

A person wearing a white coat with black polka dots and a black shoulder bag is walking across a crosswalk painted with vibrant rainbow stripes. The scene is outdoors on a city street with a blurred background of trees and buildings.

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Vancouver  
Together

# Vancouver Plan Phase 1 Report: Public Engagement Summary and Provisional Goals

Presentation to the Park Board, November 2 2020

# Purpose:

- 1. Update Park Board on outcomes of community engagement Phase 1**
- 2. Update Park Board on Council Adopted Provisional Goals & Key Directions**
- 3. Highlight Community Recovery Actions underway**
- 4. Outline Next Steps:**
  - Community and Council Engagement – *How Will We Achieve These Goals?*
  - Action While Planning: *addressing priority community needs as we plan*

# Council Report Recommendations (As Adopted)

- A. THAT Council receive for information the Vancouver Plan Phase 1 Engagement Summary (Appendix A) ...”, and ask the new equity officer to ensure that we are applying an intersectional lens.**
  
- B. THAT Council endorse the Vancouver Plan Provisional Goals, as presented in the Report to guide the creation of the Vancouver Plan with continued, robust community engagement.**
  
- C. THAT Council receive for information initial community recovery actions that will contribute towards and be coordinated through the City of Vancouver’s COVID-19 Recovery Program (Appendix B ...)**

# Council Report Recommendations (As Adopted)

**D. THAT the phrase “for every resident that they can afford with 30% or less of their household income” be added at the end of goal 5 ...as follows:**

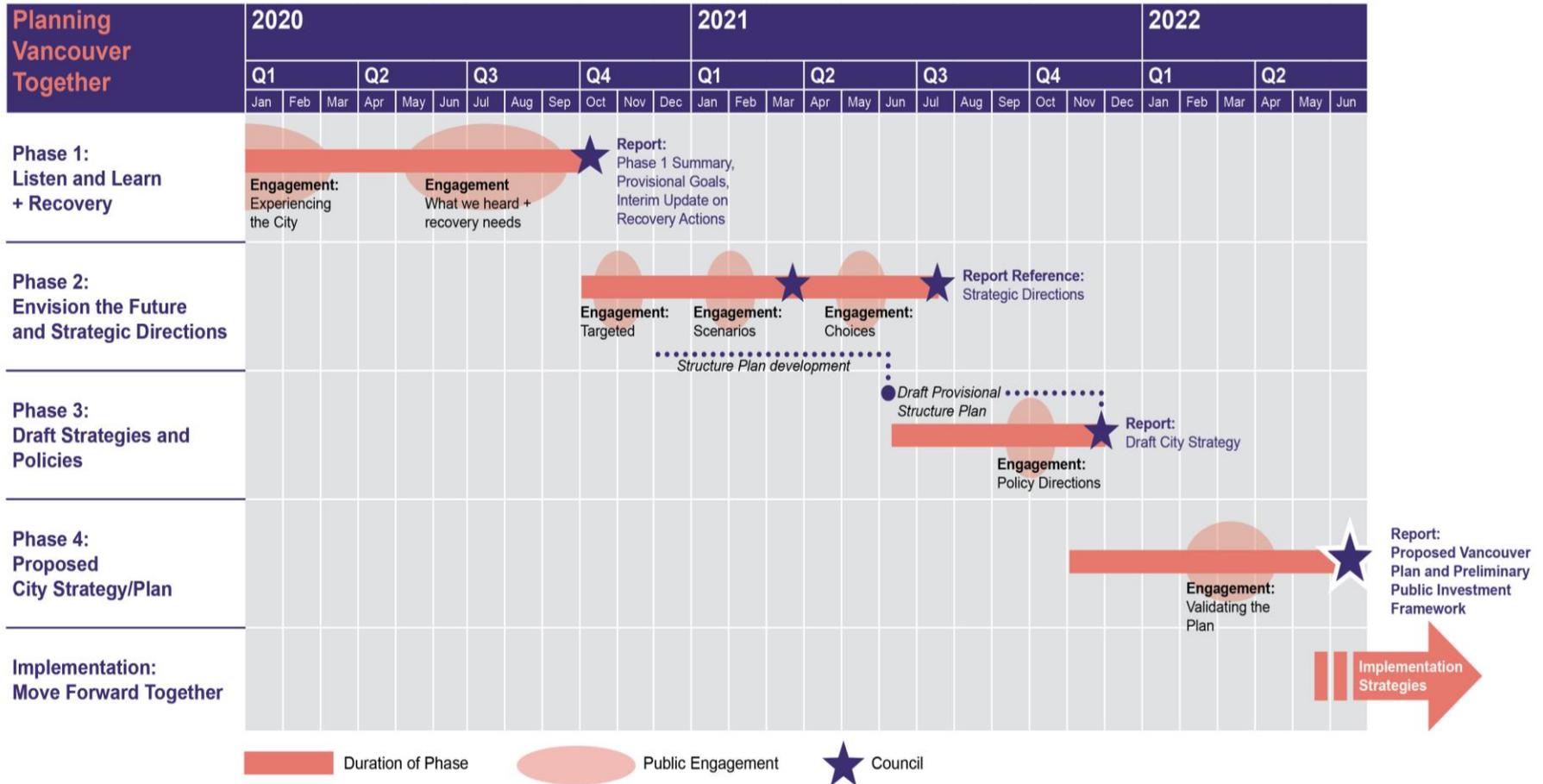
- Develop an Affordable City with Diverse and Secure Housing *for every resident that they can afford with 30% or less of their household income.*

