoid hardship to neighbours.

The Canadian Passive House Institute-West supports the proposed changes to RS-1 zoning, and remains grateful for the City of Vancouver's fair-minded approach to carbon-neutral construction.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monte Paulsen", with a circular flourish at the end.

Monte Paulsen