

City of Vancouver Official Development Plan - Support

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2026-03-09	15:17	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I want to express my support for the City of Vancouver Official Development Plan especially the new towers in Kitsilano	Evan Gale	Fairview	
2026-03-09	15:44	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the draft Official Development Plan and, in particular, the proposed “Villages” initiative. As a Vancouver resident and an experienced developer working in this city, I see firsthand the realities of our housing shortages and the challenges faced by small businesses trying to survive in our current commercial landscape. The Villages plan represents a thoughtful and practical solution that will strengthen our communities.</p> <p>First, the small village concept will bring vibrancy and life back into our neighbourhoods. By allowing small-scale commercial and community spaces closer to where people live, residents can access daily services locally rather than traveling to distant commercial centres. This strengthens neighbourhood connections, encourages walkable communities, and reduces unnecessary transportation.</p> <p>Second, the Villages initiative supports local businesses and entrepreneurs. Expanding neighborhood-level commercial zoning creates more affordable storefront opportunities. Without alternatives like this, small businesses are forced to compete in expensive retail hubs where only large chains and conglomerates can afford the rent. Local commercial spaces help independent businesses thrive and keep economic activity within the community.</p> <p>Third, the plan helps keep families and future generations in their neighbourhoods. Single-family homes are no longer financially attainable for many young people. Allowing more diverse housing options—including rental housing and moderate density—makes it possible for younger generations to remain close to where they grew up and near their families.</p> <p>Fourth, the plan represents sensible and efficient land use, particularly along major arterial roads. For example, along Granville Street in the Marpole plan, properties are currently limited to about 1.2 FSR, while many single-family homes already allow roughly 1.0 FSR. Increasing allowable density along major arterials to something closer to 2.5 FSR is a logical step. If developers undertake the complex and time-consuming process of land assembly, planning, and construction, it is important that the resulting development uses land efficiently and reduces the carbon footprint per square foot built.</p> <p>Finally, it is important to address concerns about rapid “over-densification.” In reality, redevelopment of this kind takes many years. Projects require land assembly, coordination between multiple owners, financing, and approvals. As seen in areas like Norquay Village, change occurs gradually over time rather than all at once.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly believe the Villages initiative represents a balanced and forward-looking policy that will improve neighbourhood vitality, support local businesses, and help address Vancouver’s housing needs in a practical way.</p> <p>I respectfully encourage Council to approve the Villages initiative.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	Nasim Besharat	Marpole	

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2026-03-09	15:46	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I support the ODP. This document has undergone significant public consultation and is necessary for guiding the future of the City's built environment.	Scott Cramer	Downtown	
2026-03-09	16:21	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I am in support of this plan. Vancouver needs more medium density housing. Single family homes and towers are two ends of the housing spectrum; we must fill in the missing middle to ensure there is adequate housing for all. Reducing red tape and increasing medium density zoning will help keep Vancouver healthy. We cannot allow fear of the future to dictate our decisions and keep Vancouver stuck in the past. We must lay the groundwork for the city to continue to grow into the future.	Seth Johnson	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-03-09	16:58	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	This plan provides a realistic and forward-thinking approach to Vancouver's growth over the next few decades. I am glad to see Indigenous cooperation, transit-oriented development and environmental protection prioritized.	Owen Marmorek	Oakridge	
2026-03-09	16:59	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	We must remove project by project public hearings. It allows the wealthy to tyrannize the city and co-opt democracy.	Katrina Stevenson	Mount Pleasant	
2026-03-09	17:37	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I support the adoption of a streamlined development plan and ending the practice of holding public hearings on every project. Some say these allow for local democracy, but in practice they empower those with extra time to stop important housing construction in their neighborhoods, at extreme cost to renters and first-time homebuyers. As a city facing an acute housing shortage, Vancouver needs increased supply to ease prices, and such roadblocks should be removed.	Harry Izatt	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	
2026-03-09	19:40	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I am writing to express my strong support for the adoption of the City of Vancouver Official Development Plan. I believe that moving toward a unified, city-wide statutory plan is a vital step for our city's future. By building on the foundation of the Vancouver Plan and integrating modern requirements for housing, climate resilience, and reconciliation, this ODP provides the clear framework we need to manage growth effectively over the next 30 years. I particularly support the ODP's focus on: Housing Attainability: Creating the necessary capacity to meet our 20-year housing needs and streamlining approvals for residential projects. Climate Action and Ecology: Integrating proactive risk mitigation and expanding our green infrastructure. Reconciliation: Formally embedding the UNDRIP Strategy into our long-term land use planning. This plan offers a balanced approach to creating complete, walkable neighbourhoods while ensuring we remain a resilient and equitable city. I urge Council to move forward with the recommendations in the report and adopt the ODP.	Daichi Yamashita	West End	
2026-03-09	23:41	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I support this plan. While it does not go nearly far enough, it's a small step in the right direction.	J. K. McRoberts	Marpole	
2026-03-10	07:48	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I am writing in to declare my support for the development plan. The city is in desperate need of more housing and infrastructure to support pedestrian/cycling/transit methods of transportation.	Drew Kelly	Grandview-Woodland	

