



ENGAGED CITY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



A SHORT HISTORY OF ENGAGEMENT

Council Direction

1998

Adoption: Guiding Principles;

1996

Initiative: **Better City**

Government

Staff direction: 16 improvements from PIR

2009

Resolution:

Commitment to engagement 2010 Motion:

Investigate Office of Public Consultation

1996

Public Involvement

Review

1999

Process

Improvement

Efforts

2009

VOICE

Engagement Process Review

Staff Action



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Council Direction



2012 Motion: Establish Task Force 2013 Task Force Quick Starts accepted 2014 Task Force Final Report accepted

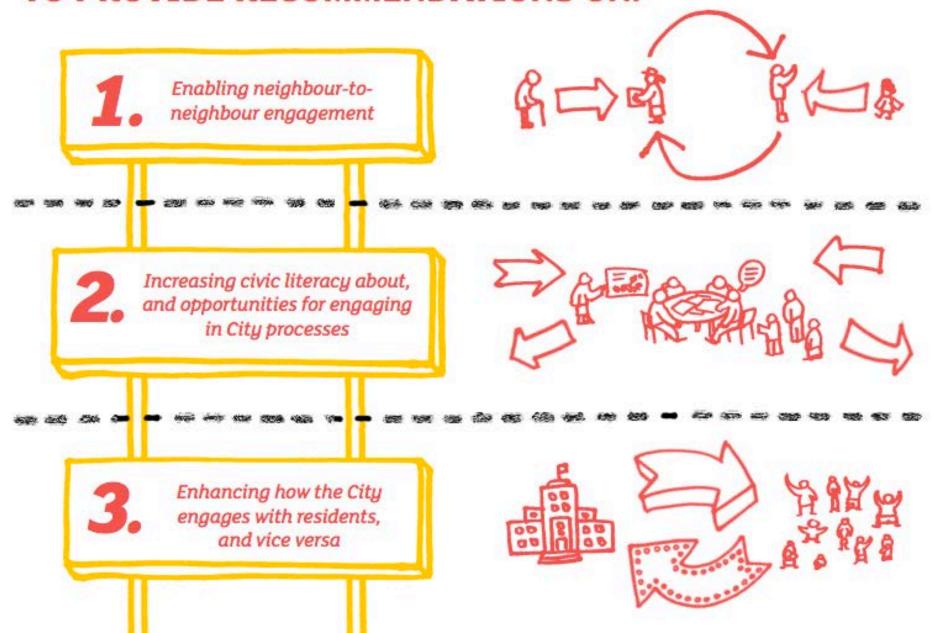
2011 Engagement team created in CC; 2013 Quick Start implementation 2014-6 Implementation of Task Force recommendations

Staff Action

2012 - Foundations report, *Connections and Engagement* published



CITY COUNCIL ASKED THE TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:





BUILDING KNOWLEDGE



BUILDING CAPACITY



BUILDING TRUST



BUILDING POWER

FOUNDATIONS

Incorporate the IAP2
Spectrum into Guiding
Principles and evaluation.

 Draft complete, endorsement by Council in early 2016.

At Council

Develop specific strategies for engaging under-represented groups – In particular (1) 18- to 35-year-olds; (2) newcomers and new immigrants; and (3) urban Aboriginal peoples.

- Expansion of Talk Vancouver panel
- Innovation in social media
- Ongoing delivery of Pop-Up City Hall
- Work with Vancouver Immigration Partnership
- Work with Council Advisory Committees to research gaps and opportunities
- Develop translation framework

In process, Ongoing



Undertake an annual "Civic Engagement Report Card"

- Began initial benchmarking
- Develop process for tracking and refreshing the data

Planning



TALK VANCOUVER

Welcome

Help us build a better Vancouver by becoming a member of the City's community of trusted, local advisors. We are excited to hear from you. Registration is quick and easy. Join today!





5,860 Diverse Members



150 members per month

- In 2014, 45 questionnaires were deployed with 18,400 submissions received in total.
- In 2015, 49 questionnaires were deployed with **37,388** submissions received in total.



