



CO-CREATED
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A HEALTHY CITY FOR ALL

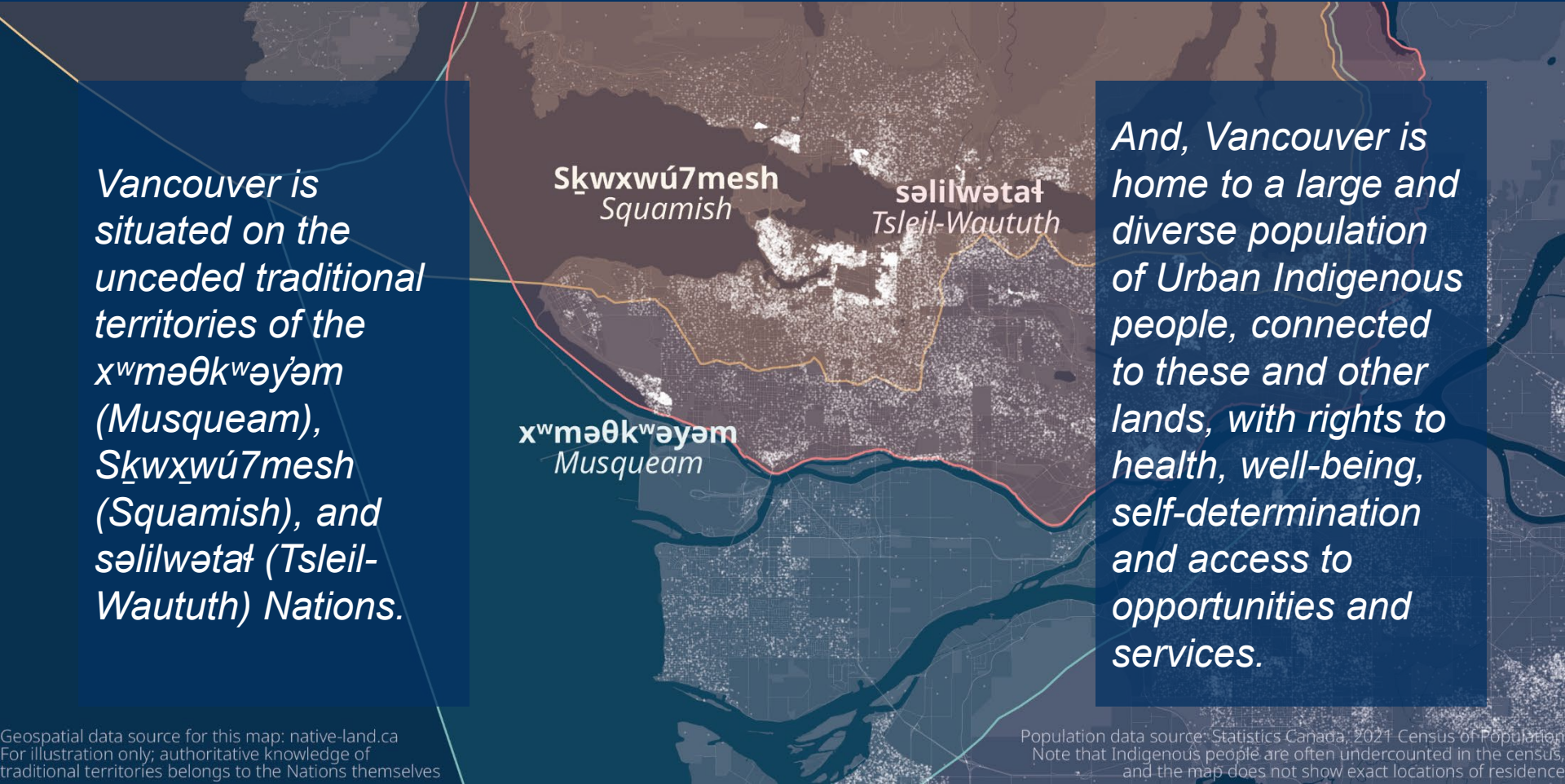
SUSTAINABLE
RESILIENT
CONNECTED
ENGAGED

Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy

Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities | RTS 16138 | May 8, 2024

Land acknowledgement

Vancouver is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



The map displays the traditional territories of three Indigenous Nations in Vancouver: the Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̅əm) in the south, the Squamish (Sk̓wx̓w̓ú7mesh) in the north, and the Tsleil-Waututh (səliłwətał) in the east. The map uses a dark blue background with white and yellow lines to delineate the territories. The city's urban area is shown in a lighter blue color.

