

**City of Vancouver Official Development Plan - Support**

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| 2026-03-10    | 22:35        | City of Vancouver Official Development Plan | Support  | <p>Dear Mayor Sim and Council,</p> <p>I write to offer my apathetic support for approval of the draft Official Development Plan.</p> <p>As you are aware, this is not a proposal to change anything, but to carry out existing policies on a somewhat streamlined basis. Contrary to some of the complaints you have received, I think any amount of consultation on this is a waste of people's time and the City's limited budget.</p> <p>Some prominent objectors to this plan seem to want to go back to the City Plan days. The City Plan process was essentially abandoned after one and a half decades, having accomplished very little. I do not see much contrition from these objectors regarding these past failures; they seem to want long processes as an end in themselves and are only opportunistically attached to the problems people in this city face. Most people I meet want real solutions quickly, not to be consulted endlessly without meaningful outcomes.</p> <p>The most objectionable part of this plan is that it claims to provide ample opportunity to meet Vancouver's 20 year housing targets. This is very likely vacuously true in terms of "zoned capacity," if one assumes that every building in the city will be replaced in the next 20 years by the maximum allowed on its lot, even if that mean assembling four adjacent lots together at no premium to market prices. But that is not a realistic assumption at all.</p> <p>There is nothing in this plan that suggests that building permits will increase by 50%, about what is needed every year to meet the assessed need over 20 years. If we count from 2021, as the last Housing Needs Assessment did, then there is a large deficit that requires much higher starts over the next 15 years. This is the nature of taking half-decades to make marginal policy changes; the problem grows faster than the solutions can address it. While Council has done great work zoning for apartments in some areas of the city, all of these plans are intentionally marginal and are unlikely to deliver a durable boost to housing starts.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments,</p> <p>Owen Brady</p> | Owen Brady    | Hastings-Sunrise   |            |
| 2026-03-10    | 23:10        | City of Vancouver Official Development Plan | Support  | More low rise apartments along major transit lines allows our city to grow sustainably   | Julia Friesen | Grandview-Woodland |            |
| 2026-03-11    | 16:23        | City of Vancouver Official Development Plan | Support  | PLEASE APPROVE!!! We need clear rules to govern our future, not piecemeal repetitive hearings that waste everyone's time.  | Michael Choi  | Downtown           |            |