



Vancouver 2050: An Expert Discussion on Planning and Growth

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Growth?



- Immigration
- Equity and Diversity
- Aging
- Talent attraction and retention
- Mental health strategies to address homelessness and addictions



Potential of Visionary Planning



- Power of Agility and Flexibility
- Bold leadership: ambitious zoning changes, e.g. as-of-right ADUs, parking minimums
- Investment in public realm and place-making
- Enable local differentiation
- Explore and test new typologies and approaches to land tenancy: trusts, mixed use, etc.

Access to Jobs



- post secondaries as catalysts: labs
- Connect entrepreneurs with civic and municipal challenges – e.g. City Studio, hackathons - harness 'cognitive surplus'
- Create new investment vehicles for indigenous business
- Regional ad-hoc, mission-focussed strategies that build from the local and focus on cores and mainstreets
- Municipal leadership as innovators: Urban Mechanics, Innovation Hubs



Sustainability



- Clean tech: marry climate activism with entrepreneurial energy
- Innovation zones/districts
- New deal for transit funding and governance
- Continue to strengthen building codes
- Flex local muscle in terms of achieving national targets: buildings and transportation

Housing Affordability

- Defang NIMBY by generalizing as-of-right zoning that enables good density everywhere
- Develop cover strategies for local electeds to be braver and creative
- Challenge and then engage design community to provide choice, choice, choice
- Work with capital stewards – and regulators – to create locally tethered investment mechanisms



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Collective Leadership

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Thank you

