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City of Vancouver

Dear Mayor Stewart and Council,

**Re: April 14 Council Agenda – Changes to Meeting Schedules  
Electronic Council Meetings & Public Hearings under COVID-19 Emergency**

Council Item 1.: <https://council.vancouver.ca/20200414/documents/comm1.pdf>

The West Point Grey Residents Association acknowledges the need for special powers to permit the City to respond effectively to the COVID-19 emergency. We understand that City Council meetings are currently being convened electronically to enable appropriate physical distancing. However, in the absence of open and unfettered public participation, as envisioned through the Vancouver Charter, we are concerned that the scope of these meetings could stray too far beyond this emergency.

We draw your attention to the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods' letter to you dated April 5, 2020 expressing such concerns. We share these concerns.

**CVN letter April 5, 2020:** <https://coalitionvan.org/posts/cvn-letter-5-april-2020/>

Regarding the City's proposal to proceed now with Public Hearings having no connection to the COVID-19 emergency, we urge Council not to approve the Public Hearing date changes as proposed in the April 14 agenda, item 1, for the first electronic Public Hearing to be May 5. Instead, please cancel all Public Hearings until after May 31, or when the Provincial restrictions on public assembly are lifted to allow for full public participation as required under the Vancouver Charter.

Yours truly,

West Point Grey Residents Association Board of Directors