VANCOUVER PLAN
Implementation
2050

Villages Planning Program

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

December 5, 2024

Moving Forward Together

Villages

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Vancouver is located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and this place has been stewarded by them since time immemorial.



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ten years city of reconciliation Vancouver

Outline

1. Session format and guidelines
2. Presentation on the Villages Planning Program
3. Questions and Answers

Session Format and Guidelines

After the presentation, you can ask questions by **entering them into the chat**. We will answer questions after the presentation.

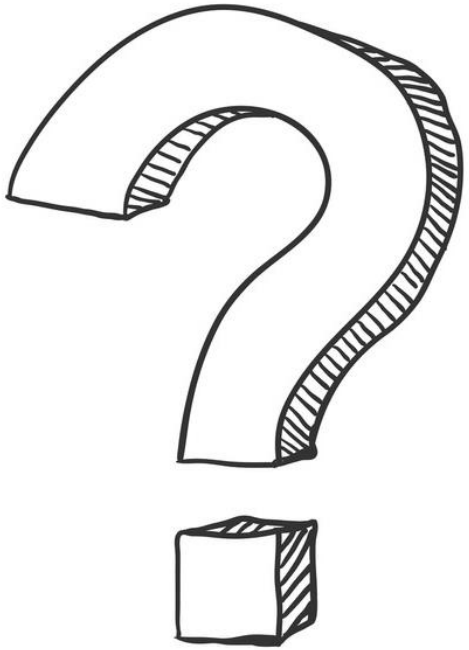
Please use the chat for **QUESTIONS only**, any other comments can be submitted through our survey or by emailing villages@vancouver.ca.

Community Guidelines:

- Respect the opinions of others. Zero tolerance for abusive or discriminatory language or behaviour.
- The recording or photography of conversations or participants is not permitted.
- We can remove participants from the session if needed.

Summary of Questions Received

1. Project and construction timelines
2. Affordable housing and tenant protection / displacement
3. Urban design and infrastructure impacts
4. Villages selection and boundaries
5. Small / local retail
6. Potential future impacts to existing homes and residents; infrastructure impacts
7. Land use / zoning changes / application process
8. Micro-mobility and tax implications





Villages Planning Overview

Villages

Villages Planning Program
Why are we here today?

1. **Share information** about the Villages Planning Program and Vancouver Plan implementation

2. **Respond to** your **questions**

3. **Share further opportunities** to get involved



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Why Villages?

Villages are areas where many daily needs can be met within a 5-minute walk, roll or bike ride from home

- Provide “missing middle” housing to create options for households of different sizes and incomes
- Support a mix of local shops and services
- Encourage a scale which promotes vibrant public spaces and walkable, lively destinations close to home









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What are Villages?

TODAY

- Areas centered around small commercial areas
- Mostly low-density areas with single-family homes
- A few shops, community services and amenities






FUTURE

- Mix of building heights and types (up to 6 storeys)
- More shops/services (potentially grocery store)
- Access to most daily needs within walking distance








How do Villages relate to the Vancouver Plan?



Villages

Vancouver Plan
Foundations and Aspirations

3 Foundational Principles



Reconciliation



Equity



Resilience

3 Big Ideas

Equitable Housing and Complete Neighbourhoods



An Economy that Works for All



Climate Protection and Restored Ecosystems



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Engagement Snapshot

PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

through **four phases of engagement** from **November 2019** to **May 2022**

52,000+
Engagement touchpoints

522
Overall number of engagement events

318,000+
postcards mailed out

2,815
engagement contacts at workshops and meetings

707
intercept interviews

21,599
engagement contacts at open house, pop-up events and information sessions

1,015
participants in do-it-yourself walking tours and conversations kits

185
meetings with equity-denied groups

2,455
engagement contacts at

118
youth workshops, presentations and sessions for young planners

152,000+
website page views

25,000+
survey responses
(all Vancouver Plan surveys)

