

BROADWAY PLAN

City Hall Campus

Engagement Summary | September 2024

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Acknowledgement

The City Hall Campus planning process (also known as ‘Civic District’) aims to recognize the living culture and history of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

The City of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. The Nations have a spiritual, cultural, and economic connection to the land since time immemorial. The term unceded acknowledges the dispossession of the land and the inherent rights that the Nations hold to the territory. The term serves as a reminder that xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples have never left their territories and will always retain their jurisdiction and relationships with the territory.

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Vancouver City Council endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2013 and has designated Vancouver as a City of Reconciliation. To achieve its goals, the City established the Reconciliation Framework in 2014, which was reaffirmed by the City in 2022. In October 2022, Vancouver City Council adopted the UNDRIP Strategy for Vancouver. In June 2024, the UNDRIP Action Plan was approved by the Councils of all partners. All City activities including the City Hall Campus planning process will align with, and advance, the UNDRIP Strategy’s calls-to-action.

Learn More

There are a number of resources available to learn more about the historical and current relationship the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations have with the land now known as the City of Vancouver. Their websites contain information about their histories, cultures, governance, and ways of affirming their continuity on these lands:

xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band):
www.musqueam.bc.ca

Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish Nation):
www.squamish.net

səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation):
www.twnation.ca

Please visit the City of Vancouver website to learn more about the designation as a City of Reconciliation, the City of Vancouver’s United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Strategy, and the City of Vancouver’s First Peoples: A Guide for Newcomers.

Read the City of Reconciliation webpage here

Read the City of Vancouver’s UNDRIP Strategy here

Read First Peoples: A Guide for Newcomers here



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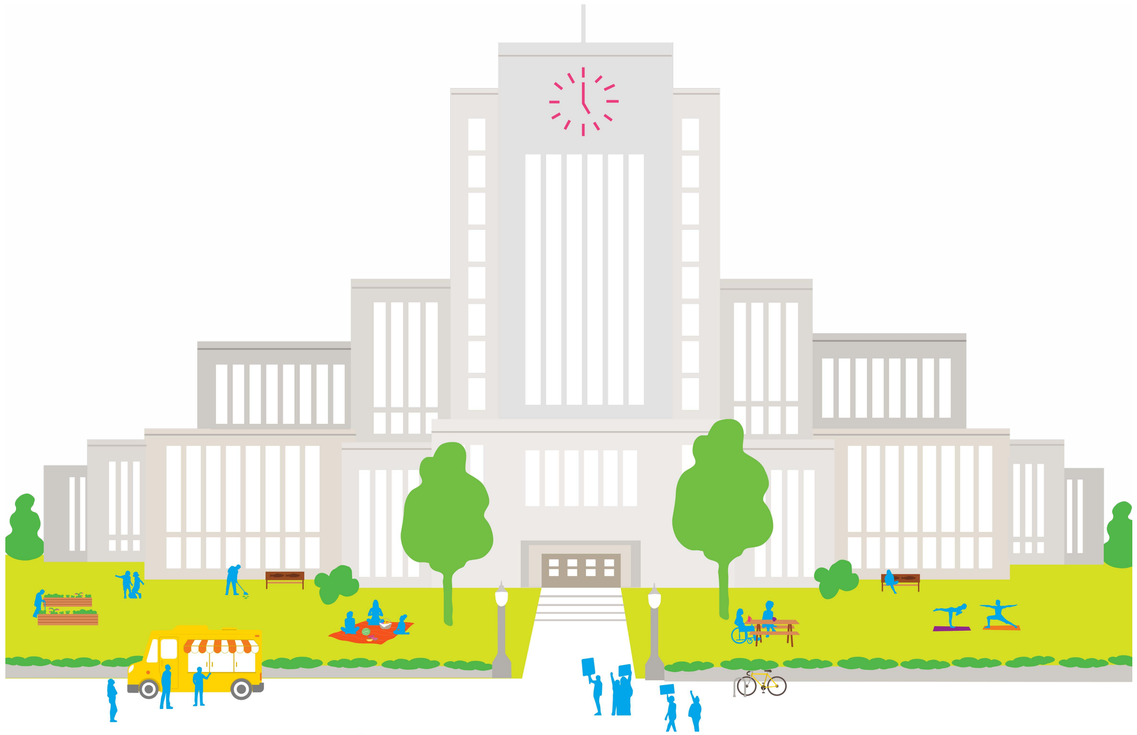
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Executive Summary

From June to July 2024, City staff launched a community and stakeholder engagement process to seek input on proposed draft Guiding Principles and the preferred concept for City Hall Campus (also known as 'Civic District'). Over the course of the engagement period, 2500+ people who live, work, visit or play in the Broadway Plan area were engaged in the process. This includes 1600+ survey responses, 700+ open house attendees, 100+ pop-up visitors, eight stakeholder meetings, and 80+ youth engaged through experiential learning activities.

This engagement summary provides an overview of the engagement opportunities and what we heard. Feedback collected during this phase of engagement will be used to inform additional policies for City Hall Campus that will be included as part of the Broadway Plan amendments to be considered by Council in November 2024. Policies will include: land use, density, building types and heights, transportation, open space, amenities, phasing of development and other site specific considerations.

Key Themes from Engagement

1) Enhancing Accessibility and Active Transportation:

- Support for enhanced walkability and vehicle-light streets, particularly West 10th Avenue.
- Concerns about potential restrictions on vehicle access, parking spaces, public transit capacity, and traffic flow.
- Support for dedicated bike lanes to enhance the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians.

2) Environmental Sustainability and Resilience:

- Strong support for the preservation of green spaces, existing trees, community garden, and enhancing the green infrastructure of the City Hall Campus.
- Emphasis on the need for sustainable practices that incorporate environmental considerations and encourage biodiversity and natural integration in urban spaces, as well as protection from weather elements.

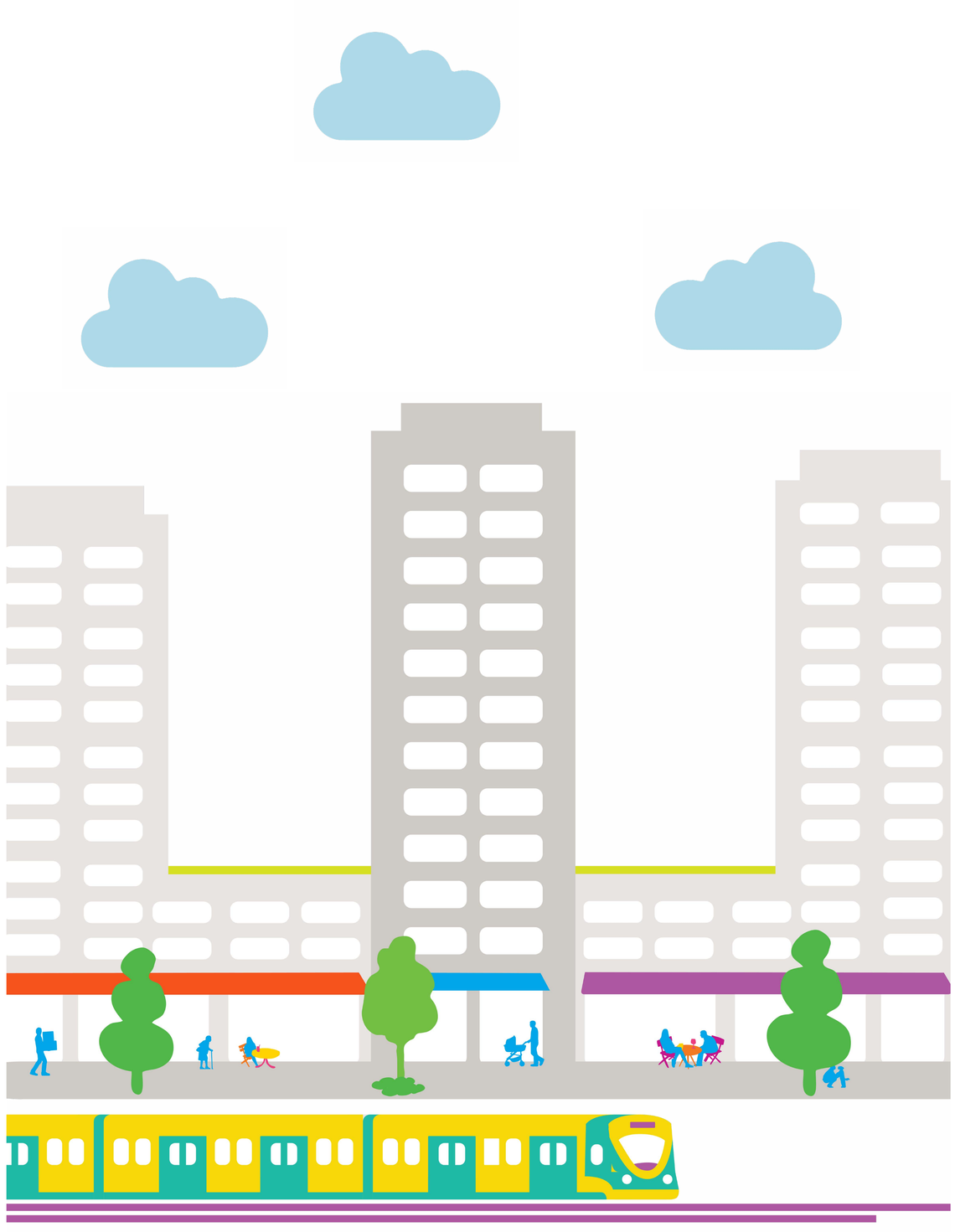
Key Themes from Engagement (Continued)

3) Creating Versatile, Accessible and Social Public Spaces:

- Emphasis on the importance of spaces that serve as social hubs or gathering spaces to foster community interaction.
- Support for flexible, multi-use spaces that can accommodate a variety of activities and events, combining retail, services, and transit access.
- Support for attractive public areas with public amenities and infrastructure that integrates with existing transport and pedestrian pathways.

4) Enhancing Natural and Cultural Integration:

- Design excellence that is visually appealing and creative, green and accessible, integrating seamlessly with existing surroundings.
- Support for integrating and showcasing elements of BC's and Vancouver's natural beauty and diverse cultural history.
- Integrate sustainability and environmental considerations into policy and governance practice.
- Support for maintaining Heritage City Hall building and the various heritage features on campus.
- Support for respecting protected views.



