# Implementation Progress Update

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VANCOUVER PLAN Implementation



## Purpose of Today's Discussion

- Recap the Vancouver Plan
- Implementation Progress
- What's Next



# Vancouver Plan: Shaping the Future of Vancouver

## The Vancouver Plan...

- Expedites opportunities for the development of housing, amenities, and more, toward complete neighbourhoods across the city
- Focuses on supporting a resilient economy and healthy ecosystem
- Creates a clear vision of Vancouver's future to inform the community and ensure staff alignment



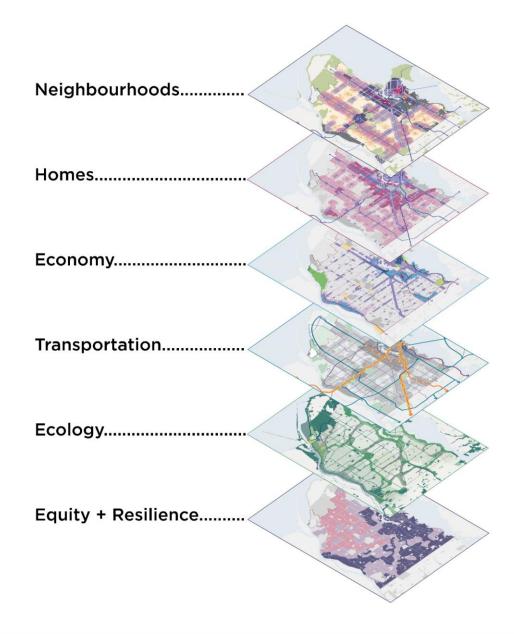
## **Three Big Ideas**

- 1. Equitable Housing and Complete Neighbourhoods
- 2. An Economy that Works for All
- 3. Climate Protection and Restored Ecosystems



## Why We Use These Layers

- A Holistic Approach
- Avoids Fragmentation
- Creates Resilience and Livability
- Connections to Regional Growth
  - Metro 2050
  - TransLink 2050



## Neighbourhood Types

- Varied density and complexity
- Diverse housing choice
- Complete, inclusive neighbourhoods



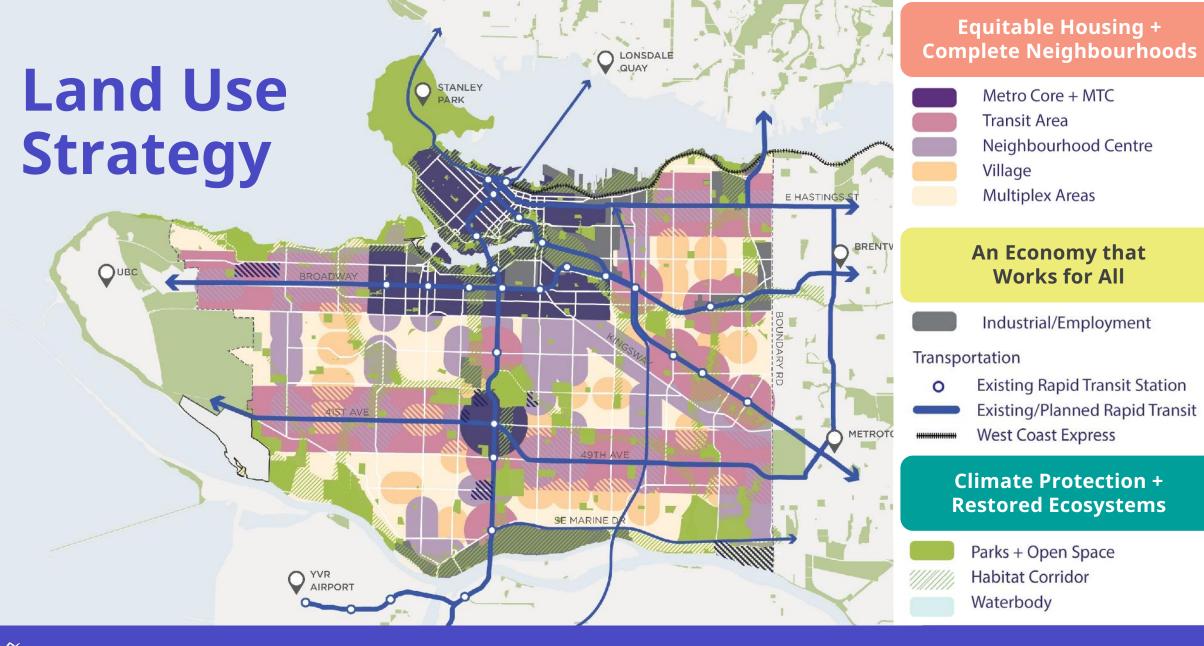














#### PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

through four phases of engagement from November 2019 to May 2022



**52,000+**Engagement touchpoints



**522** 

Overall number of engagement events



318,000+ postcards mailed out

2,815
engagement
contacts at
workshops
and meetings

**707** intercept interviews

21,599

engagement contacts at open house, pop-up events and information sessions

1,015
participants in do-ityourself walking tours
and conversations kits



185
meetings with
equity-denied groups

2,455
engagement
contacts at
118
youth workshops,
presentations
and sessions for
young planners