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2026-03-10	09:01	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I see the impacts of insufficient housing supply throughout my community and support the move to mid-rise density throughout the city.	Rod Locke	Kitsilano	
2026-03-10	09:36	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council,</p> <p>I would like to express my support for the proposed zoning changes and the Villages initiative. I am writing not only as a resident, but also as a mother raising children in Vancouver who cares deeply about the future of our neighborhoods and the opportunities available to the next generation.</p> <p>1. Supporting Families and Access to Good Schools Families often choose their neighborhoods based on access to good schools. When housing options are limited and unaffordable, families are forced to move farther away from these schools. Expanding housing choices within established neighborhoods allows more families with children to remain close to quality education and stable communities.</p> <p>2. Housing Affordability for the Next Generation For many young families and professionals, owning or even renting a home in Vancouver has become extremely difficult. Increasing housing options and density is an important step toward making homes more attainable for people who work and contribute to this city.</p> <p>3. Keeping Families Close Together Many second-generation families would like to stay near their parents and the communities where they grew up. More diverse housing options make it possible for families to remain connected across generations instead of being pushed farther away due to rising housing costs.</p> <p>4. Supporting Young Professionals As a professional myself, I know that many people who work in Vancouver struggle to find housing near their jobs. Providing more housing opportunities within the city allows professionals to live closer to work, reducing commuting time and improving quality of life.</p> <p>5. Creating Healthier, More Complete Neighborhoods Thoughtful zoning changes help create neighborhoods where families, professionals, and local businesses can coexist. This supports walkable communities, vibrant streets, and stronger local connections.</p> <p>For these reasons, I believe the proposed zoning changes represent a positive and necessary step toward building a more inclusive, sustainable, and family-friendly Vancouver.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	Roza Bidshahri	Marpole	

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2026-03-10	09:41	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council,</p> <p>I strongly support the proposed Villages initiative as part of the Vancouver Official Development Plan.</p> <p>Creating small neighbourhood hubs with local shops, services, and housing is a thoughtful and practical way to grow our city. Villages help bring daily amenities closer to residents and allow people to meet their needs within their own neighbourhoods instead of travelling long distances across the city.</p> <p>This approach strengthens communities by creating walkable areas where neighbours interact, children can grow up close to schools and parks, and families can remain connected to their local areas. It also supports small local businesses by providing more neighbourhood storefront opportunities rather than concentrating retail only in a few expensive commercial corridors.</p> <p>Allowing additional housing options such as townhomes and low-rise apartments near these neighbourhood hubs will help address Vancouver's housing shortage while keeping communities livable and human-scaled. This type of gentle density is far more sustainable than forcing growth into a few high-rise corridors while the rest of the city remains unchanged.</p> <p>The Villages approach will also reduce unnecessary transportation, encourage walking and cycling, and make neighbourhoods more vibrant and resilient.</p> <p>I encourage Council to move forward with this initiative and support the evolution of Vancouver into a network of complete, walkable neighbourhood villages.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	Amir Ekhteraei	Kerrisdale	
2026-03-10	09:59	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	We need more medium density housing in the city. Prices and rents are too high and we don't have enough supply for people to live in the city	Kulwant Singh	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-03-10	10:17	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I like the plan. It looks like it will make the city a great place to live in!	Nyan Saik Krat	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-03-10	10:55	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	I Support more medium (and high!) density in the city of Vancouver! The only way we can make a city for all is to improve our housing stock and community amenities.	Christine Valdes	Mount Pleasant	
2026-03-10	11:04	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	Please approve this to allow for faster and more housing in this great city	Nicholas Tam	Killarney	
2026-03-10	11:28	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>I am writing in support of the Vancouver Official Development Plan, although I would like to see it be more ambitious and allow more density.</p> <p>First, I would like to see more density throughout the city rather than just along major arterials. Major streets have substantial noise and air quality hazards, so putting more of the population away from major streets would be a good move overall for public health.</p> <p>Second, I would like to see more mixed-use vs solely residential area in the plan. Mixed-use zoning allows people to live and shop closer to where they live, and helps foster a more walkable, healthier city.</p> <p>Finally, I think that this plan misses an opportunity to allow for more density across the city. I think that the "multiplex" designation should be eliminated and replaced with residential or mixed-use low-rise everywhere across the city.</p>	Tim Rodgers	Mount Pleasant	

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2026-03-10	12:38	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>Once again, the planning department gives Vancouver the legal bare minimum to comply with provincial legislation.</p> <p>This is, at most, a codification of the status quo in a minimally-compliant package.</p> <p>Where is the sense of urgency? Why does it take so very, very long for anything to change in this city? Does anyone in a position of leadership in Vancouver believe we're in a housing crisis? Does anyone care? This ODP certainly doesn't suggest that the answer is yes.</p>	Peter Waldkirch	Fairview	
2026-03-10	14:17	City of Vancouver Official Development Plan	Support	<p>i am the owner living 1108 W 39th Vancouver. including the 2050 city project. As i view of city develop, i strongly recommend increase the FSR, and build the tower as taller as nearest lot 46 storeys. i got some reason for that : 1 high traffic on 41th Street. 2 too many people want to visit Vandusen especially on new year festival. give the residence of Vancouver a choice to live closer. 3 Much more UBC students want to rent a unit living in my area, close to the campus, and easy attach the living core Oakridge Mall. 4 more opportunity for child to entrance private school : Vancouver college. 5 bonus building for develop social housing also drive my idea to higher density. 6 more higher FSR courage the developer to fast build and more affordable for future buyer.</p>	Mengchong Gu	Shaughnessy	