1 Introduction

About the Broadway Plan

In June 2022, Vancouver City Council approved the Broadway Plan, a 30-year plan to guide growth and change for the area along Broadway, generally located east to west from Clark Drive to Vine Street, and north to south from 1st Avenue to 16th Avenue. Work is now underway in the Broadway Plan area to add new housing, job space and amenities that integrate with the Broadway Subway and meet our city's needs.

What is 'Civic District'?

'Civic District' (also known as City Hall Campus) is a 3.5 hectare (8.6 acre) site located within the Broadway Plan area near Cambie Street and Broadway, at the intersection of the Canada Line and the new Broadway Subway. The site is bounded by Broadway to the north, West 12th Avenue to the south, Cambie Street to the west and Yukon Street to the east. The site today has Vancouver City Hall, including Council Chambers, various civic government departments and offices, Helena Gutteridge Plaza and other open spaces, surface parking, and Broadway-City Hall Station (northwest corner of the site).



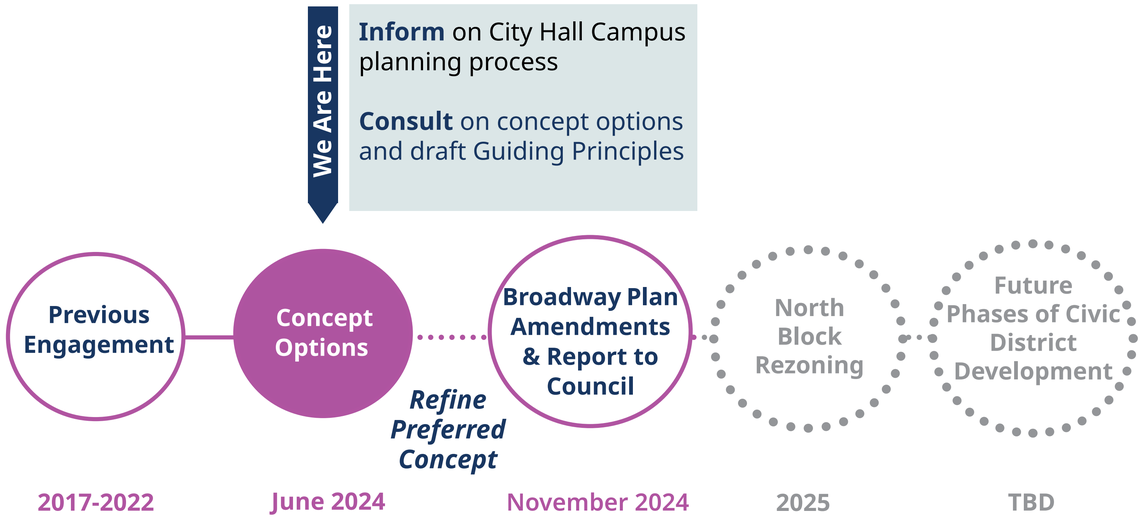
1 Introduction

About this Report

Why is the City doing a planning process for its properties around City Hall?

City Hall Campus provides a significant opportunity to deliver on multiple Broadway Plan objectives including job space, community-serving facilities and institutions, public amenities, and new shops and services – contributing towards more complete neighbourhoods. Furthermore, a long-term plan for City Hall Campus is important for achieving the following objectives:

- **Optimizing City assets** by reducing leased space and consolidating City staff offices from various locations into a central campus.
- **Having a plan for City properties located at the future intersection of two SkyTrain lines**, which will include City Hall facilities, community uses, commercial spaces, and opportunities to co-locate other public and government services.
- **Improving safety for the public and City staff** through addressing seismic safety of the heritage City Hall building.
- **Providing enhanced civic services and improved community amenities** which are welcoming and inclusive, as well as create spaces for public leisure and activities.



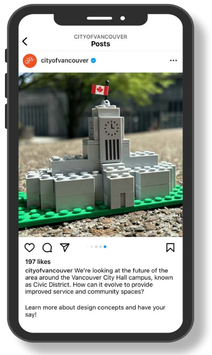
This report presents summarized information and key findings related to all City Hall Campus engagement initiatives undertaken, including a detailed breakdown of engagement events and activities, as well as responses to the survey. This report also includes information on the process to date, engagement numbers, and who we heard from. Accessible engagement approaches included translating a project summary and the survey into Traditional and Simplified Chinese, and coordinating with the City's call-in service (3-1-1) as an alternative method for the public to complete the online survey.

Feedback will be used to refine the Guiding Principles, a preferred site concept, and draft policy guiding future development on the site. This work will be included with the Broadway Plan amendments presented to Council for consideration in November (2024).

2 Engagement Process

Notification and Results

Notification



Social Media

Organic	*Paid*
66,000+ impressions	**144,000+** views

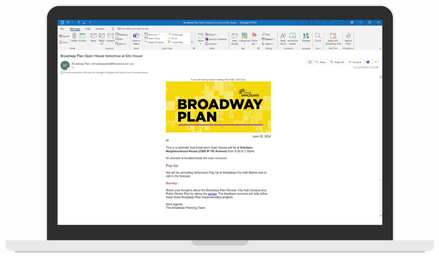


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site signs around City Hall



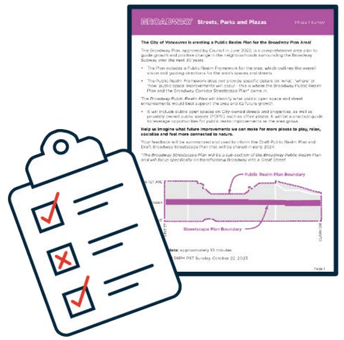
Printed Project Summaries

4 community centres	**15** public library branches

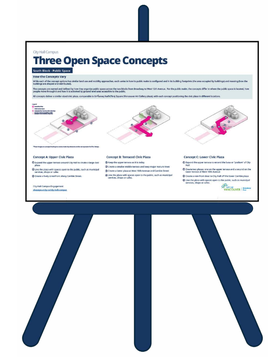


10 broadcast emails	**1700+** email subscribers at time of launch

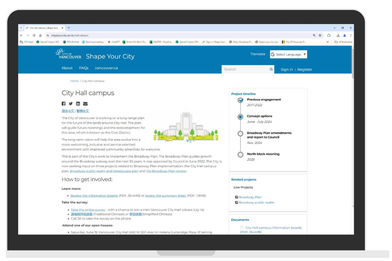
Engagement Results



1600+
survey responses



100+
pop-up visitors



3,500+
website visitors

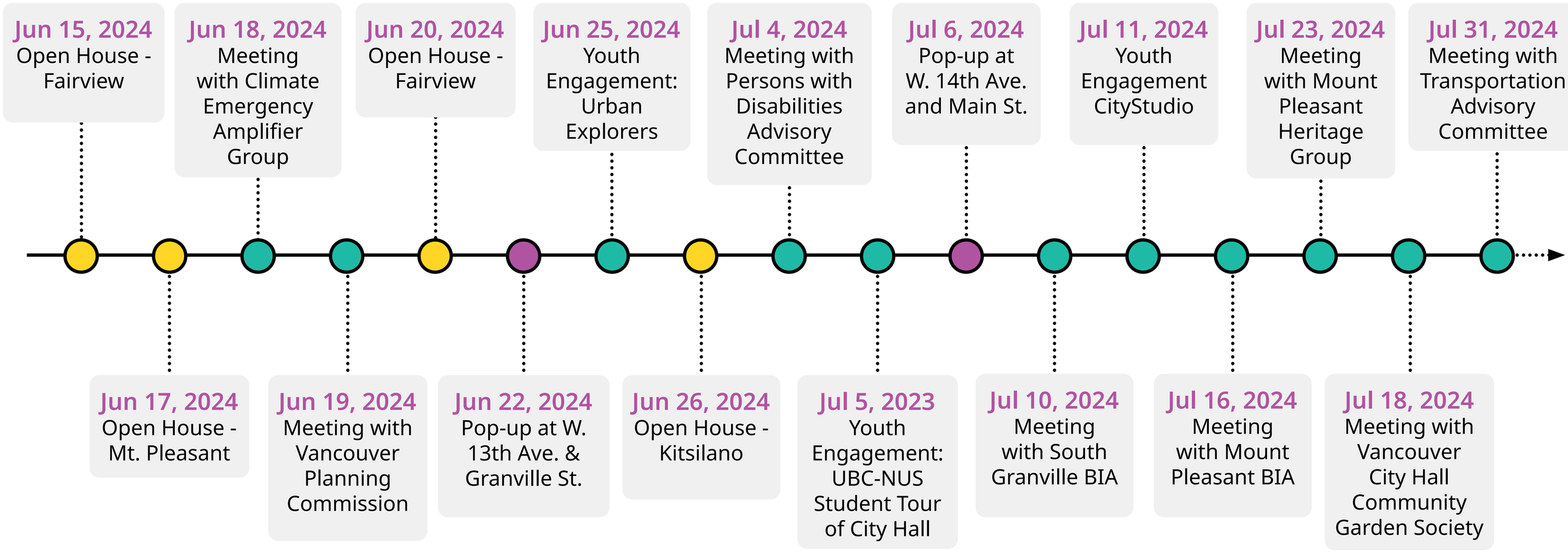


8
stakeholder meetings

2 Engagement Process

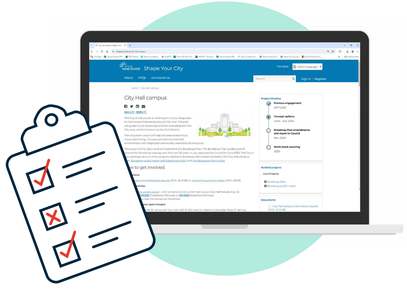
Timeline

This report is the result of an engagement plan that involved both in-person and virtual opportunities to learn and provide feedback about concept options and draft Guiding Principles for City Hall Campus. The engagement touchpoints involved people who live, work, play, shop, visit and learn in the neighbourhoods in the Broadway Plan area and throughout the rest of Vancouver.



3 What We Heard

Survey



The survey was open between June 13 and July 14, 2024.

The survey provided the opportunity to learn and provide feedback on the draft Guiding Principles and the three concept options for the site. Feedback from this survey will help inform City staff recommendations to Council in November 2024 regarding draft Guiding Principles, draft policy to guide future re-development of the site, and a preferred site concept option.