*Sk̓wx̓w̓ú7mesh
Squamish*

*səliłwətał
Tsleil-Waututh*

*xʷməθkʷəy̅əm
Musqueam*

And, Vancouver is home to a large and diverse population of Urban Indigenous people, connected to these and other lands, with rights to health, well-being, self-determination and access to opportunities and services.



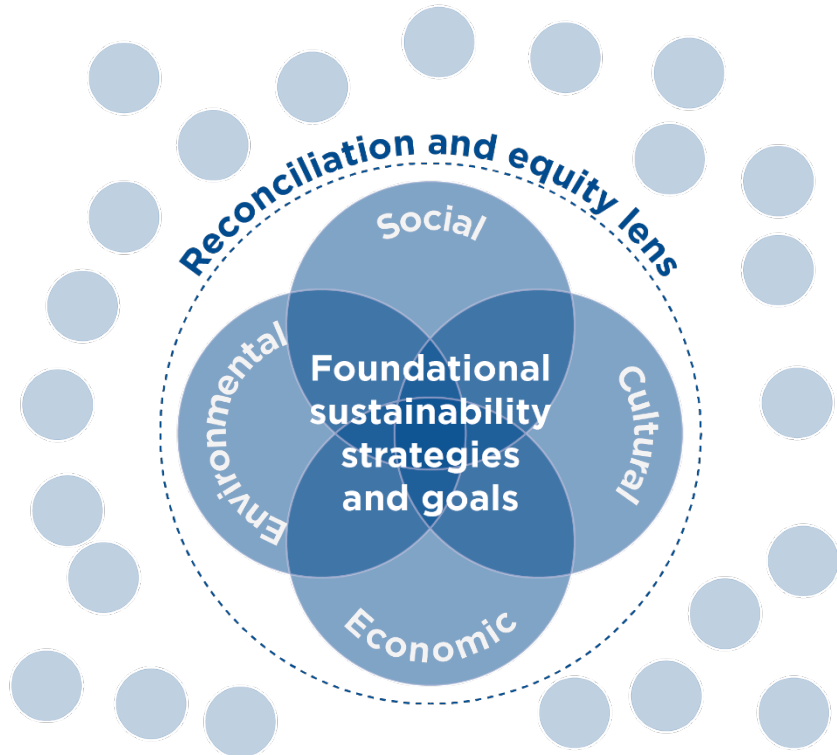
- A. THAT Council approve, in principle, the approach, scope, and timeline for refreshing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver’s overall strategic framework for social sustainability, as outlined in this report.**

- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommendations for the updated Healthy City strategic framework later in 2024.**

- Updating the Healthy City Strategy is a Council strategic priority
- Staff propose a refresh of the Strategy in 2024 to:
 - Confirm Council’s current social development priorities
 - Build on strengths of existing strategy
 - Develop clearer implementation roles and accountabilities
 - Respond to significant social change
- With approval of recommendations, staff will conduct research, targeted engagement, and policy development over summer and fall
- Refresh process supported by external funding and awards and existing positions

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

Existing Healthy City Strategy framework and work to date

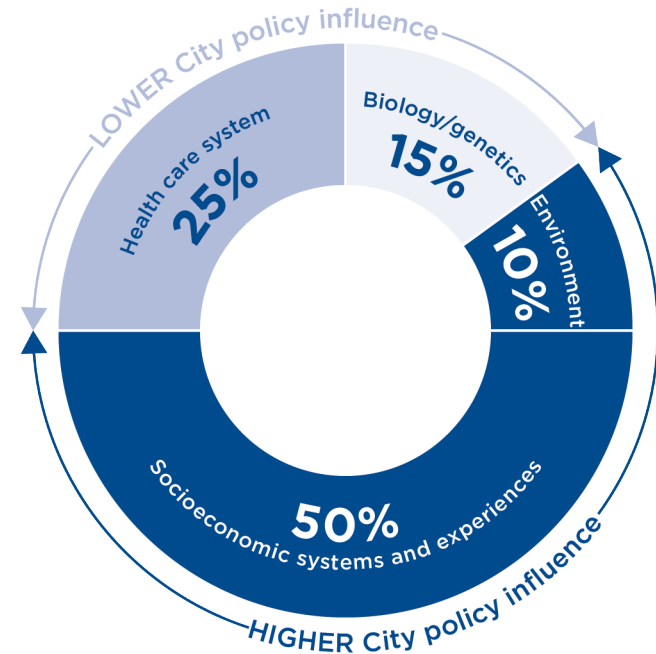


Alignment of policies, plans, and strategies contributing to sustainability goals

