

Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments - Support

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2026-07-14	12:00	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Yes - I live in the proposed Commercial Street Village area and would love to see our little village continue to grow into a walkable, vibrant neighbourhood.	Tom Skinner	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	
2026-07-14	12:14	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I live within the boundaries of the 33rd and Knight proposed "village", and I believe the densification will add vibrancy to the area. The increased businesses will allow for my family to reach amenities without a vehicle, and it will strengthen the community in the area.	Mengmeng Wang	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	
2026-07-14	12:23	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	In favour of the proposal. High rises don’t contribute very well to community spirit in many areas. Low rise buildings provides closer communities, spreads the population density around the city rather than confined to certain areas which experience heavy traffic. Proposal would significantly impact the housing crisis in a positive way for home buyers.	Jamie Brady	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-14	12:26	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Dear Mayor Sim and Councillors, I would like to express my qualified support for the proposed Villages Planning proposal. Low rise apartments seem perfectly reasonable in many of the proposed areas, and I have not heard compelling arguments against the plan — even former planner Larry Beasley, who did many very good things during his tenure, was very vague about the downsides when speaking publically on the CBC, and overall, went on record that increasing density in single family areas was a “great idea.” While I appreciate that the open letter in opposition to the plan was signed by many knowledgeable experts, several of the arguments make little sense, particularly 2. “blight”, 4. “unnecessary density,” and, most egregiously 3. “compatible scales” (that being the whole point of opening up these areas). Currently, the only options in Vancouver seem to be overpriced shoeboxes in skyscrapers, overpriced condos on arterial roads and 3 million-dollar detached homes in nice neighbourhoods. This makes encouraging low-rise apartments on quiet streets seem very sane. I question whether potentially greenlighting 17 such projects all at once is the right way to go. Why not just start with a few “villages” in Kerrisdale, Shaughnessy and along Fraser and see how it goes, and reconsider in 10 years?	Arne Mooers		
2026-07-14	13:00	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I had the terrible experience of witnessing a senior being killed by a vehicle at Nanaimo and Hastings intersection. She was crossing between an RBC branch and a popular grocery store. The old vision of focusing development on arterial streets just puts people at risk. Get as many people as far away from cars as possible. I support commercial areas in pedestrianized streets.	Jenny Williams	Hastings-Sunrise	
2026-07-14	13:04	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Too much of Vancouver is essentially a suburb, we need this sort of development. Commercial and residential can be a great mix - look at Montreal.	Matt Gee	Grandview-Woodland	

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2026-07-14	13:06	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Strong support! Every neighbourhood should have access to amenities and a walkable neighbourhood. These villages are already centred around arterials that make perfect sense for a slightly expanded development.	Jordan No Name	Fairview	
2026-07-14	13:44	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I have been a Vancouver resident for all of my nearly 50 years. It has been frustrating to watch the City consistently apply a single solution to increasingly unaffordable single family homes: high density clustered on arterial roads. This plan would add a badly-needed medium density housing option, and create vibrant, walkable neighbourhoods. Those of us who prefer more dense housing forms should not have to live on busy streets, but currently we have few options. I would also urge council to see through the opposition to this. The same comfortably-housed people who oppose high density and ask for more moderate "Paris-style" density are the people now opposing these measures. They just don't want change in any form, but a city has to evolve with its residents, old and new.	Matthew Dwinell	Fairview	
2026-07-14	13:54	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I support this type of density and the proposed locations.	BRENDAN CALLANDER	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	
2026-07-14	13:56	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I strongly support this plan. We have seen the consequences of not building enough diverse types of housing, both in our communities and in our discourse whenever a high rise is slated to be built. Don't relegate dense developments to arterial roads only, every neighbourhood needs this. The creme-de-la-creme has had their time, we need to do things differently now.	Akshay Balakrishnan	Mount Pleasant	
2026-07-14	14:10	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	You'd be crazy to not support more 15 minute neighbourhoods.	Al Micheal	West End	
2026-07-14	14:16	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I support the application. We need more diversity in housing spread throughout the city. Middle housing is missing in our city and this is an opportunity to spread it throughout the city instead of concentrating it in TOAS, Broadway plan and existing dense areas.	Meghan Fulton	South Cambie	

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2026-07-14	14:37	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Upzoning is the most important thing the city can do to lower the price of housing. It continues to be proven by the best quality economics research. I support the Villages Planning Program.	Benjamin Zammit-Maempel	Mount Pleasant	
2026-07-14	14:43	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Hello, I live on Commercial Street which is impacted by the Villages plan. I would like to voice my support for the plan. I realize it may not work out perfectly and there will be some growing pains, but as an owner and resident of the Commercial St. Village I am very supportive of the plan to up-zone the area. This is a fantastic neighbourhood, but it is lacking sufficient density and amenities. For the nay-sayers - I'd like them to understand that we can't put the city in stasis. The restrictions we have on zoning only pushes people out. I'm in my 40s, and I have MANY friends and colleagues who chose to leave Vancouver because of how costly it is, and how impossible it is to find housing for their young families. The only substantial growth we've had in my lifetime here is tiny and tinier condos on busy streets. We need more town homes, multiplex, and medium density options for people who desperately want to stay in the city but can't find housing between a \$1.2 million 700 sq ft 2 bed condo and a 2500 sq ft \$3 million dollar house. I want to reiterate - the city IS changing in spite of the lack of change on zoning. It is aging. Young families are leaving. Those that stay are sacrificing and not having children. Our only housing options are TINY condos built for investors who don't care about anyone living there. They make temporary hotel rooms. I live in Commercial St Village, and I know there will be negatives that come from the change, but we can't continue living in a fantasy world where all density happens downtown or along busy streets. Thank you Steve Leathley [REDACTED] Vancouver, BC	Steve Leathley	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	

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2026-07-14	14:51	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	The Villages Plan is a long-overdue effort to create liveable, midrise mixed-use communities in Vancouver, balancing growth throughout the city instead of concentrating it only in a few neighbourhoods. It ensures that every neighbourhood has homes at a range of price points, tenure types and sizes for different people, while strengthening communities by promoting walkable access to retail and other amenities. Simply put, exclusionary zoning that keeps West Side neighbourhoods for single family homes robs young people of a future in Vancouver. Single-family homes will never be affordable to working families in Vancouver, and failing to zone for gentle density on the West Side is zoning for failure—failure to address the housing crisis and to keep essential workers, families and young people in Vancouver.	Ruofan Wang	Kitsilano	
2026-07-14	15:49	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	Excellent plan. Very needed, how is adding this removing character yet from a neighbourhood, unless neighbourhood is a euphemism for single family housing.	Ashlee Ferguson	Fairview	
2026-07-14	15:51	Villages Planning Program – Villages Plan, City-initiated Rezoning and Vancouver Official Development Plan Amendments	Support	I support the Villages Plan. We need to support building more missing middle housing that fosters community, active mobility and supports smaller neighbourhood businesses. This Plan helps achieve that vision.	Frédérique Lafontaine	Downtown	