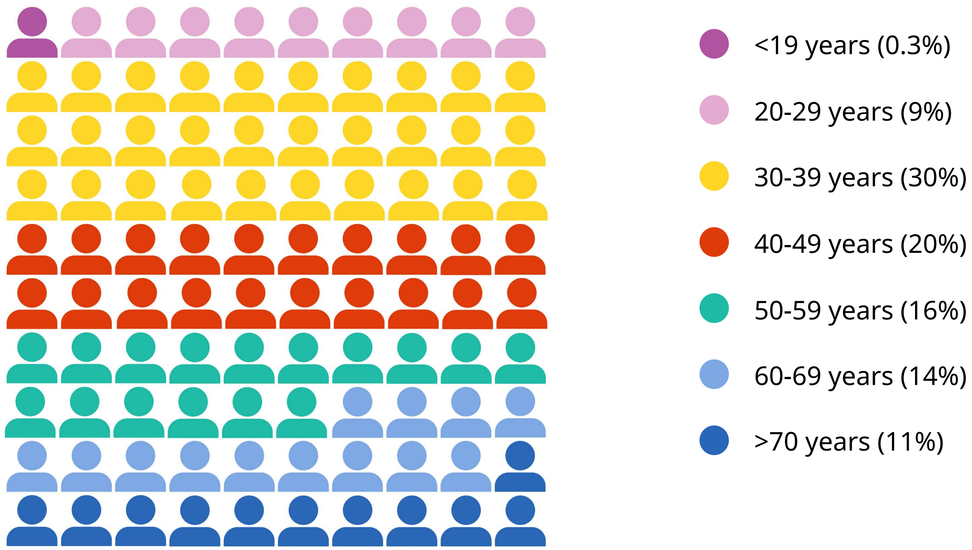
Who We Heard From

Vancouver residents and visitors come from many different backgrounds. We asked all respondents to complete demographic questions at the end of the survey. This demographic data was collected to better understand who we heard from.

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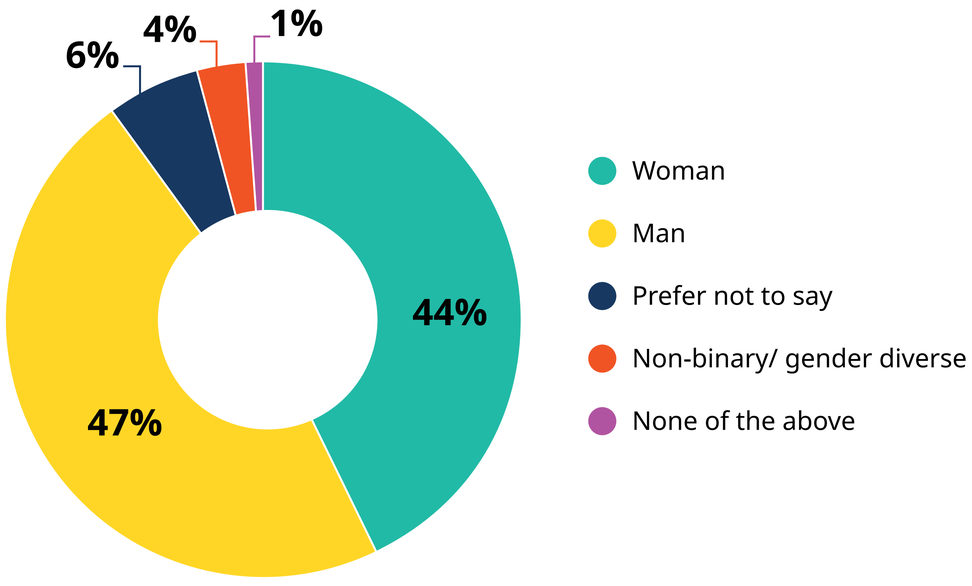


3 Q. Which age group do you belong to? Select one. *n = 1547*

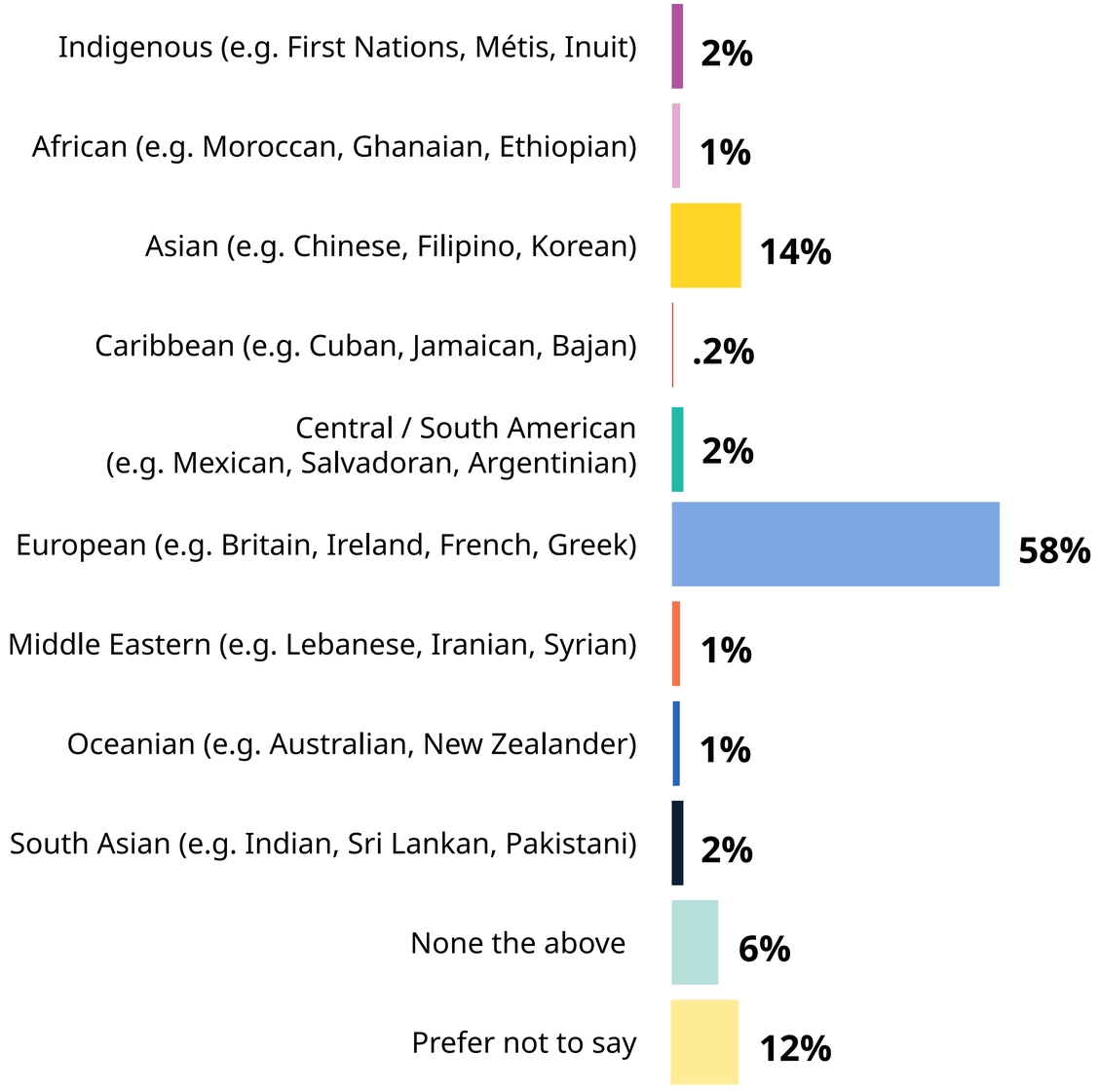


Q. How do you describe your gender identity? Select one.

n = 1,604

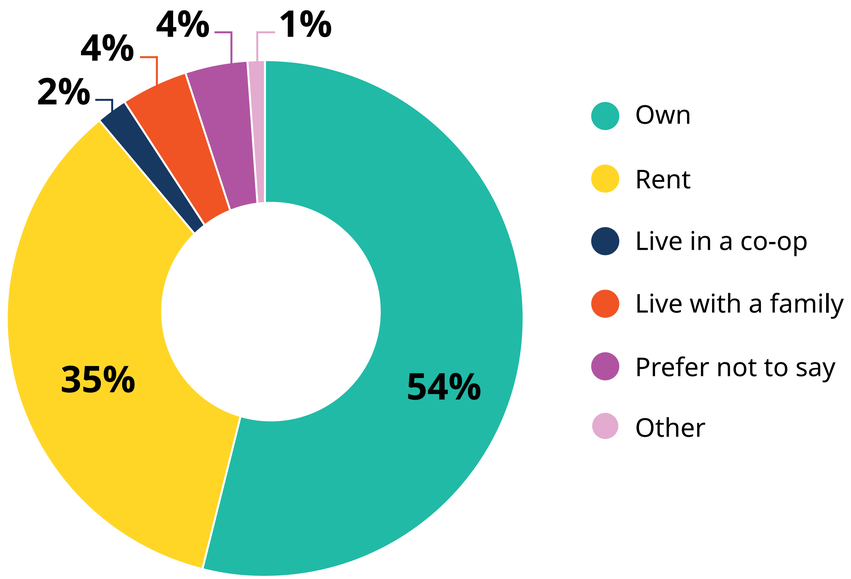


Q. What do you consider your main ethnic origin or that of your ancestors? Select all that apply. *n = 1415*

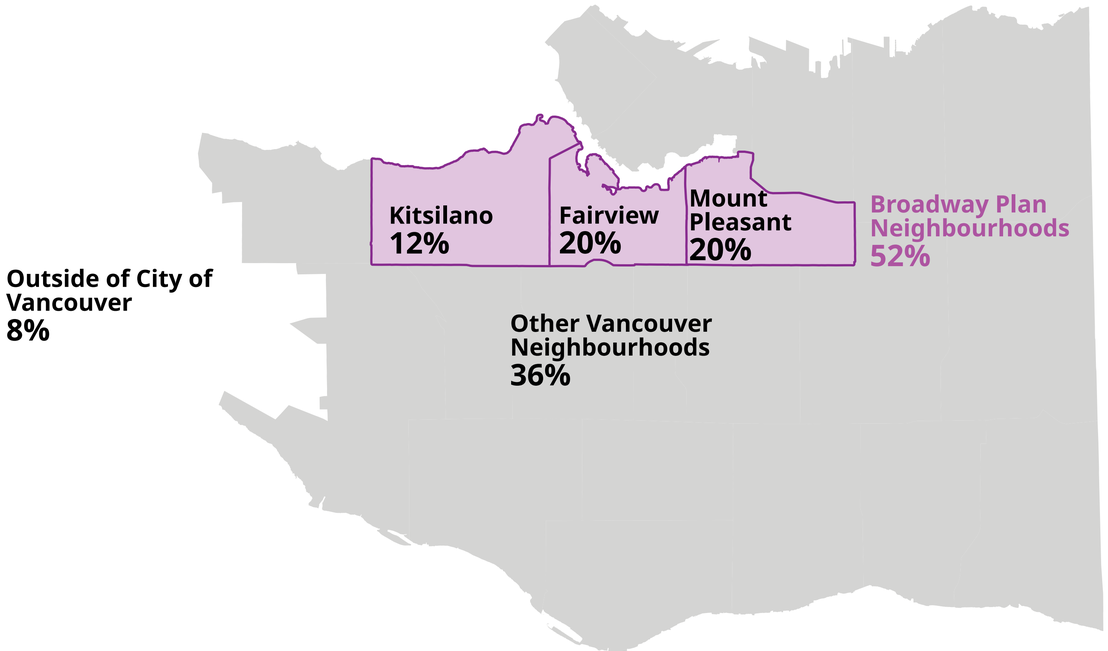


Note: *As respondents could select one or all that apply, the figures above include respondents with multi-racial/multi-ethnic backgrounds.*

