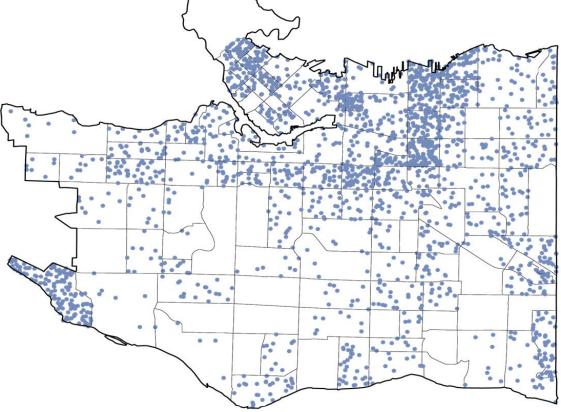
Response to the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC) Aboriginal Housing & Wellness Strategy (2015-2020)

## Presentation to City Council January 19, 2016







# A Need for More Housing & Wellness - "Closing the Gap"





**A Growing Population:** The Aboriginal population is one of the fastest growing – From 2006-2011, the Aboriginal population grew by 30% in the region (compared to 9% of non-Aboriginal population). (Source: 2011 National Household Survey)

A Shared Responsibility: Approximately 23% of the region's urban Indigenous residents live in Vancouver; 50% live on either side of the Fraser River (Source: 2011 National Household Survey)

A Need to Intensify Strategic Efforts: Data indicates that Vancouver Aboriginal residents have:

- 20% lower income than Aboriginals in the region (\$55,000 \$69,223) (Source: 2011 National Household Survey)
- Over 25% of SRO residents identify as Aboriginal (SRO Demographic Study, 2013)
- Over 30% of homeless in Vancouver self-identified as Aboriginal; 35% of homeless youth (Vancouver Homeless Count, 2015)

## MVAEC Call to Action – Highlight Summary





### For Immediate Action – Call for 1,500 Social Housing Units

### Leadership & Capacity

- ✓ MVAEC core funding
- ✓ Creative funding for municipal housing development

### Relationships & Partnerships

✓ Strengthened support with Aboriginal agencies

### Engagement in Short & Long-term Planning

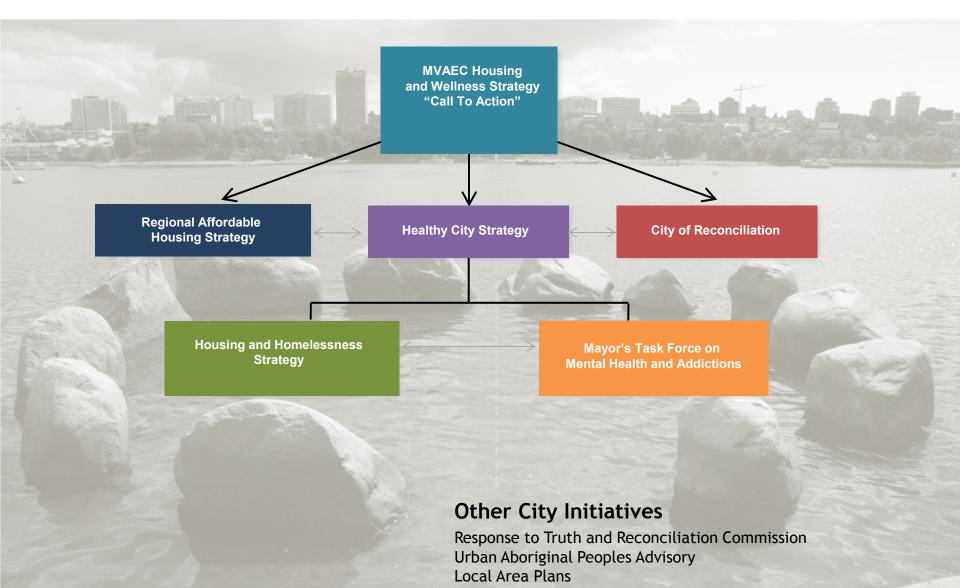
- Culturally reflective data methodologies
- ✓ 1,500 new social housing units across region by 2020
- Launch planning process for 10-year regional strategy
- Continue to engage Aboriginal residents