152,000+ website page views

25,000+

survey responses

(all Vancouver Plan surveys)



# Implementation Progress (2022-2024)

# Implementation Projects to Advance the Vancouver Plan



## Missing Middle/Small-scale Multi-unit Housing Zoning

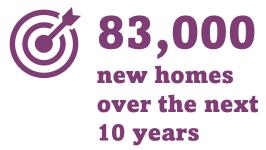
- Enabled Missing Middle Housing through new R1-1 (Multiplex) zone
- Expanded small scale multi-unit options in RT-7, RT-9, and FSD zones



## **Housing Targets Refresh & Needs Report**

- Set new 10-year housing targets (2024-2033)
- Set a new 3-year action plan (2024-2026):
  - 40% of new homes will be large enough for families
  - 75% of all new housing will be for renters
  - 20% will be social, supportive, nonprofit co-operative homes and belowmarket rental homes

**10-Year Targets** 



3-Year Action Plan





## **Employment Lands Zoning**

- Update policy and regulations to promote economic growth, including:
  - Industrial land intensification
  - Home-based businesses policy improvements to increase opportunity and flexibility



Zoning changes to intensify industrial lands



Hotel development to boost tourism

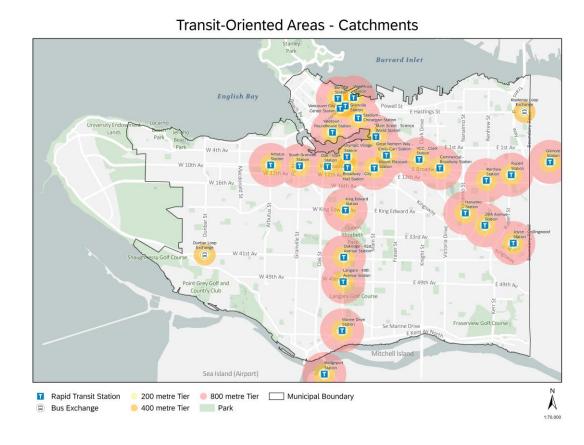


Revised policies to support home-based businesses



## **Provincial Alignment**

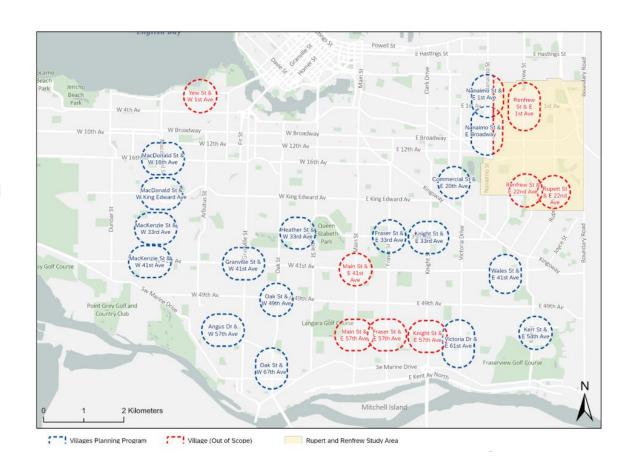
- Pre-zoning: Council adoption of Missing Middle/Small-scale Multiunit Housing R1-1 District Schedule
- Transit Oriented Areas: Council adoption of TOA Designation Bylaw
- Housing Targets: Council adoption of new 3-year and 10year housing targets



# Active Projects & Progress Monitoring (2024-2026)

## **Planning for Villages**

- Expand Missing Middle Housing
- Expand retail clusters and improve business viability
- Co-locate public open spaces with shops and community spaces
- Retain trees and integrate ecological networks



## Vancouver's Social Housing Initiative

- Amend zoning to allow mixedincome social, supportive, and cooperative housing to:
  - Expedite affordable housing
  - Reduce cost and risk for nonprofit housing providers
  - Implement equitable housing directions by prioritizing housing for those who need it most