3 Q. How would you describe your housing situation? Select one. *n = 1,415*

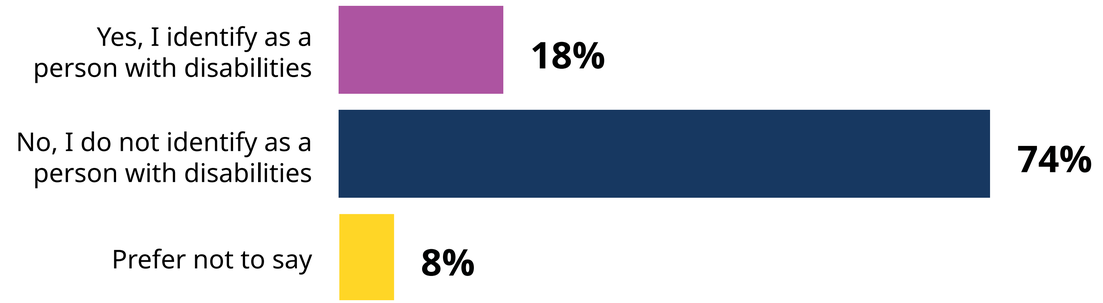


Q. Where do you live? Select one. *n = 1,404*



*Note: **4% of survey respondents preferred not to say where they live.*

Q. Do you have a mobility, sensory, learning, physical and/or mental health challenge, condition or disability? *n = 1415*



Note: A disability is a condition that limits a person's senses or activities. It may be physical and/or mental, visible or invisible.

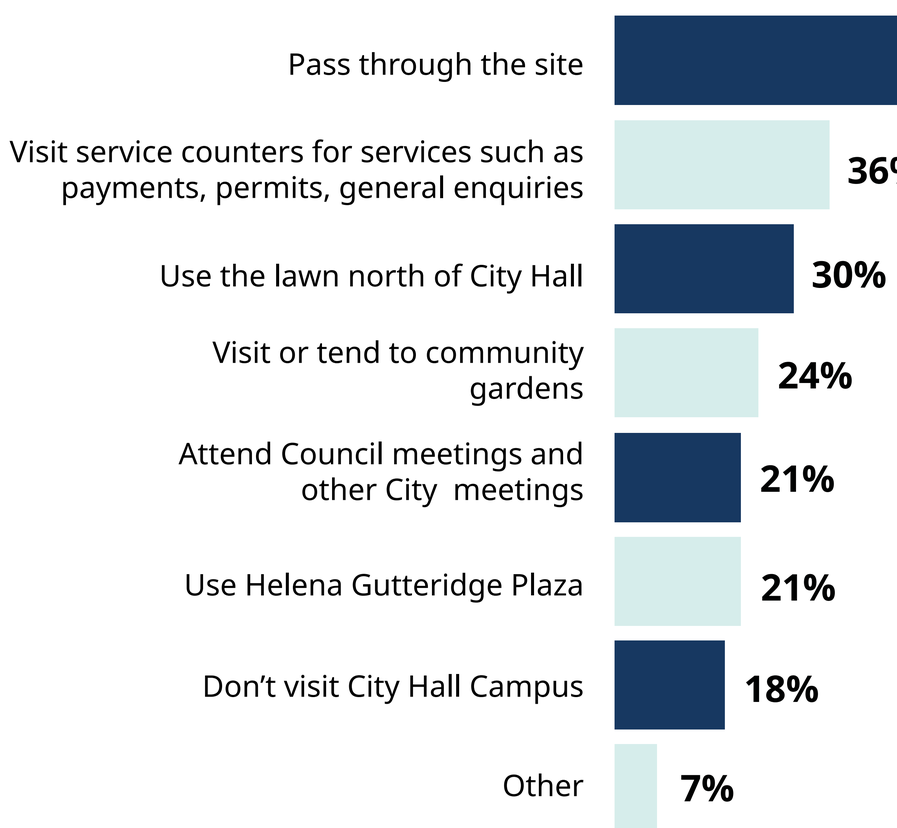
Q. Thinking about your experience, what would help make the Broadway Plan area more accessible for you? *n = 199*



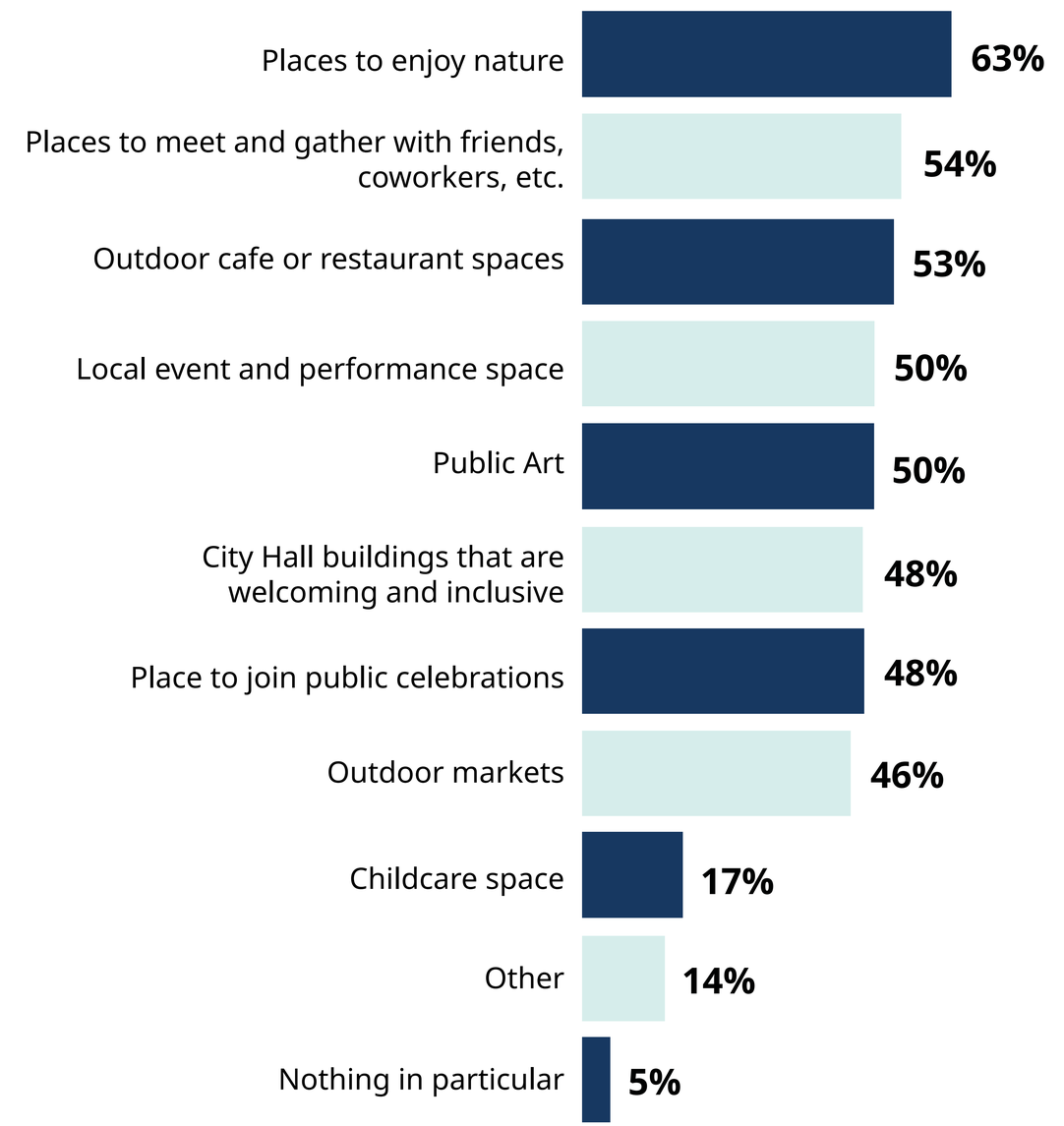
3 Survey

Current and Future Use of City Hall Campus

Q. Today, when you come to City Hall (i.e. main City Hall building and any other City buildings in the area), what are the types of services and amenities that you use? Select all that apply. *n = 1593*



Q. When you come to City Hall in the future, what are the types of service and spaces you would like to have available? Select all that apply. *n = 1,591*