#### **Longer-Term Recommendations**

Strengthen Housing Leadership & Capacity Increase Access & Diversify Housing Options

## **MVAEC Call to Action** – Strategic Alignment Across Policy Areas





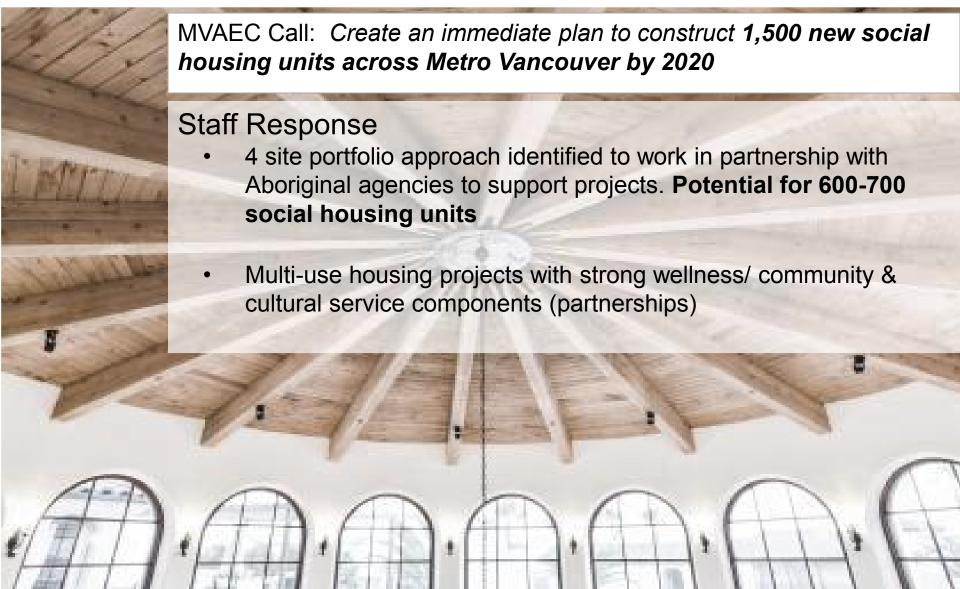
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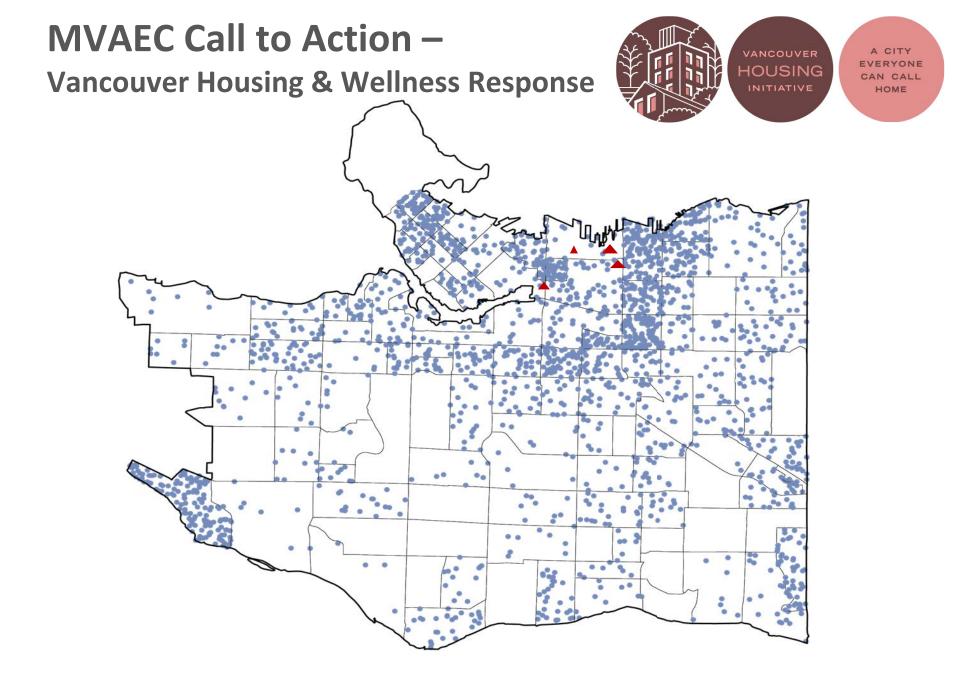