## **Ecology and Land Use Planning**

- Map ecologically sensitive lands
- Refine the Vancouver Plan ecological vision
- Develop an ecological network



Map ecologically sensitive land in the city



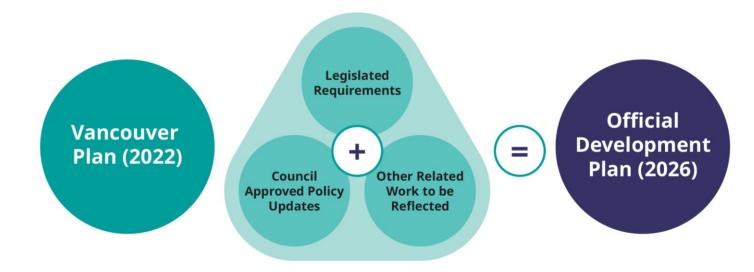
Refine 2100 Ecological vision to protect, connect, and enhance ecology



Identify tools, funding and priorities for ecology

## Official Development Plan (ODP)

- Codify the Vancouver Plan into an Official Development Plan (ODP), detailing the City's long-term land use vision
  - All bylaws or works undertaken to be consistent with the ODP
  - To comply with Bill 18 Vancouver Charter Amendments



## Official Development Plan (ODP)

How does the ODP fit into the City's land use management policy and regulatory framework?



### **Official Development Plan (ODP)**

#### **Guides Development in Communities**

- Direction: Describes the long-term vision of communities, guiding planning and land use management.
- Consistency: Aligns by-laws, regulations, and proposals with the ODP.
- Efficiency: Allows ODP-aligned projects to bypass Public Hearings.
- Adaptability: Updates every five years to reflect changing conditions.

## **District Schedule & Policy Streamlining**

- Standardize district schedules to support housing and amenities delivery
- Align with permitting improvements, including 3-3 3-1 Permit Approval Framework
- Implement new provincial legislation
- Clarify land use framework and simplify land use policies



### Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Plan, including:
  - Adding more housing near transit
  - Protecting and enhancing employment lands
  - Restoring Still Creek



Housing near transit for complete neighbourhoods



Protect Employment lands to support job creation



Restore and daylight Still Creek

# Together, these Projects...

- Expedite opportunities for the development of housing, amenities, and more, towards complete neighbourhoods across the city
- Focus on supporting a resilient economy and healthy ecosystem
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# Progress Monitoring (2024-2026)



## Upcoming Milestones (2024-2026)

- Big Idea #1: Equitable Housing & Complete Neighbourhoods
- Big Idea #2: An Economy that Works for All
- Big Idea #3: Climate Protection & Restored Ecosystems
- Cross Cutting Projects

Project	Milestone	Deadline
Rupert & Renfrew Station Area Plan	Final Plan to Council	Q2 2025
<b>Employment Lands Zoning</b>	Rezoning Policy to Increase Opportunities for Hotels in Key Areas	
District Schedule Streamlining	New Districts and Schedules to Council	
Vancouver's Social Housing Initiative	Zoning Regulations to Council	
<b>Employment Lands Zoning</b>	I-4 Zoning Review Report to Council	Q4 2025
ODP	Draft ODP Public Review	
Planning for Villages	Policy Development and Draft Plan	Q1 2026
	Draft Plan & Pre-Zoning to Council	— Q2 2026
ODP	Final ODP to Council	



# Approach to Monitoring

- Ongoing monitoring is important to demonstrate progress to Council and the public
- Approach to monitoring will build upon three principles (see next slide)
- Will develop metrics over the next six months, with report back in June 2025



## **Approach to Metrics**

The proposed approach will:

#1

Use existing metrics, where appropriate

#2

Rely on data already being collected

#3

Reflect geographic and demographic differences



## **Existing Metrics**Examples

#### Big Idea #1:

Equitable Housing & Complete
Neighbourhoods

- # of new approved homes
- % of new homes are family-sized housing
- % of new homes are rental housing
- % of new homes are below-market

#### Big Idea #2:

An Economy that Works for All

- # gross square feet approved:
  - hotel
  - office
  - industrial
  - retail

#### Big Idea #3:

Climate Protection & Restored Ecosystems

- % reduction in carbon pollution since 2007
- % tree canopy cover

## **Cross Cutting Projects**

- # of days to approve home renovations
- # of weeks to approve SFH/townhouses
- # of months to approve multifamily/midrise
- # of years to approve high-rise



## Progress Update Next Steps

- Quarterly newsletters and website updates to communicate progress to the public
- Complete 10 initial implementation projects by 2026





## Thank you!

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