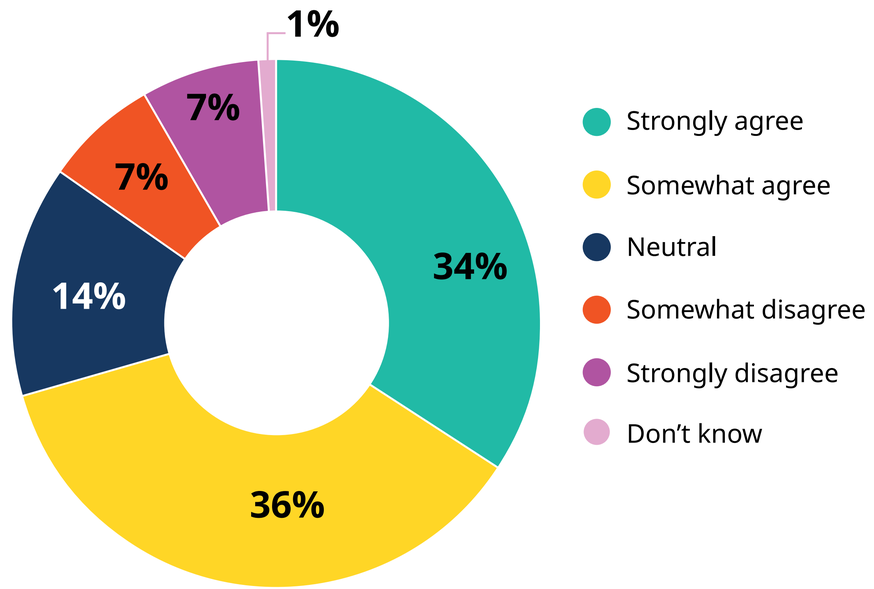
3 Survey

Draft Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles will help shape the long-term plan for Civic District, ensuring key policy, operational and community needs are incorporated throughout the process as well as in the final plan. As part of this phase of public engagement, the City sought input on 10 Draft Guiding Principles for City Hall Campus which are based on citywide objectives and previous community engagement on Broadway Plan. The draft Guiding Principles shared for public review and feedback are below. For the full description of each Guiding Principle, please review the information boards:

1. Continue to honour our commitment to reconciliation with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.
2. Recognize and enhance civic identity.
3. Support transparency of government.
4. Optimize City Lands and strengthen Uptown.
5. Demonstrate leadership in design excellence.
6. Mobility for all ages and abilities.
7. Enhance public spaces and placemaking.
8. Enhance civic and community services and amenities.
9. Demonstrate leadership in sustainability.
10. Ensure resilience.

Q. Do you agree or disagree with the draft Guiding Principles? Select one. *n = 1,590*



Key Takeaway

Overall, 70% of survey respondents indicated that they “strongly agree” or “somewhat agree” with the draft Guiding Principles, while 14% of respondents “somewhat disagree” or “strongly disagree” with the Guiding Principles.

3 Q. Are there any principles you would change? Are there any principles that are missing? *n = 615*

Key Feedback Themes

Nature and Green Space

- Top priority is the preservation of green spaces and trees for public health, leisure and environmental sustainability, and to enhance the green infrastructure of the City Hall Campus.
- Desire to integrate and showcase elements of BC's and Vancouver's natural beauty, identity, and diverse cultural history.
- Ensure that development within the City Hall Campus respects and maintains protected public views.

Transparency

- Importance of public participation, accessibility and inclusivity in governance processes, ensuring the views of diverse cultural and socioeconomic groups are considered.
- Support for transparency, accountability, and clearer communication in governance practices, with a focus on providing accessible information to the public.
- Ensure City Hall retains its essential administrative and formal functions.

Built Form and Land Use

- Concerns about the impact of proposed building heights and development on aesthetics, character, and shadowing, as well as loss of green space.
- Importance of maintaining historical buildings, structures, and features.
- Priority is the need for affordable housing.

Sample Quotes

> *Preserving the existing green space should be a higher priority.*

> *Encouraging political participation in municipal and regional governance.*

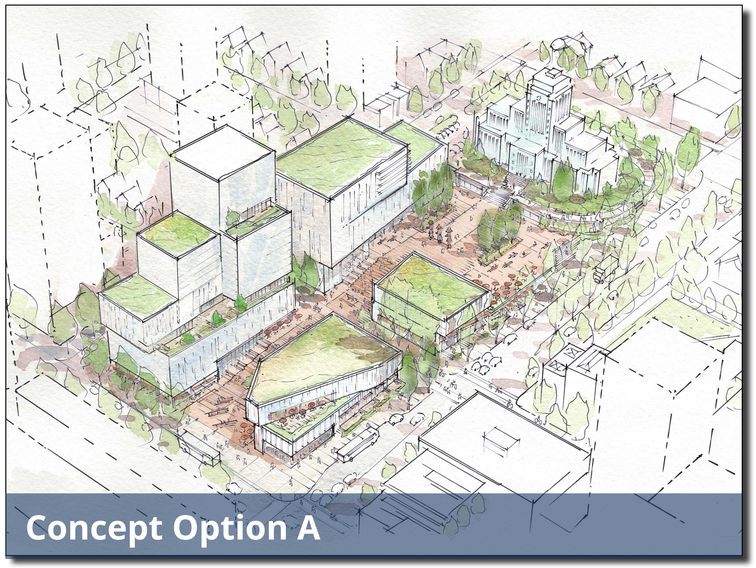
> *Maintaining view corridors (including from downtown to City Hall) and having attractive architecture that will endure.*

> *Mobility and accessibility for people of all income levels is missing. This is an important aspect of equity as per the city's equity framework.*

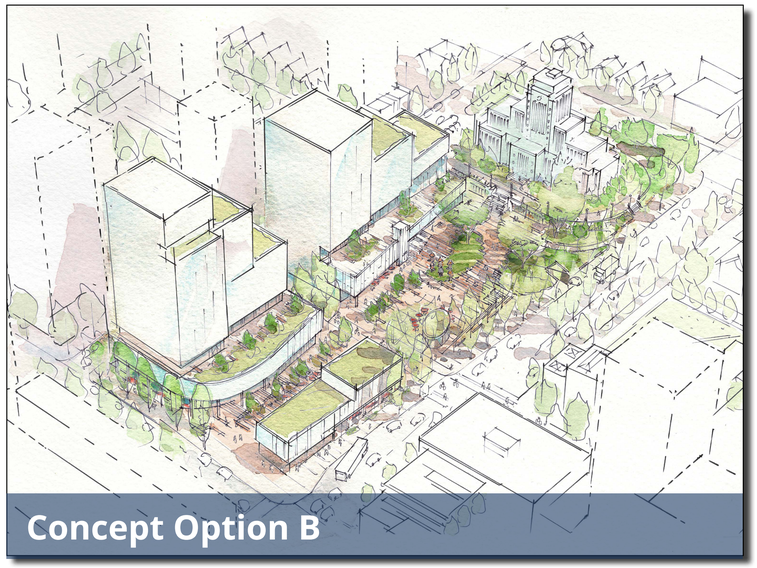
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Site Organization Concepts

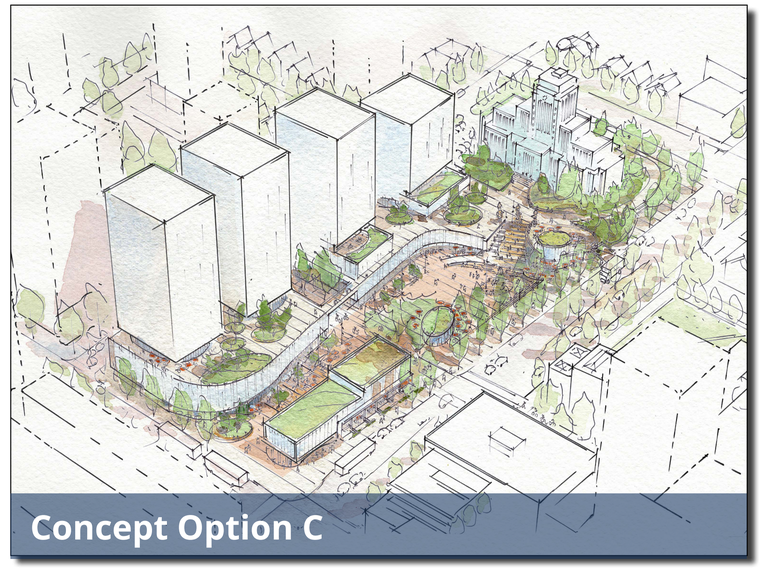
A site organization concept serves the purpose of creating a unified vision for an entire site, including the placement of buildings, open space, infrastructure and amenities. In early 2024, three site organization concepts were created that were shaped by the draft Guiding Principles, ongoing technical work and Broadway Plan policy. While each of the 'concept options' have similar approaches to land use and mobility, they differ in their approaches to open space and built form.



Concept Option A



Concept Option B



Concept Option C

Differing approaches to open space across concepts

Concepts differ in where the public space is located, how people move through it and how it is activated by ground level uses accessible to the public.

Differing approaches to built form across concepts

Concepts differ in approach to building massing on both the north and south block, as well as influenced by different considerations, such as: the slope of the site, view cones (protected public views in planning policy), desire for a large-scale civic space, open space network, neighborhood connections to the Broadway-City Hall SkyTrain station, and required program areas for the future City Hall.

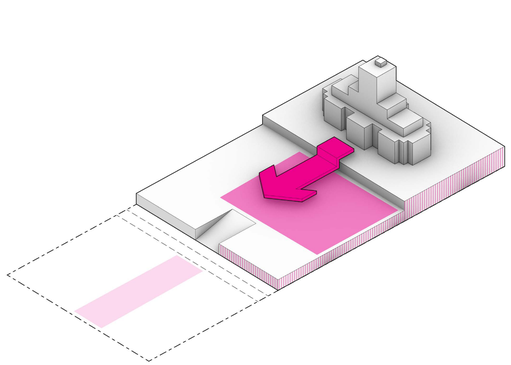
3 Survey

What we heard regarding approach to open space

Survey respondents were presented with three concept options for open space and asked to select their preferred concept. All concepts propose a similar-sized civic plaza, comparable to šxʷƛ̓ənəq Xwtl'e7énk̲ Square (Vancouver Art Gallery plaza), lined with spaces open to the public (e.g. municipal services, shops or cafes).