- **Long-term goals** for social needs of current and future generations
- **Clear roles and partnerships** for City, and other sectors
- **Enabling, integrating, aligning and prioritizing** policies, plans, and projects
- **Monitoring** overall progress and **evaluation** of intervention

- **Health is a universal experience** and indicator of social sustainability
- **Most health outcomes** arise from social, economic, and environmental factors
- The City does not provide direct health services, but has a **significant impact and influence** on these determinants of health and **benefits from a healthier, more engaged population**

Determinants of Health



- **A healthy city for all:** vision to create and continually improve conditions that enable the highest level of health and well-being
- Collaborative governance: leadership table and **co-creation with VCH**
- **Interconnected scales:** healthy people, healthy communities, healthy environments
- **13 goals:** long-term outcomes aligned with determinants of health
- Monitoring framework and **alignment tool** for new strategies and actions



HCS informs policy, investment, and operational decisions toward shared social outcomes

Targets and indicators for each goal

- Targets: assess progress, align efforts
- Metrics showing outcomes, localization and disaggregation
- Engagement and reporting through public dashboard
- Opportunity to include UN Quality of Life global and local indicators



Kindergarten children ready for school

NEEDS IMPROVING

2019

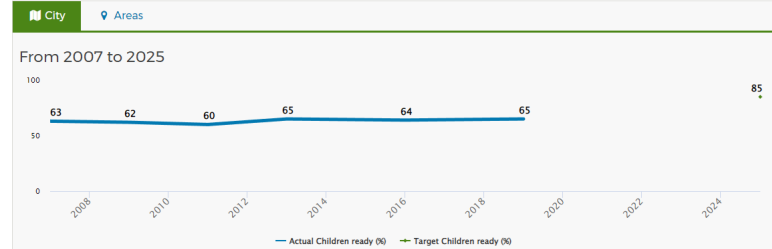
65%


2025 Target

85%

Desired trend

▲ Increase



	2025 TARGETS	INDICATORS
1. A Good Start	Vancouver's children have the best chance of enjoying a healthy childhood.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 85% of Vancouver's children are developmentally ready for school when they enter kindergarten	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School readiness (%)2. Child poverty (%)3. Access to licensed quality, affordable, and accessible childcare (%)