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Neighbourhood Types

- Characterize type of change, and expected building forms (e.g. towers, midrise, multiplex)
- Provide different housing choices
- Support complete, inclusive neighbourhoods
- Create variation and distinct identities across the City


Metro Core/Broadway


Municipal Town Centre


Rapid Transit Area


Neighbourhood Centre


Village


Multiplex Area

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Land Use Strategy

25 Villages:

- Identified based on existing small commercial nodes
- Approx. 400 m radius (5-minute walk)
- Exact boundaries to be refined through future planning process



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Direction for Villages

"Strengthen low-density residential neighbourhoods by adding shops, services, and housing choice to provide more complete, inclusive, and resilient neighbourhoods"



POLICY DIRECTIONS

- **Housing:** Expand New Missing Middle housing up to six storeys
- **Shopping Areas:** Expand retail clusters (including on local street), improve business viability
- **Public Realm:** Co-locate public open spaces with shops and community spaces
- **Nature:** Retain trees and integrate ecological networks

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Current Implementation Projects



Villages Planning Program
Scope of Work

Villages

Villages Planning Program
Previous Council Directions

Council Motion in October 2023
to accelerate "Housing Delivery Through Transformative Change"

- **Accelerate implementation** of 26 Village Areas to facilitate the construction of townhouses, multiplex buildings, and mixed-use low-rise buildings between 3-6 storeys..., to create more complete, inclusive, and resilient neighbourhoods for people of different ages, incomes, and backgrounds...

- Identify opportunities for pre-zoning Village areas

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Where are they?

