

**Increasing Housing Choice** and Character Retention in **Mount Pleasant &** 

> By-law Amendments September 19, 2017



#### **Presentation Outline**



- 1. Context Integration of Planning Programs
- 2. Proposed zoning amendments
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- 4. One year report back
- 5. Council Memos
- 6. Response to Council questions

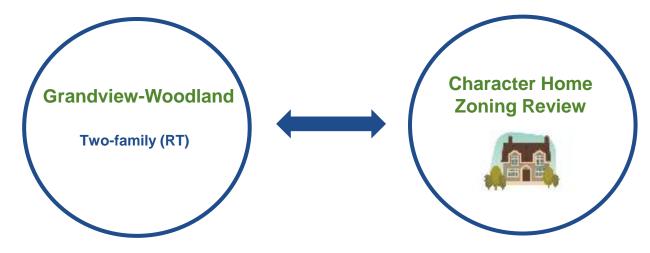




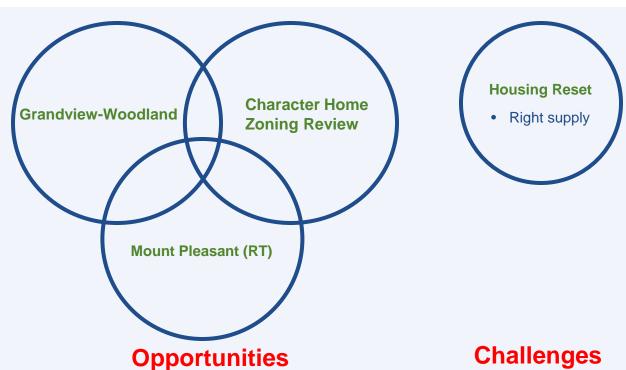
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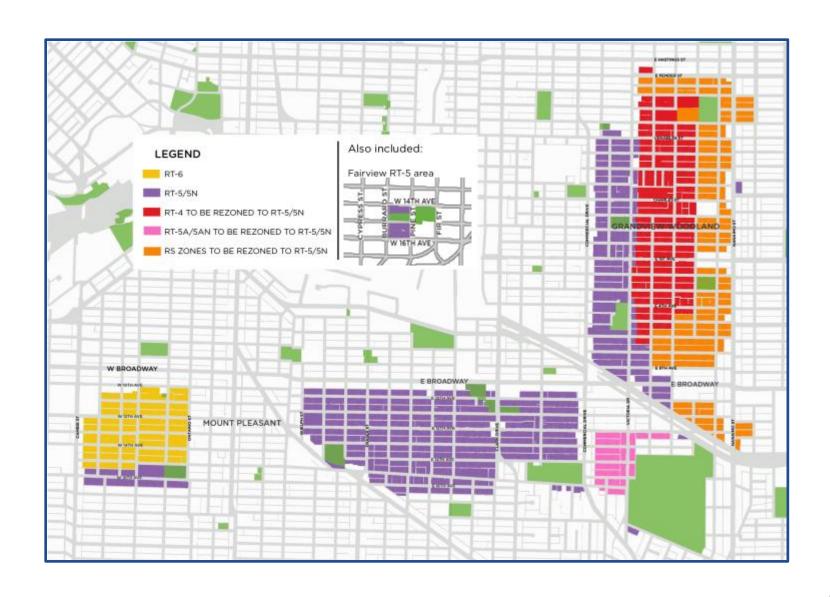
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# **Proposed Zoning Amendments**





# Proposed Zoning Amendments - Objectives



1. Provide more housing opportunity + choice in inner-city neighbourhoods

2. Encourage retention of character homes

3. Reduce zoning complexity + layers of regulations

## **Proposed Zoning Amendments**



#### All sites

Allow laneway houses with all one family dwellings



#### Sites with a character home:

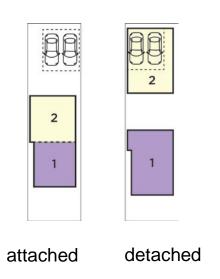
- Increase number of dwelling units on a standard 33ft lot from 2 to 3 units
- Permit infill on a standard lot and Increase FSR from 0.75 to 0.85.
- Reduce FSR to 0.5 if a character house is demolished
- Smaller houses (< 0.45 FSR) now eligible for redevelopment without penalty</li>
- Introduce reduced parking for character infill developments

