

# **PDS POLICY GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Prioritization Framework for Planning Policy and  
Processing Applications

Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

May 30, 2023

## REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Council receive this report for information.
- B. THAT Council endorse the Prioritization Framework for Rezoning Applications as outlined in Appendix A to inform the processing of rezoning enquiries and rezoning applications over the short term.
- C. THAT Council endorse the Policy Prioritization Framework as outlined in Appendix B, to inform the development of a 4-year work plan for the Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability department to 2026, for consideration as part of a future report back.

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- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on refined criteria for the Policy Enquiry Process, aligned with the Housing Vancouver Strategy and the Vancouver Plan land use framework, Big Ideas and Foundational Principles, as well as the Prioritization Framework for Rezoning Applications as outlined in this report.

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## Prioritizing Rezoning Applications and Enquiries

### Timeframe

- Short term prioritization to clear the backlog. Anticipate the next 6 to 9 months will inform volumes going forward.

### Other operational improvements are showing early positive results:

- Adjustments to the Public Hearing schedule
- Improved online accessibility and guidance for applicants
- Simplifying and streamlining engagement
- Advancing more “pre-zoning” opportunities in Community Plan areas
- Hiring of additional staff is underway
- Full cost recover and right-sizing fees

## Prioritizing Rezoning Applications and Enquiries

### Complete Criteria for Prioritization – Appendix A

#### Housing

- Rental with 20% BMR
- Social and Supportive, or
- Co-operative

#### Jobs and Economy

- Office space
- Hotel
- Industrial
- New Retail

#### Key Partner/Critical Infrastructure

- Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and Indigenous- led projects, and/or BCH/VAHA projects
- Capital projects

#### Climate Action

- Low embodied carbon
- Zero emissions

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## **Prioritizing Plans and Studies for a 4 year Work Plan**

### **Complete Criteria for Prioritization – Appendix B**

#### **Equitable Housing and Complete Neighborhoods**

- Aligns with Housing Vancouver Strategy to increase the right supply
- Initiates a new 3 year action plan to refresh the City’s housing targets

#### **Jobs and Economy**

- Supports office-based employment space
- Supports new hotel
- Protects and intensifies industrial areas
- New retail and home based businesses to support “complete communities”



## **Prioritizing Plans and Studies for a 4 year Work Plan**

### **Complete Criteria for Prioritization – Appendix B**

#### **Climate Protection & Restored Ecosystems**

- Actions that accelerate Climate Mitigation objectives
- Actions that accelerate Climate Adaptation objectives

#### **Advancing Vancouver Plan**

- Delivery of an OCP and aligning or sun setting outdated or conflicting policies
- Neighborhood Centres and Villages
- Advancing more Pre Zoning work to efficiently enable more housing

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## Guiding Principles and Criteria for PEP

### Current Criteria – Appendix E

#### Four Baseline Criteria

- Reconciliation and Cultural Redress
- Housing – 100% secured rental with 20% BMR
- Jobs and Economy
- Other City Serving Amenities

**Seven Review Criteria** that further expand on these broad baseline criteria



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