4+ activities per month

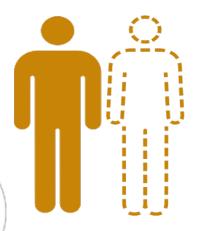


TALK VANCOUVER

LOOKING AHEAD



Continued transparency, multi-method consultation



Addressing gaps in membership

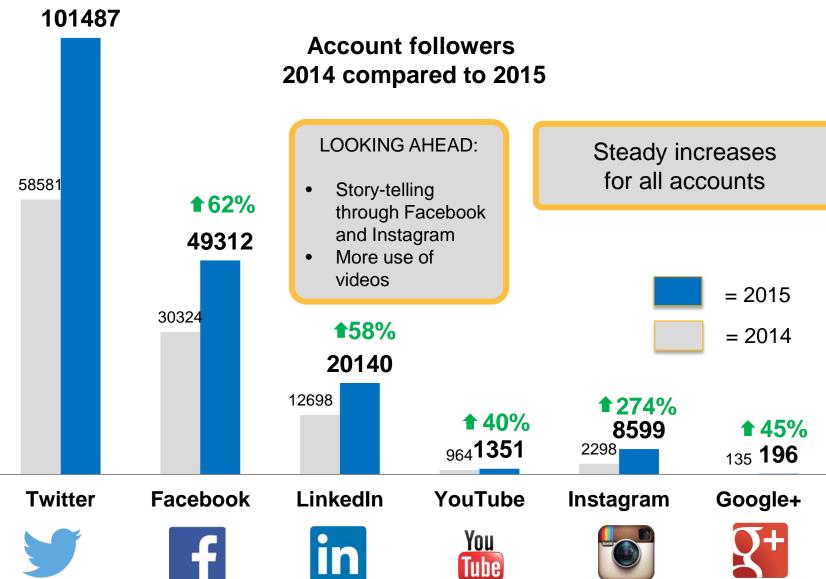


15,000 member capacity



200 new members per month

★73% SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE







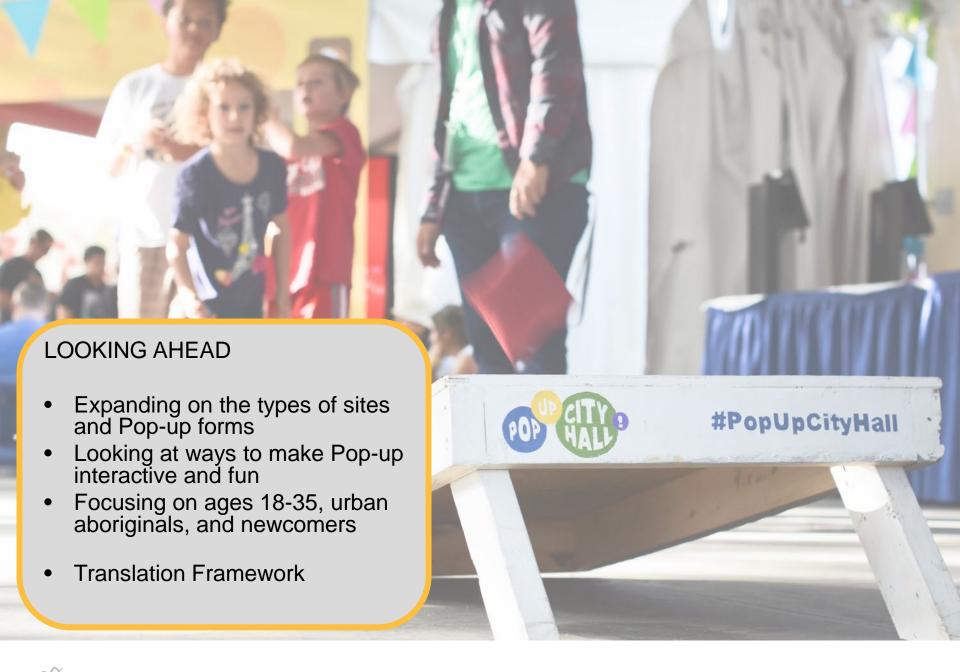
8,953 interactions (8,063 in 2014)



- "We usually get forgotten living here. I'm really happy you haven't forgotten about us."
- "I'm disabled and use a walker and it saves me having to travel to city hall for info."
- "I didn't know about any of these services!"









BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

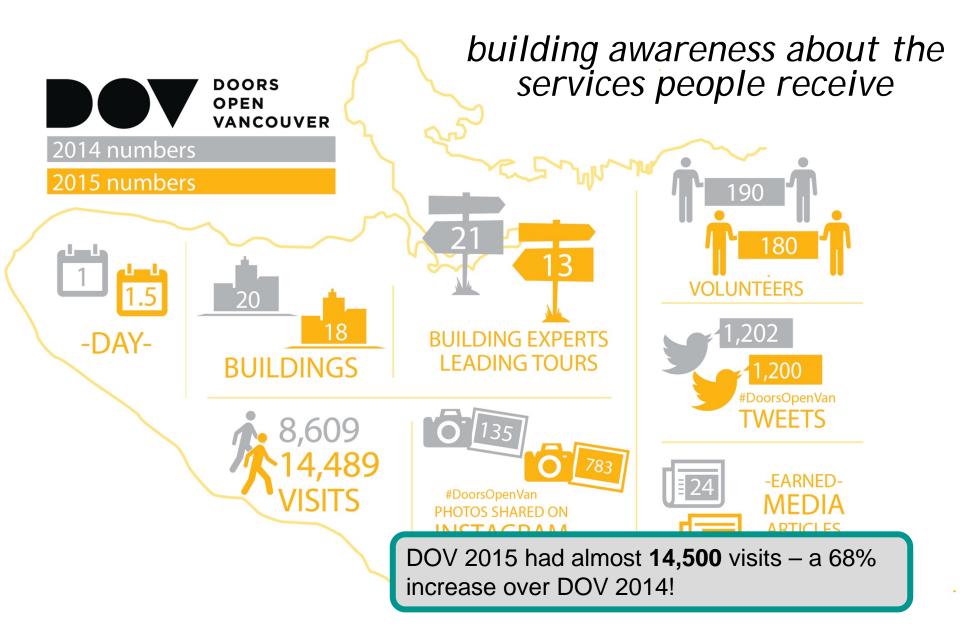
Improve Civic Education, Establish Citizen Academies

- Provided space and material for civic education (e.g. DOV, 'City in 90 seconds' video, infographics)
- Realignment and expansion of Doors Open Vancouver
- Pilot project with YMCA proposal for newcomer youth civics
- Support projects to develop educational graphic content as part of delivery

Promote 3-1-1, with a focus on non-English-speaking communities

- Leveraging Pop-Up City Hall and Doors
 Open Vancouver for promotion. As well as existing project promotions.
- Delivered a strong promotion campaign for release of online app – VanConnect





































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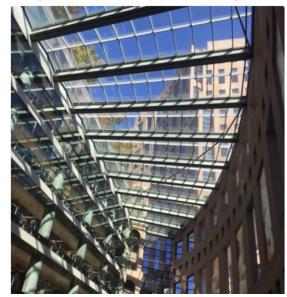
Tx @CityofVancouver @DoorsOpenVan for making #DoorsOpenVan possible. Having fun at #FireAndRescueDivision #Vancouver



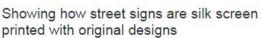


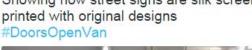


#DoorsOpenVan reminded me how much I love & need @VPL & how much it deserves every \$ of its public & private funding.











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3:16 PM - 3 Oct 2015

- 84% enjoyed it
- 67% feel like they now know more about City services

"It made you feel less of a stranger to what's in your city."





Mitchell Reardon @MitchellReardon · Oct 3

Valuable insight into how @CityofVancouver operates today at #DoorsOpenVan. Great initiative! #publicengagement











BUILDING CAPACITY

	Invest more in public engagement resources	•	Created staff resource library: e.g. master budget template; planning worksheet, consultation summaries	
	Expand and improve notifications	•	Updated site sign and notification postcard template	Complete, Ongoing
		•	Created Developer Consultation Guidelines	
		•	Working with Canada Post to pilot their new Postal Code Mail service	
		•	Review current mailing practice and identify notification standards	
	Develop an evaluation criteria for online tools	•	Draft criteria created, to be finalized with Digital Services	Complete, Ongoing
O	Create a Public Space Action Association	•	Pilot Stewardship Group for Jim Deva plaza - possible city-wide model	In process
0	Support community and cultural spaces	•	The Arts Events License pilot has become a permanent program	In process
O		•	Develop a crowdsourced venue list of community gathering spaces	



BUILDING TRUST

Support face-to-face engagement – Provide facilitation training

- Coordinated workshops on Safe and Productive meetings; developed guidelines. Conflict management training continues
- Deliver customized IAP2 training to staff, including cultural sensitivity component and conflict management.
- Deliver supplemental 'best practice' lunch and learns

Complete and Ongoing

Pilot a neighbourhood liaison position to neighbourhoods with a high proportion of newcomers and new immigrants

- Investigate recent local proposals to create neighbourhood hubs and City liaisons with Neighbourhood Houses
- Coordinate with Council assignment of neighbourhood Councillor liaisons or an adequate comparator for providing personal service at the neighbourhood level

Planning



Certificate in Engagement

LOOKING AHEAD

COMPLETE 5 DAYS FROM THE FOLLOWING

Compulsory, starting point.