2014-today: framework and goals

2014-2025

- Council adopts Strategy framework and goals

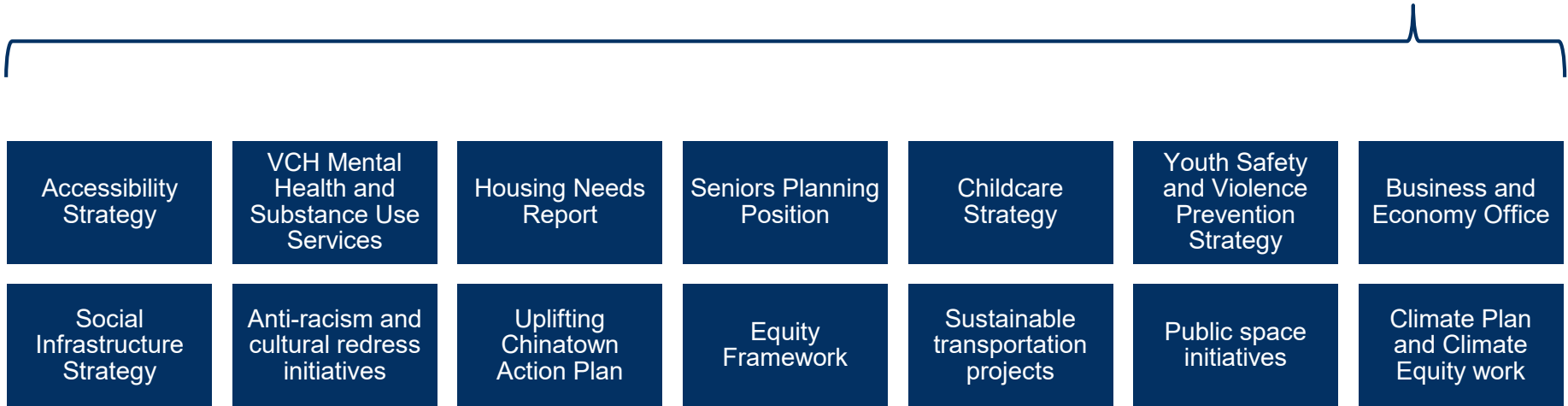
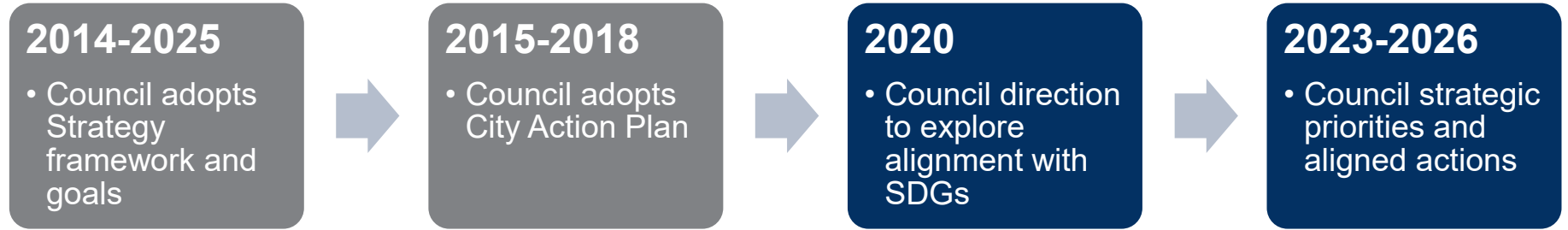


2015-2018

- Council adopts City Action Plan



Current Council priorities advancing social sustainability



Significant awards

- Policy Award (Planning Institute of BC, 2015)
- Community Data Program Award (Canadian Council on Social Development, 2018)
- Partnership for Healthy Cities Award (Bloomberg Philanthropies, World Health Organization, 2023)

PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY CITIES SUMMIT

Bloomberg
Philanthropies

 World Health
Organization

 Vital
Strategies

Archived - Vancouver wins first-ever Partnership for Healthy Cities Award for Healthy City Dashboard at Global Summit

City receives \$150,000 USD to further Healthy City work

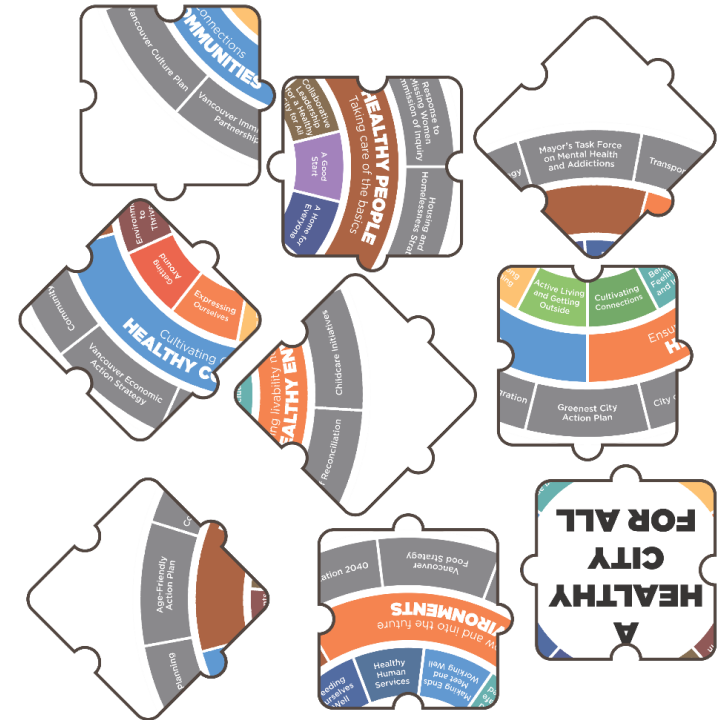
March 16 2023 - The City is pleased to share that Vancouver is a proud recipient of a 2023 Partnership for Healthy Cities Award for its efforts to address the root causes of health inequities experienced by people in Vancouver.