**D. THAT Council direct staff to consider ways or forums to enable enhanced involvement and leadership of Council in the Vancouver Plan and city-wide and neighbourhood engagement, on a limited number of issues especially related to “complete communities” that could result in “quick start” actions or pilot projects, including:**

1. re-allocation of 11% of Vancouver’s neighbourhood streets for public uses...
2. “Missing Middle” housing;
3. opportunities to increase rental housing in C-2 zones and transition areas...
4. corner grocery stores and food-friendly neighbourhoods;
5. community blue-greenways and watershed revival; and
6. *social housing.*



# Key Council Milestones



# Vancouver Plan Deliverables

## COMMON VISION



## ENGAGEMENTS + PARTNERSHIPS



Social  
Environmental  
Economic  
Cultural

**1. Strategic  
Policy  
Framework**



**2. Structure Plan**



**3. Public  
Investment  
Framework**



**4. Metrics**



**5. Partnerships**



**6. Short Term  
Recovery Actions**

# Some Key Messages During the Pandemic

1. **A deepening of the major challenges** identified pre-COVID
2. Major concerns around the **impacts of economic recession**
  - ▶ vulnerable populations, renters, landlords, businesses, employees, NPOs
3. Emphasis on **designing walkable/ rollable, compact communities** with easy access to food, recreation, services and amenities.
4. Importance of **parks and public spaces** in supporting **mental and physical well-being** during the pandemic.
5. **Children and youth** highlighting the climate emergency, walkable and able communities, addressing widening inequality



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## Phase 1 Engagement Findings



# Phase 1 Engagement: Activities and Events



# Phase 1 Engagement (November 2019 – August 2020)

## 12,000+ engagement touchpoints overall



Launch survey online and in person community interviews

- **9708 responses**
- **16 community outreach visits**
- **48,000+ open ended comments**



Stakeholder/ Activator Circle workshops

- **90+ sessions**
- **1500+ participants**



# Phase 1 Engagement (June 2020 – August 2020)



## Online Idea Sharing – Shape Your City

- **151 new ideas**
- **81 votes**

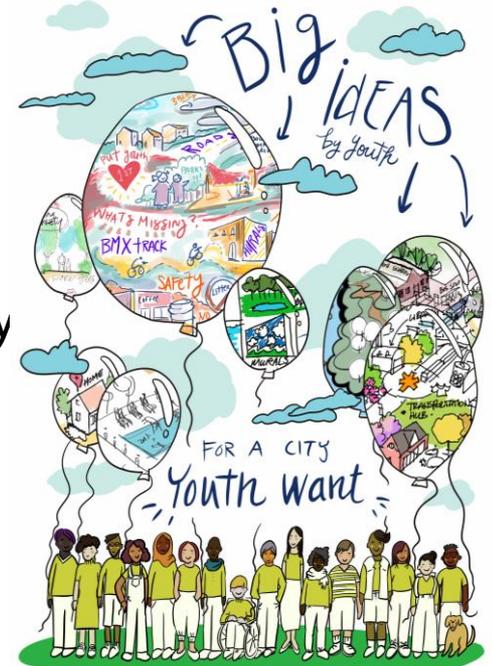
## Young Planners Website and Youth Survey