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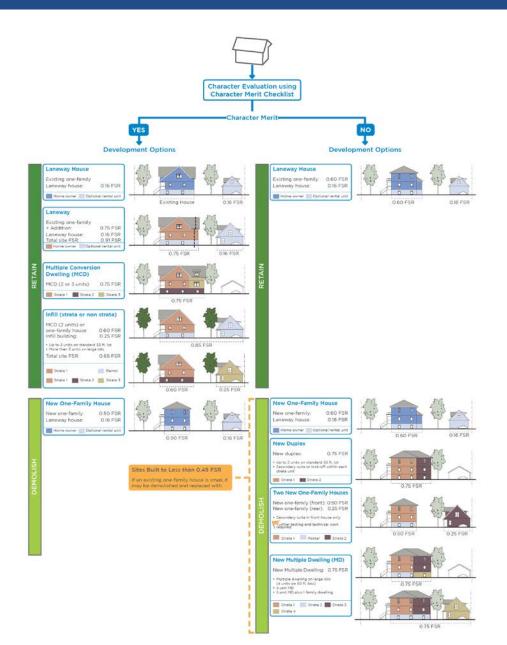
- Allow new single-family house at 0.6 FSR
- Allow suites / lock-off suites within duplex units
- Introduce new detached duplex as option to standard attached duplexes.
- Increase opportunities for 4-plex buildings on larger lots and triplex on mid size corner lots.





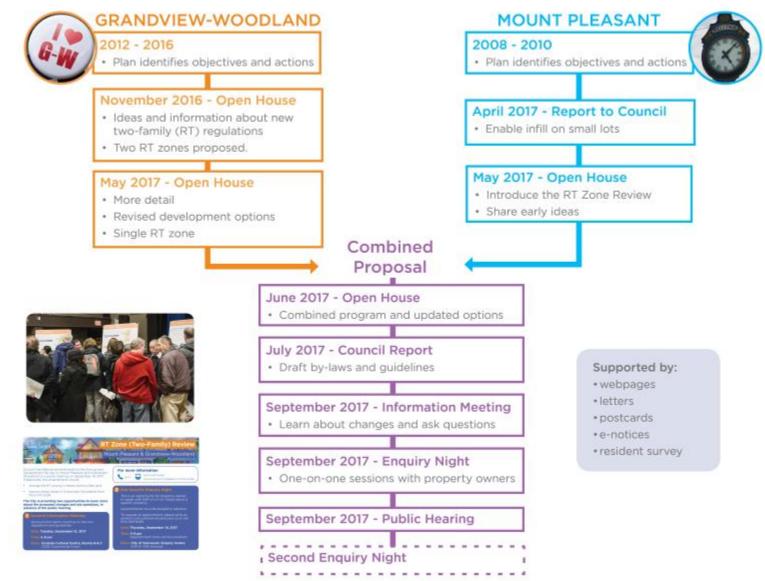
### Proposed Zoning Amendments – RT 5 & RT 6 Options





### Public Engagement





## One Year Report Back



- Interdepartmental working group
- Process + technical challenges
- Monitor + evaluate Changes?
- New units
- Take-up of incentives
- Model for other areas



#### **Council Memos**



## **September 7**

- Clarify intent statement
- Clean up of language regulations
- Restructure section 4.7 (character and non-character)
- Alignment between RT5 and RT6
- Updates to guidelines to add diagrams and clarity

## September 18

- Definition of underutilized and Heritage Register
- Include 1 FD as subject to external design regulations
- Miscellaneous clean up

## Response to questions from Council



- 1. Was there any testing for whether the incentives will lead to character home retention?
- 2. With regard to the MCD option, was it explained during public engagement that this will be a vehicle for stratification (potentially leading to loss in rental)?
- 3. Why is the design guidelines requirement to reflect historical character strong for RT-6 but not RT-5?
- 4. How have the community responses differed (in Mount Pleasant and Grandview-Woodland), particularly with regard to the combined open houses?
- 5. Provide a diagram to clearly articulate the engagement process.
- 6. How have the changes achieved goals from various plans?