Q. Which of the three approaches to public open space do you prefer? Select one. *n = 1572*

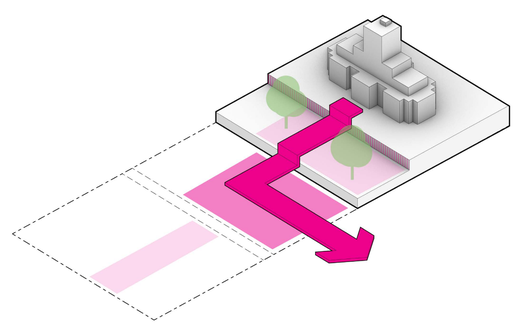
17% preferred Option A: Upper civic Plaza



Key features:

- Expand the upper terrace around City Hall to create a large civic plaza
- Create a lively streetfront along Cambie Street

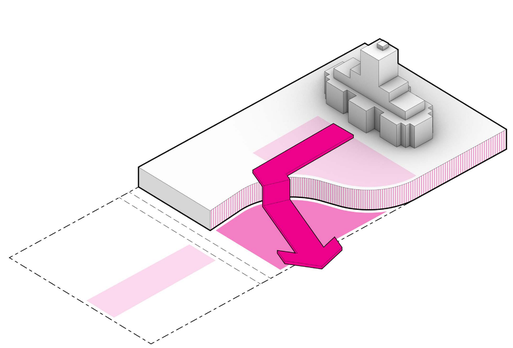
45% preferred Option B: Terraced civic plaza



Key features:

- Keep the upper terrace as it is today
- Create a smaller middle terrace and keep major mature trees
- Create a lower plaza at West 10th Avenue and Cambie Street

14% preferred Option C: Lower civic plaza



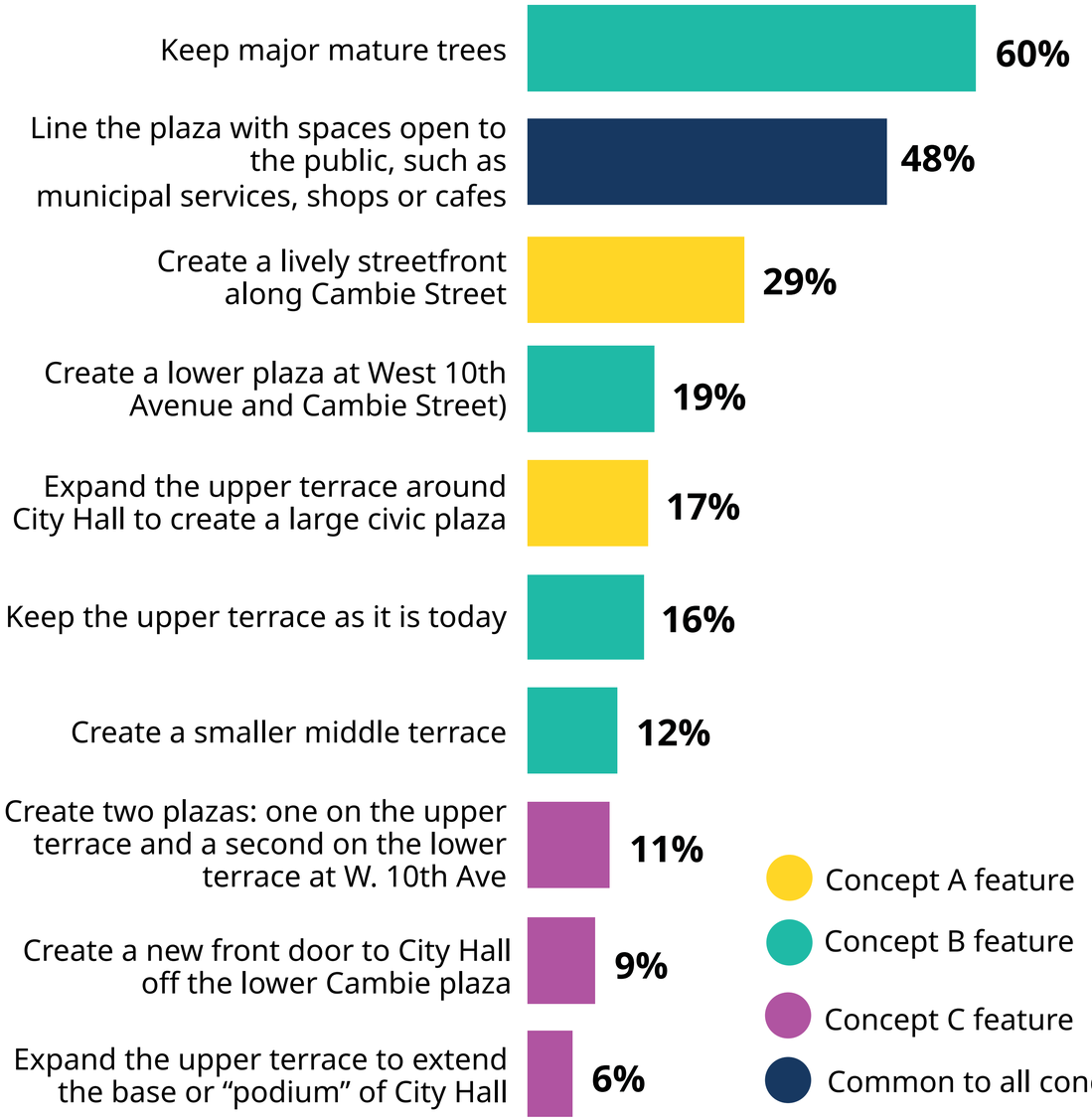
Key features:

- Expand the upper terrace to extend the base or "podium" of City Hall
- Create two plazas: one on the upper terrace and a second on the lower terrace at West 10th Avenue
- Create a new front door to City Hall off the lower Cambie plaza

*Note: *****7%*** *of survey respondents had no preference and liked them all equally,* ***13%*** *didn't like any options, and* ***4%*** *didn't know.*

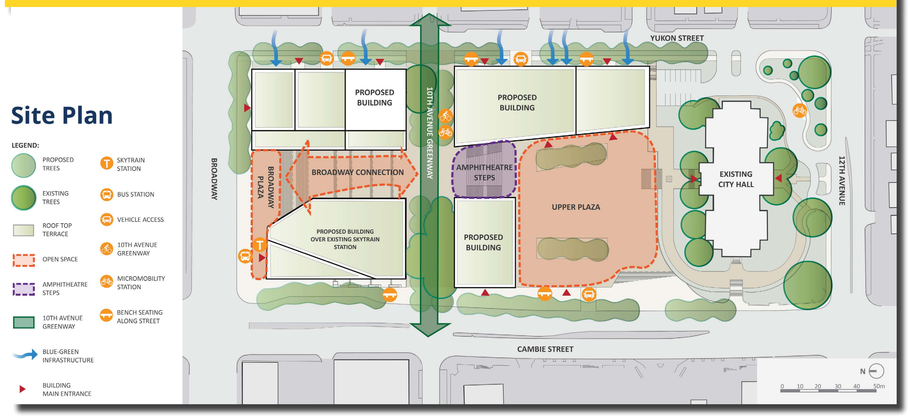
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Q. Which of the features do you like the most? Please select your top three. *n = 1540*

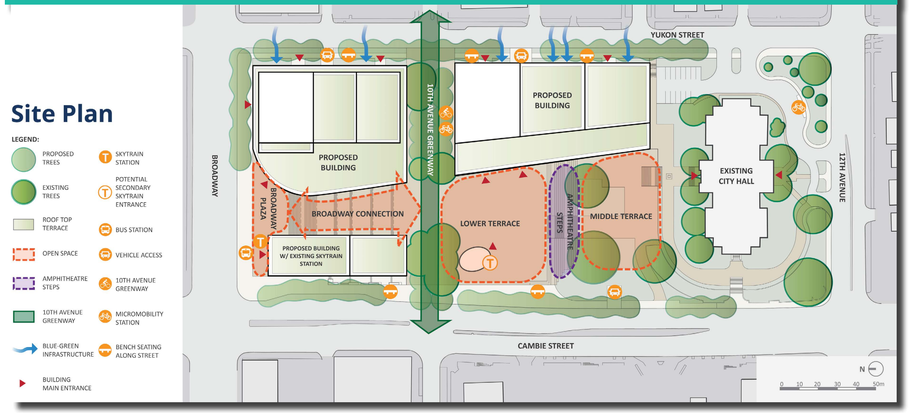


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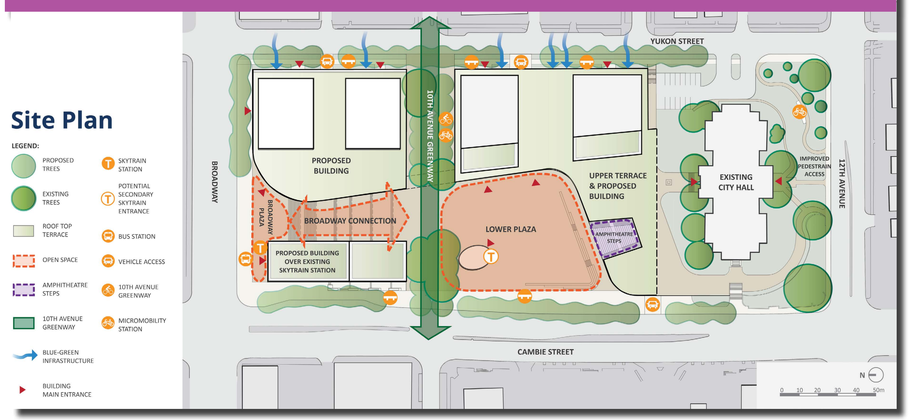
Concept Option A



Concept Option B



Concept Option C



3 Q. Please provide any additional comments on the proposed open space concepts. *n = 599*

Key Feedback Themes

Green Space and Environmental Resilience

- Strong desire for the preservation of green space, park, community garden, and mature trees. Desire for new trees to be planted given their environmental and health benefits, such as improving air quality and enhancing mental health.
- Need for natural protection from weather elements which address heat and sun exposure.
- Support for promoting sustainable and environmentally resilient practices, and encouraging biodiversity in urban spaces.

Design Excellence

- Desire for visually appealing and well-organized spaces that integrate seamlessly with existing surroundings.
- Support for artistic, creative and distinctive design elements, as well as Indigenous inspired and designed public art.

Public Space and Amenities

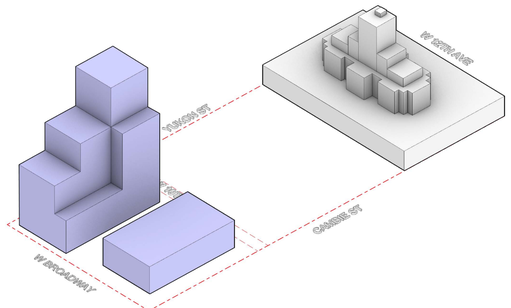
- Importance of spaces that serve as social hubs or gathering spaces, with a desire for shaded, safe, and inviting spaces away from vehicular traffic.
- Support for large, flexible, multi-use plaza that can accommodate various activities, including public gatherings, events, performances, and daily social interactions.
- Mixed opinions about the inclusion of commercial spaces in the plaza, with some in support while others prefer green space.

