

How to Participate in Vancouver Urban Planning Decisions

Have you ever wished there were more apartments in your neighbourhood instead of single-family homes, or that there was a bike lane on the route you take to work, or a childcare centre near your office building?

Making urban planning decisions is one of the most significant ways city councils create change. These decisions impact where major roads go, what kind of buildings and businesses are allowed in different neighbourhoods, and our access to green spaces. Council decisions also impact the development of official long-term plans for the city. It is important that Vancouver City Council knows what residents prioritize so they can make decisions that reflect those priorities. Vancouver has many neighbourhood-specific and service-specific plans that you can participate in to influence urban planning decisions in the city.

One of the city's major long-range plans is the Vancouver Plan, which was passed in 2022 and sets a 30-year vision for the city. The plan outlines steps that aim to make the city more livable, affordable, and sustainable. The goals in the plan were created after extensive public engagement, research, and analysis of Vancouver's urban planning landscape.

Vancouver Plan



Creating more housing options



Developing complete, connected neighbourhoods



Supporting businesses



Addressing the climate crisis and restoring ecosystems

[Learn more about the Vancouver Plan](#) 

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



Attend a Consultation on the Vancouver Plan

The city continues to have ongoing consultations about different plans for specific neighbourhoods or services that support the implementation of the Vancouver Plan. Consultations are a great place to express your thoughts directly to city staff.



Attend and Speak at a Public Hearing

Public hearings are a type of council meeting that provide an official opportunity for the mayor and council to hear the public's views on certain city planning decisions, including rezoning bylaws, community plans, and heritage designations. Sign up to speak at a hearing on an issue that matters to you.



Complete [Shape Your City Surveys](#)

Shape Your City is an online portal for frequent, ongoing surveys about proposed plans for areas of Vancouver. Vancouver residents can ensure that their city develops in ways that align with their needs by filling out these surveys online.



Participate in [Talk Vancouver](#)

Talk Vancouver is an online panel where you can tune in to hear about the latest city initiatives, share your views, and connect with Vancouver residents who have the same needs as you.



Stay Informed

Being up to date on current city initiatives is a crucial step to ensuring that you can speak out on issues that are important to you. Stay in the know by watching Vancouver City Council meetings and signing up for the city's newsletters.



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