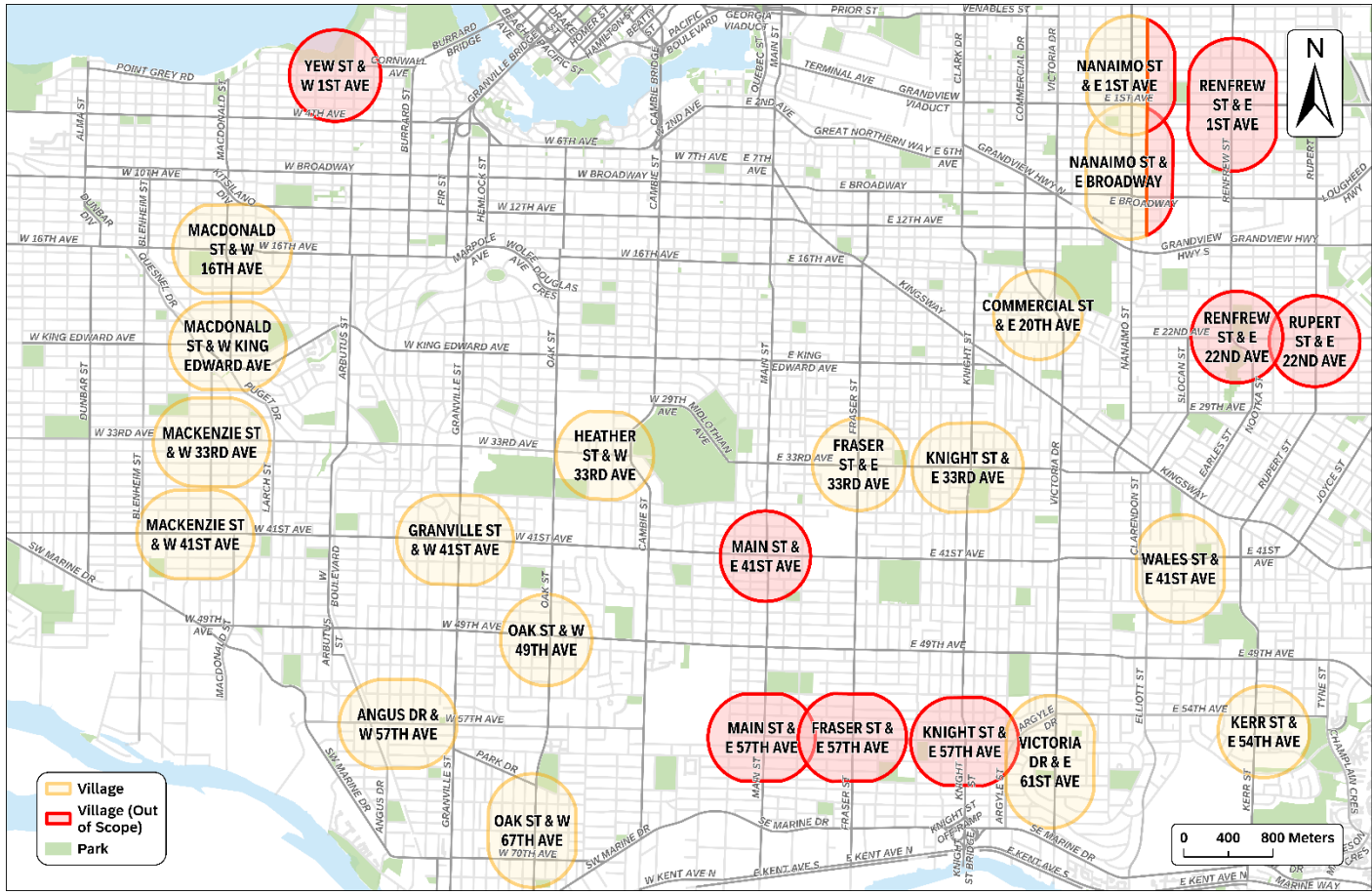
Of the 25 Villages in Vancouver Plan…

In Scope:

- 17 Villages (yellow)
- Outside of downtown/'Metro Core'

Out of Scope:

- 3 (plus two partial) within Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan
- 5 to form part of future planning initiatives



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What will we do?

Identify areas for:

1. Missing Middle housing options up to six storeys
2. Expansion of commercial areas to allow more ground floor retail and services
3. Exclusion from land use changes (e.g. large sites, heritage, existing affordable housing developments)

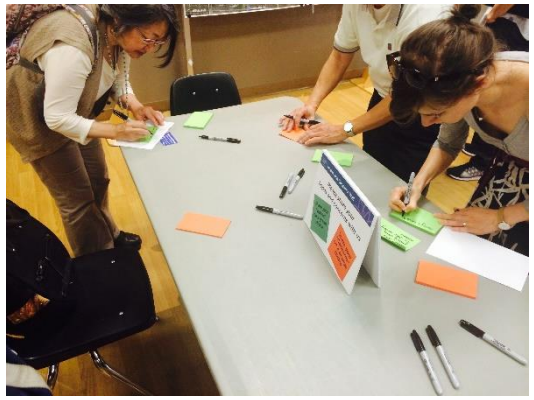
Explore:

- Implementation tools (e.g. city-initiated zoning changes)
- Feasibility of small neighbourhood anchors, like grocery stores
- Opportunities for future public spaces, transportation improvements and village-scale amenities, to be delivered over time

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Engagement

- Villages grouped for engagement – people have connections to more than one Village
- Mix of in-person and online events – ensures many can participate
- Stakeholders: TransLink, VSB, local businesses, community groups
- Project referrals to xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation); engage with Urban Indigenous populations









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Project Timeline



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Share your thoughts

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Where are we in the process?

There are various ways that people are connected to Villages.

You may live in a Village, shop in one nearby, or have children that go to school there. Whatever your connection to a Village, we would like to hear from you!

Phase 1 (Villages Today)

- Learning about existing conditions and opportunities
- Asking public + stakeholders for feedback to inform new policies in the next phase of work

Next Steps

- Analyze feedback received during engagement period
- Prepare summary report of what we heard, and post it on website
- More opportunities for you to share your thoughts in Phases 2 and 3

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How can you get involved?

- Visit our Shape Your City project webpage (info boards, mapping activity)
- Meet a planner at an in-person information sessions
- Fill out a survey on Talk Vancouver (link on Shape Your City)
- Sign up for our mailing list to receive project updates by email
- Send us your questions at villages@vancouver.ca
- Call 3-1-1 to talk to us over the phone