3 Survey

What we heard regarding built form on the north block

Q. Which of the three approaches to buildings do you prefer for the North Block (between Broadway and W 10 Ave)? Select one. *n = 1580*

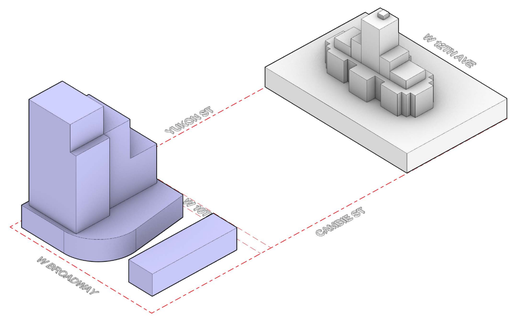
25% preferred Option A: Stepped tower on Broadway



Key features:

- A central passage between buildings
- A larger building is located over the Broadway-City Hall station
- A stepped tower minimizes the mass (bulkiness) along Yukon Street
- A design with several terraces steps down towards Broadway
- Outdoor spaces with views of the North Shore mountains

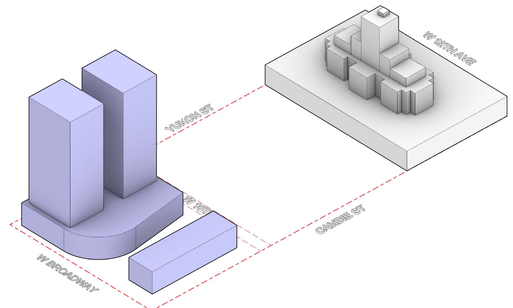
33% preferred Option B: Stepped tower and podium



Key features:

- A podium roof provides extra public outdoor space and commercial spaces
- A stepped tower minimizes the mass (bulkiness) along Yukon Street
- Several terraces with sunny, south-facing outdoor spaces and views of City Hall
- A larger public space at the Broadway-City Hall station entrance

13% preferred Option C: Two towers and podium



Key features:

- A podium roof provides extra public outdoor space and commercial spaces
- Two towers provide more daylight into commercial floor space
- A gap between towers to provide daylight through buildings along Yukon Street
- A larger public space at the Broadway-City Hall station entrance outdoor spaces and views of City Hall

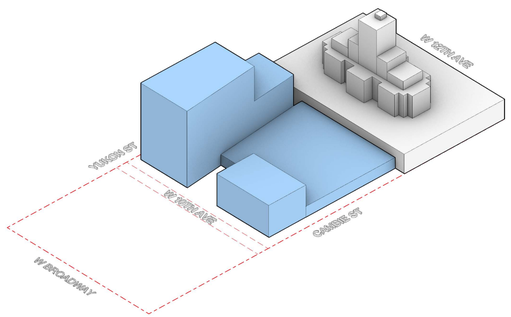
Note: ***9%** of survey respondents had no preference and liked them all equally, **16%** didn't like any options, and **5%** didn't know.*

3 Survey

What we heard regarding approach to built form on south block

Q. Which of the three approaches to buildings do you prefer for the South Block (between City Hall and W 10 Ave)? Select one. ***n = 1449***

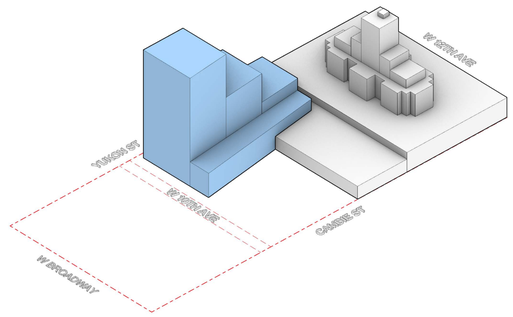
12% preferred Option A: Slab



Key features:

- City offices and service areas have a direct connection to the nearby streets
- More options for different building designs creating a lively street front along Cambie Street
- Moderate building massing (bulkiness) along Yukon Street
- Usable spaces under the plaza
- Buildings line 10th Avenue

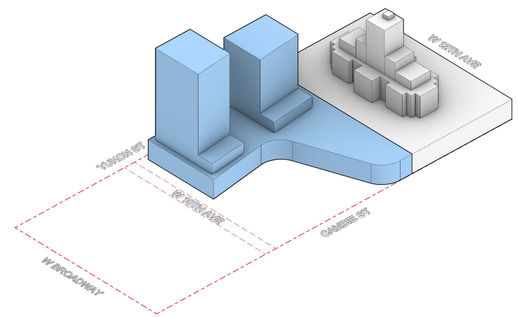
38% preferred Option B: Stepping form



Key features:

- Keep the upper terrace as it is today
- Create a smaller middle terrace and keep major mature trees
- Create a lower plaza at West 10th Avenue and Cambie Street
- Line the plaza with spaces open to the public, such as municipal services, shops or cafes

22% preferred Option C: Two towers and podium



Key features:

- Expand the upper terrace to extend the base or “podium” of City Hall.
- Create two plazas: one on the upper terrace and a second on the lower terrace at West 10th Avenue.
- Create a new front door to City Hall off the lower Cambie plaza.
- Line the plaza with spaces open to the public, such as municipal services, shops or cafes.

*Note: ***5%** of survey respondents had no preference and liked them all equally, **20%** didn’t like any options, and **3%** didn’t know.*

3 Q. Please provide any additional comments on the proposed built form: *n= 505*

Key Feedback Themes

Building Massing and Form

- Support for more even distribution of building massing across site, and not creating a street wall along Yukon Street.
- Broad support for stepped building forms to increase sunlight access, and creating outdoor spaces with views of City Hall Campus and surroundings.
- Mixed opinions on building height, with some favouring low-rise development, while others supporting increased height and densities.

Views and Sightlines

- Desire to retain views of City Hall building from future plaza and West Broadway.
- Desire to preserve views from City Hall Campus to North Shore Mountains.

Sustainability

- Preference for sustainable building designs that prioritize energy efficiency, incorporate green roof technology, natural lighting, and use earthquake and fire-resistant materials.

Public Concerns

- Some residents don't feel City Hall Campus is a high priority project, therefore would prefer tax payer dollars are allocated elsewhere.
- Some concerns regarding privatization and monetization of public lands.
- Some support for social housing on site.

Sample Quotes

> *The buildings should be smaller and the gardens larger. Option B is on the right track with preserving mature trees but it doesn't go far enough.*

> *I would rather a larger building over the station rather than the huge towers along Yukon.*

> *I'd like to underscore the need for limiting height (and shadowing), maintaining view corridors and having attractive architecture that will endure.*

3 Survey

Approach to Mobility

One of the project's Guiding Principles is "mobility for all ages and abilities." This means new and existing transportation connections should be accessible to everyone. People should be able to walk, bike, roll and take transit to the City Hall area.

All three draft concept options take a similar approach to mobility, with each of the following design elements being consistent across all options:

- Vehicles can access the site by Yukon Street.
- Yukon Street will be redesigned for improved cycling and stormwater management.
- West 10th Avenue will continue to be a pedestrian and cyclist route and will become vehicle-free.
- There will be a wide pedestrian connection between the Broadway-City Hall station, the new central plaza and a new front door to City Hall. Steps, terraces and elevators will address the changes in elevation.
- There will be more space for pedestrians around the Broadway-City Hall station.

What we heard regarding approach to mobility

Q. Do you have comments about the mobility design elements for the site? Is there anything missing or anything else we should consider? (Maximum 200 words *n = 521*

Key Feedback Themes



Active Transportation

- Mixed opinions about vehicle-free streets, with some in support and others opposed, emphasizing the need for vehicle access (e.g., for seniors, people with disabilities, and emergency vehicles).
- Support for pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, such as wide sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian zones, to encourage walking and active transportation.
- Support for dedicated bike lanes, enhanced cycling infrastructure, and secure, well-maintained bike parking facilities.



Public Transit

- Support for public transit improvement, secondary SkyTrain station entrance on site, and integration of bus stops with other transit options for better connectivity.

3 What We Heard

Stakeholder Meetings



City staff met with local groups and organizations in the Broadway Plan area that represent specific interests such as accessibility, culture, sustainability, heritage, mobility, local businesses, and under-represented and equity-seeking communities.

Organizations City staff met with during Engagement

- Climate Emergency Amplifier Group - Jun 18, 2024
- Vancouver Planning Commission - Jun 19, 2024
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee - Jul 4, 2024
- South Granville BIA - Jul 10, 2024
- Mount Pleasant BIA - Jul 16, 2024
- Vancouver City Hall Community Garden Society - Jul 18, 2024
- Mount Pleasant Heritage Group - Jul 23, 2024
- Transportation Advisory Committee - Jul 31, 2024

Attendees had the opportunity to ask staff questions about the City Hall Campus plan and discuss opportunities and concerns. A summary of what we heard during these meetings is summarized below.

Key Feedback Themes

Accessibility

- Emphasis on the importance of vehicle access to civic services and destinations along the Broadway corridor.
- Desire for future buildings and open space on City Hall Campus to meet to 'Accessibility Standards Canada' benchmarks.

Mobility

- Desire for elevator redundancy at all new SkyTrain stations to ensure an elevator is operational all the time.
- Interest in improved wayfinding technology (city-wide) for individuals with visual impairment.
- Concern about making places less accessible to vehicle traffic (e.g. proposed car-free West 10th Avenue. between Yukon Street and Cambie Street).
- Desire for multi-modal integration at future Broadway-City Hall SkyTrain station.
- Desire to separate cyclist and pedestrian uses on multi-purpose pathways.

3 Stakeholder Meetings

Public Space

- Desire for public washrooms in public spaces.
- Desire to retain community garden in future development plans.
- Interest in implementing display boards in future civic plaza to enable residents to share information.
- Explore opportunities for the future City Hall campus to support tourism within draft Guiding Principles.
- Desire for spaces which allow for public gathering and connection which isn't commercial (e.g. library, community centre).
- Desire to retain heritage City Hall building and heritage features through redevelopment of the site.





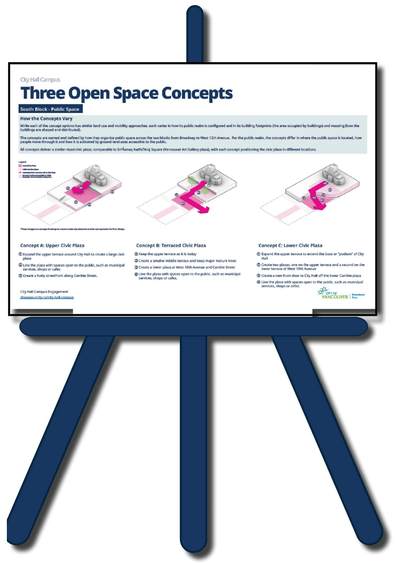


3 What We Heard

Pop-up Events

City staff hosted two pop-up events in the Fairview and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods. To intercept a broad range of residents, pop-ups were scheduled during the daytime on weekends, and were located at neighbourhood plazas.