HEALTHY CITY REFRESH

Anticipated timeline, engagement questions and outcomes of refresh process

Refresh process: assumptions and areas of focus

- Proposing a **focused and targeted refresh**, not a full overhaul
- Key areas of focus:
 1. Implementation and governance, clarity on roles and jurisdiction
 2. Tools for collaborative action and clear accountability
 3. Confirm Council's current social development priorities
 4. Alignment across City departments and policies





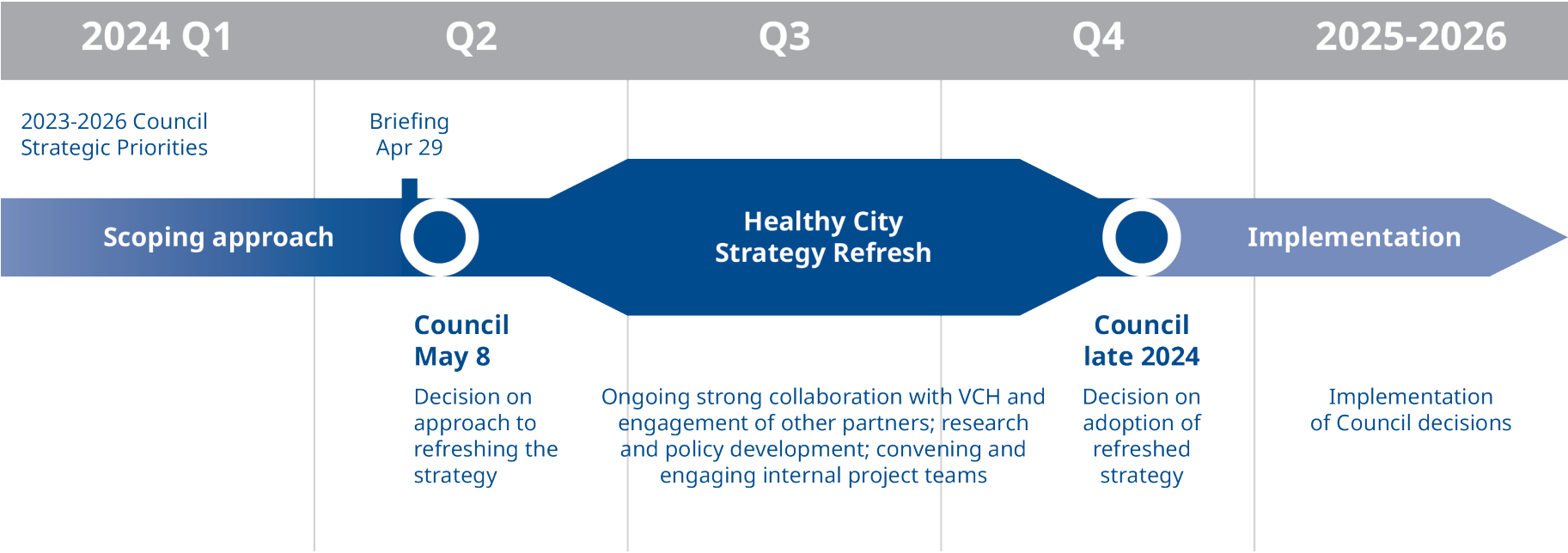
How to best...

- **reinforce the framework** with core commitments to reconciliation, equity, and accessibility?
- **clarify City and partner roles**, including the level of City effort within each goal area?
- **align on the most pressing priorities** for near-term action?
- build clearer governance structures that support **partners in all sectors** to play a part?
- scale up our **monitoring and evaluation** infrastructure?
- **integrate and align** strategic and policy work?

- **Feedback from Council**
- **Continued co-leadership** with VCH
- **Invite collaboration** with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, and Indigenous organizations
- **Collaborate** across City departments
- **Involve and consult** community partners and advisory tables
- **Inform** the general public, and leverage previous engagement and related engagement underway



Timeline recommended in report



QUESTIONS

