


## Jericho Lands Official Development Plan - Other

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-04-13	11:39	Jericho Lands Official Development Plan	Other	I dont understand how the City of Vancouver can be moving Jericho Lands project without showing or knowing the assessment of Sky Train or transit to UBC and the funding mechanism. I would like transpacy on this.	Christine Wong	West Point Grey	
2025-04-14	12:52	Jericho Lands Official Development Plan	Other	I'm in favour of more housing in the city, but would love to see low rises and wood frame buildings instead of high rises. I think there has to be a middle ground between preserving community and nature/green space with increasing housing. I'd also like to see exact numbers as to what will be considered "affordable" and what measures will be taken to protect renters from renovictions in the neighbouring area of the proposed development (I live two blocks away)	Zoe McDaniel	Kitsilano	
2025-04-14	15:14	Jericho Lands Official Development Plan	Other	<p>Subject: Health Implications of Jericho Lands Development on Urban Forest Benefits</p> <p>Dear Mayor and Councillors,</p> <p>I am writing as a researcher specializing in nature and human health to express concern about the proposed Jericho Lands development and its potential impact on Jericho Park as an irreplaceable, free public health resource for Vancouver residents.</p> <p>My doctoral research—a randomized crossover study conducted over four seasons in four Metro Vancouver parks—demonstrates that the forest in Jericho Park offers unique, measurable psychological and physiological health benefits. These findings are particularly significant given the context of high urban stress in Vancouver, where 20% of residents reported feeling extremely or quite stressed daily and an increasing number of residents have been diagnosed with mood or anxiety disorders.</p> <p>This aligns with the broader trend where a growing disconnection from nature is linked to higher rates of depression, anxiety, and loneliness. Moreover, over 40% of Lower Mainland residents reported a low sense of community.</p> <p>Jericho Park, with its proven benefits for nature connectedness, mood, and its role for long-term residents, serves as a vital resource in mitigating these critical urban challenges. The park's vegetation diversity, associated with reduced depression scores, further underscores its importance as a preventative mental health asset for our community.</p> <p>JERICO PARK'S HEALTH BENEFITS</p> <p>My research identified the following specific health outcomes among participants at Jericho Park:</p> <p>*Consistent reductions in heart rate after 60-minute forest sessions indicate</p>	Tara Brown	Kitsilano	

			<p>lower physiological stress.</p> <p>*Improved mood and reduced depression particularly among older adults.</p> <p>*Reported the strongest nature connection across all study sites.</p> <p>*Higher vegetation diversity was linked to better mood and lower depression.</p> <p>*The oldest average participant age (63 years) and the highest proportion of long-term residents, underlining its value for aging populations.</p> <p>HEALTH BENEFITS AT RISK</p> <p>The proposed development threatens the ecological and sensory conditions that make Jericho Park effective as a therapeutic space. If the forest becomes noisy, shadowed, or overused, residents may stop visiting altogether. This would undermine the park’s health value that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>REQUEST TO COUNCIL</p> <p>To protect Jericho Park’s public health value, I urge Council to:</p> <p>* Conduct a Health and Environmental Impact Assessment before approving further development phases.</p> <p>* Implement buffer zones and building height limits near park boundaries to protect forest microclimates.</p> <p>* Require acoustic and visual impact studies to preserve the sensory qualities essential to the park’s therapeutic effects.</p> <p>Jericho Park is not just a park; it is free preventive health care, supported by evidence from my research and others. Preserving its soundscape, biodiversity, and accessibility is a cost-effective public health strategy and a critical component of equitable urban planning.</p> <p>I am available to provide data or support further consultation.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these important issues.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tara Tiger Brown PhD Candidate, UBC Faculty of Forestry</p> 			
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