ONE DAY



or Engagement Awareness At least one from: TWO DAYS



Engagement **Design**

and/or



Engagement

Methods

Up to two from: ONE DAY

Electives

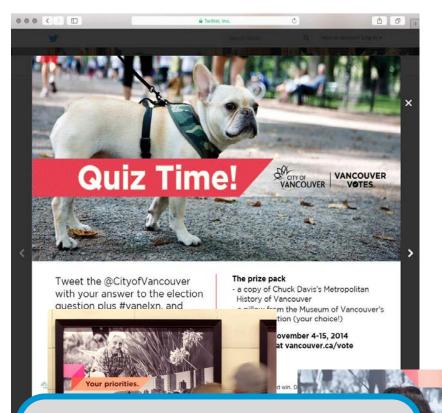
- · Engaging with Influence
- · Conflict in Engagement
- · Online Engagement
- · Engagement Facilitation





BUILDING POWER

	Develop a Charter of Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities for the planning process	•	Drafts to be developed with public input and charter process investigated.	Planning
	Pilot the use of Community Reference Panels	•	Piloted in Grandview Woodland Community plan	Complete
	Increase the number of "positive cues" to	•	For 2014 election a proactive digital and social media campaign was developed	Complete, refresh in 2017
	encourage voting	•	Outreach campaign using Pop-Up City Hall and street teams, provided multi-lingual information	
3	 Advocate early registration for 16 years olds Investigate extending voting rights to permanent residents Use the election ballot to get feedback on voter satisfaction Take action on campaign finance reform 	•	Support the work of the Independent Election Reform Task Force expected to be formed in 2016	Planning



LOOKING AHEAD

 Support the work of the Independent Election Reform Task Force





Results

43.4% voter turn-out (up from 34.6% in 2011)

Connected with 6,000 people & 280 community organizations

Four of the nine low-turnout neighbourhoods had higher than anticipated voter turn out

Over 815,000 impressions from election-related posts









Framework for Public Engagement

DEFINITION **Update 1: Add Task Force Definition of an "Engaged City"** Existing: Public engagement provides citizens who are affected by, or interested in, a City decision with opportunities to participate in the decision-making process in order to improve the resulting decision, plan or project. An engaged city brings people together for conversations to address issues of common importance, to solve shared problems, and to bring about positive social change. It involves people in the decision-making process such that it improves the resulting decision and, over time, builds the trust that is needed for fully empowered communities to actively create a common future.



CORE VALUES



Update 2: Add IAP2 Core Values for Public Participation

Public participation...

- ...is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
- ...includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
- ...promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
- ...seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
- ...seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
- ...provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
- ...communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



Inform - To provide timely, accurate, objective, and easily understood information to assist the public in understanding the details of a program, project or service.

Empower Collaborate To place final To partner with decision-making Λ in the hands of participants in the Involve development of the participant. Increasing participant To work with content - e.g. commitment Consult participants to identifying Objective and To obtain public refine content alternatives and a responsibility Listen & feedback on e.g. public preferred solution. refined content concerns and Learn Λ aspirations shape To provide Λ refined content. opps for ad hoc public ideas and concerns Increasing participant influence/impact on final outcome >>

Examples

- Social media channels
- 3-1-1
- VanConnect
- Open house
- Survey
- Focus group
- Crowdsourcing
- Public hearing
- Workshop
- Design Charrette
- World Café
- Wiki

- Citizen advisory committees
- Citizen assembly
- Open space
- Citizen juries
- Ballots
- Board
- Task Force

GUIDING PRINCIPLE UPDATES

Update 4: Add under "Closure"

"In some instances, public feedback such as that at public hearings, is collected as part of the formal record which often includes personal identification. In other cases, feedback is received in confidence to allow for personal expression without fear of bias. Privacy is always respected and in cases of public feedback received in confidence (such as through an online or paper questionnaire), personal contact information and verbatim responses are securely stored and only a summary of aggregated feedback is published and available to the public. While raw data from public feedback can still be requested through the FOI process to ensure transparency, personal identification of comments is always kept confidential."