## **MVAEC Call to Action** – Vancouver Housing & Wellness Response







# MVAEC Call to Action –

Vancouver Housing & Wellness Response

#### Four Sites Recommended (Phase 1):

- **1 946 & 950 Main** Aboriginal social housing project in DTES
  - Includes partnership with Lu'ma & BC Housing (nominal approval for \$4.6M in capital)

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- Anticipation of 30 units and completion within 3 years
- 2 1015 E. Hastings Mixed-use project in DTES developed under VAHA.
  - Includes partnership for permanent Aboriginal shelter with VAFCS and BC Housing (nominal approval for shelter operating and capital)
  - Vancouver Coastal Health (integrated health centre)
  - Social housing above (early estimates: 175-220 units)
  - Anticipated completion within 5 years

# MVAEC Call to Action –

Vancouver Housing & Wellness Response

Service-Led Projects with Complementary Housing in Grandview-Woodlands

- 3. 1618, 1630-1680 E. Hastings (UNYA) Mixed-use project in partnership with UNYA
  - Led by the vision to redevelop the Native Youth Centre to be a 'state of the art' youth centre

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- To include complementary housing for a mix of households, including Aboriginal youth and their families.
- 4. 1607 E. Hastings (Friendship Centre) Mixed-use project in partnership with VAFCS
  - Led by the vision to redevelop the Friendship Centre as a community and cultural centre for the region,
  - To include complementary housing for a mix of households, with a focus on Aboriginal elder and family housing.

# **Summary of Report Actions**

Including Staff Recommendations for Aboriginal Housing & Wellness



Leadership & Capacity

- Recommendation A: To bring forward support for MVAEC's Strategy
- Potential to engage the City's Housing Agency (VAHA) to expedite the development of Aboriginal housing & wellness development on 3 of 4 sites
- Recommendation F: To request the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write the Premier and Prime Minister in increase housing and wellness capacity

#### **Relationships & Partnerships**

 Recommendations C and G: Strengthened support of Aboriginal agencies through provision of grants to support development planning (\$100,000 to VAFCS transferred to 1050 E. Hastings; \$56,000 to UNYA)

# **Summary of Report Actions**

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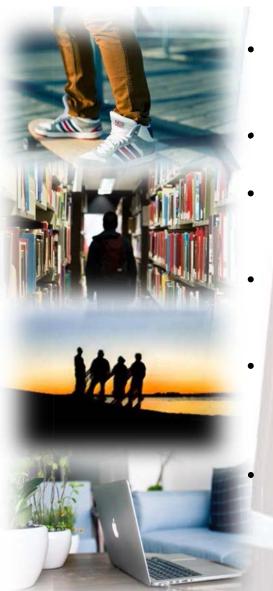


Engagement in Short & Long-term Planning

- Recommendation B and D: Recommendation B to approve, in principle, permanent Aboriginal shelter as part of mixed-use project (including integrated health services and social housing) at 1015 E. Hastings; and, Recommendation D: to designate 946 & 950 Main as an Aboriginal social housing project
- Early estimates indicate 600-700 from 4 sites of the1,500 new social housing units requested for across region by 2020
- Staff recommendations for 10-Year Draft Regional Affordable Housing Strategy

# **Concluding Remarks**





- Indigenous people move to the city for higher education, for work, and to raise families
- Multiple generations have established families here
- Culturally reflective services and spaces in Vancouver are accessed from across the region
- Demand for diversity of housing, including social housing & cultural + wellness programs and services is high
- Vancouver is poised as a leader to advocate to other levels of government and respond swiftly to MVAEC"s call to action through several of its existing initiatives

Action is a shared responsibility - Recognition there is a need for a10-year plan at both Regional and National Level