At pop-up events, the public was invited to ask questions about the project and share feedback regarding preferred site design elements across all three concept options. The public was also invited to provide more detailed feedback through the survey, available online, in print or by phone at 3-1-1.





Neighbourhood Plaza
Main & W 14th



Neighbourhood Plaza
Granville & W 13th



3 What We Heard

Youth Engagement

To encourage greater youth participation in the City Hall Campus planning process, we collaborated with youth programs that promote civic engagement and develop problem-solving skills. By involving youth in the planning process, we can ensure that future civic spaces are more dynamic, inclusive, and reflective of the needs of the entire community.

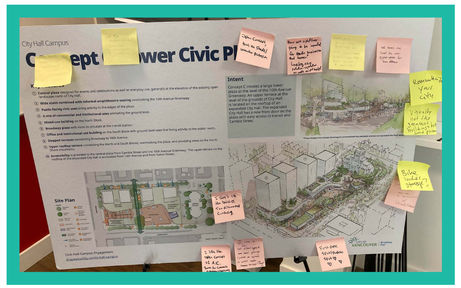
Urban Explorers Program | Engagement Workshop



On June 25, City staff met with elementary school students participating in the Urban Explorers program at Lord Roberts Elementary School. The Urban Explores program engages children and youth in their local government's community planning projects, ensuring that their voices are part of local decision-making processes. The program is developed under the Society for Children and Youth of BC's Child and Youth Friendly Communities projects

To learn more about engagement with the Urban Explorers program, go to appendix B

CityStudio | Engagement Workshop



On July 11, City staff met with youth attending a co-hosted public event with CityStudio at their studio space located on Spyglass Place. The event welcomed youth in the community to learn more about the City Hall Campus planning process and proposed concept options for the site, as the importance of youth involvement in civic processes.

To learn more about engagement with youth attending a co-hosted workshop with CityStudio, go to appendix C.

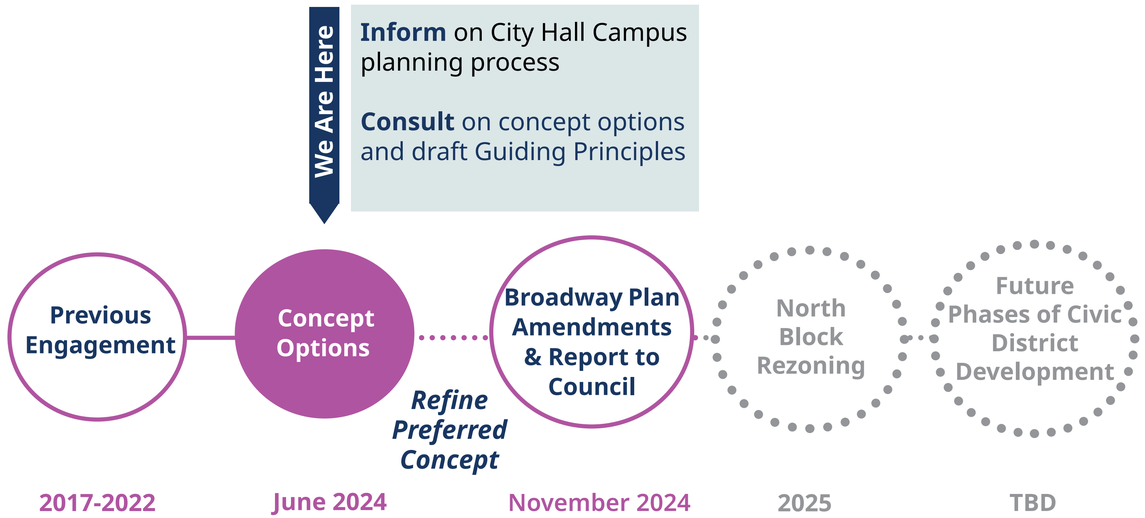
UBC-NUS Summer Field Studio | Walking Tour



On July 5, City staff provided a walking tour of City Hall Campus to undergraduate students from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) through the UBC-NUS Field Studio program. The urban studies learning abroad exchange program provides opportunities for undergraduate students to foster cross-cultural connections within the built environment sector, as well as conduct urban analysis between Vancouver and Singapore.

4 What's Next?

The feedback summarized in this report will help inform City staff recommendations to Council on Guiding Principles, a preferred concept, and draft policy for City Hall Campus (also known as 'Civic District'). Stay involved and up to date with the project by visiting the City Hall Campus website: www.shapeyourcity.ca/city-hall-campus or email broadwayplan@vancouver.ca





5 Appendix A

Engagement Events and Activities

Engagement Events and Activities	Date(s)	Number of Participants
Survey	June 13 - July 14, 2024	1604
Broadway Plan Open House - Fairview	June 15, 2024	55
Broadway Plan Open House – Mt. Pleasant	June 17, 2024	200
Climate Emergency Amplifier Group	June 18, 2024	10
Vancouver Planning Commission (VCPC)	June 19, 2024	9
Civic District Open House - Fairview	June 20, 2024	100
Pop up: South Granville Neighbourhood Plaza (W 13th Ave. and Granville St.)	June 22, 2024	70
Urban Explorers Workshop	June 25, 2024	30
Broadway Plan Open House - Kitsilano	June 26, 2024	351
Persons with Disabilities Advisory Subcommittee (PDAC)	July 4, 2024	9
UBC-NUS Student Tour of City Hall	July 5, 2024	40
Pop up: Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood Plaza (W 14th Ave. and Main St.)	July 6, 2024	35
South Granville BIA	July 10, 2024	1
CityStudio Youth Event	July 11, 2024	12
Mount Pleasant BIA	July 16, 2024	1
Vancouver City Hall Community Garden Society	July 18, 2024	2
Mount Pleasant Heritage Group	July 23, 2024	1
Transportation Advisory Committee	July 31, 2024	12

5 Appendix B

Youth Engagement: Urban Explorers (Lord Roberts)

In the summer of 2024 the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) partnered with Lord Roberts Elementary School to deliver Urban Explorers - a sustainability, social studies, and civics education program and curriculum based on Participatory Planning Pedagogy.

Over the course of 3 weeks, a cohort of 27 children from grades 5 and 6 (ages 10 to 12) engaged in Vancouver' s City Hall Campus plan. The students learned about environmental and social issues prevalent in Vancouver and researched solutions to address these issues. Student ideas were then developed into design-models and a bulletin collage and these final projects were presented back to city planners.











5 Appendix B

Youth Engagement: Urban Explorers (Lord Roberts)

The following summarizes the children's learnings and ideas based on their observations of their community environment and the current city plans.

Key Feedback Themes

Nature Connections

- Students strongly believe that biodiverse green spaces should be a major part of their outdoor environment as these increase the quality of their play and social experiences.
- Major requests included habitat enhancements through addition of diverse plants (shrubs and flowers), and especially trees, retaining existing larger trees and adding in new ones.
- Water-elements (including a pond) were common in student models.

Social Connections

- A dominant theme presented in student models was for the City Hall space to encourage social connections. A vast majority of students recommended encouraging this with diversified food-sharing opportunities, including local farm produce sales (as a farmers market or at an on-site grocery and flower store), cafes, ice-cream shops, and food-growing in community gardens.
- Enhanced public space amenities included diverse seating options, picnic tables, play structures (see more on play below), public art, washrooms, water fountains and selective waste disposal bins. Some students added arts, entertainment and physical activity spaces, such as a theatre, a library, a pool and a gym.
- Plaza-style public spaces were present through-out the site, at ground level as well as on raised and rooftop patios, and always included green spaces.

Play Affordances

- The Broadway Corridor area, with City Hall campus included, is a major 'play deficit' zone in Vancouver. With current redevelopment the city has the opportunity to reshape this area.

5 Appendix C

Youth Engagement: CityStudio

On July 11, 2024, City staff met with youth attending a co-hosted public event with CityStudio at their studio space located on Spyglass Place. During the event City staff presented on the importance of youth engagement in civic processes and the City Hall Campus planning program.

Following the presentation, youth were welcome to provide written feedback on each of the concept options, as well as future opportunities for the site. The following is a summary of written feedback received:

Supported Concept Option Features

Concept Option A

- The open space concept in the middle of the site.
- How the buildings are shaped upwards vs. towers shown in concept C (more green roofs for example).

Concept Option B

- The retention of older growth trees. Thinks the tiered plaza would be a good way to retain the trees.

Concept Option C

- How a larger plaza may support different types of social gathering / protests in comparison with multiple smaller terraces (Concept B).

Opposed Concept Option Features

Concept Option A

- The buildings shown.

Concept Option B

- The narrowness of public space on the north block.

Concept Option C

- Lack of shade and weather protection incorporated into open space concept.
- How built form will impact sightlines of by nearby businesses and homes.
- Dislike for positioning and massing of buildings as it feels disconnected and confusing.

Future Opportunities

Inclusivity and Accessibility

- Desire for the site to be accessible for all ages and abilities.
- Desire elevators / escalators for accessibility throughout the site.

5 Appendix C

Youth Engagement: CityStudio

- Desire for future amenities to serve both children and seniors.
- Consider opportunities to de-colonize City Hall, and the area around it.
- Create opportunities to engage with City Council / City Hall.
- Desire for City to not monetize / privatize public assets.

Amenities

- Desire for bike storage lockers on site.
- Desire for future City Hall campus to have a student space / youth lounge, study space, and free meeting rooms to use.
- Desire to have universal washrooms included in all concept options.
- Desire for outdoor gym equipment to be included in future public open space.
- Desire for rotating free self-guided museum of Vancouver history / culture.
- Desire to make City Hall feel more like a community centre, and create varied uses for the building.
- Desire for an outdoor patio like the Bill Reid Gallery.
- Desire for inclusion of residential uses on site (especially social housing).

Public Space Activation

- Desire to create first date / proposal location on site.
- Desire for public art to be included in future civic plaza design.
- Desire for summer movie nights at City Hall at the back of the building.
- Desire for for community engagement opportunities to be integrated in public space.
- Support for City Hall after hours. Keep City Hall activated throughout the day and evening.
- Desire to make City Hall a destination for both locals and tourists.
- Implement educational signage of urban ecology (e.g. old growth trees).