- **2500+ visits to the Young Planners page**
- **65 submissions to the youth survey**



## Child and Youth City Building Workshops

- **Online and in person +200**



# Phase 1 Engagement: What We Heard

## Six Key Challenges



Rising Unaffordability



Housing Insecurity



Visible Public Struggle – homelessness, addiction and mental health impacts



The Need for Accessible, Affordable and Efficient Transportation Options



Deepening Inequality



Eroding Trust and Confidence in Local Government

# Phase 1 Engagement: What We Heard

## *What Do We Need More of in the Future?*



Preserve Places of Natural Beauty – maintain closeness to nature



Increased Fairness and Opportunities for All



Design More Walkable/ Roll-able Compact, Complete Communities



Promote Community Well-being and Social Connection



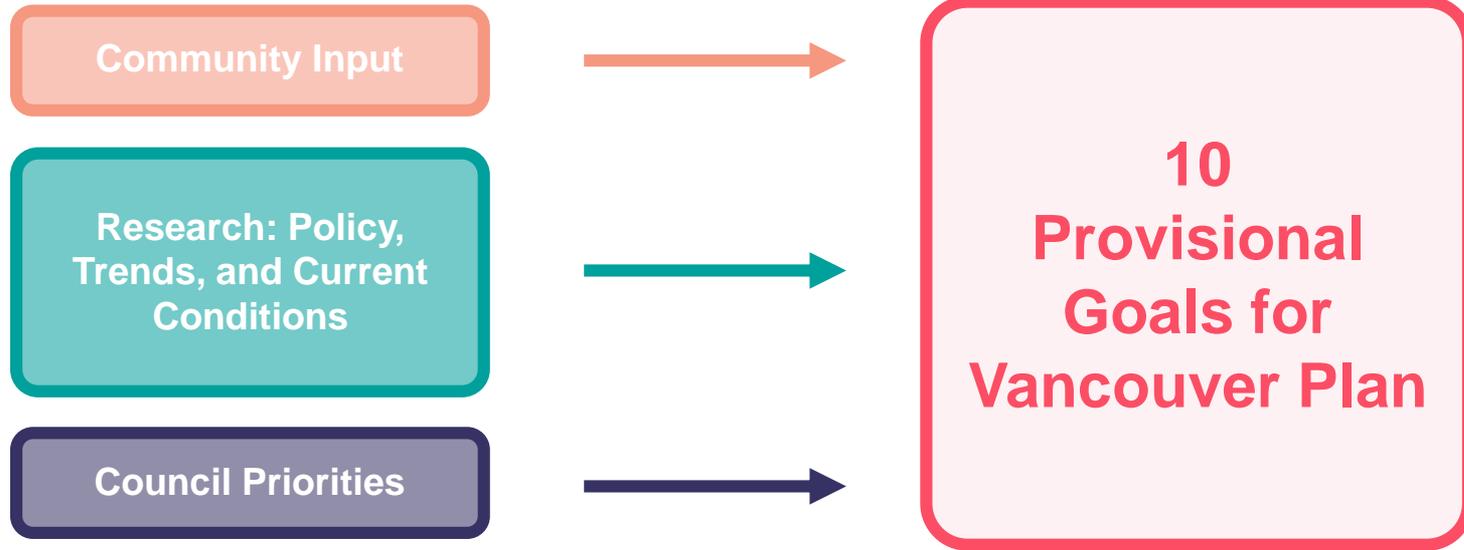
Expand Places for Public Gathering



## Provisional Goals and Key Directions



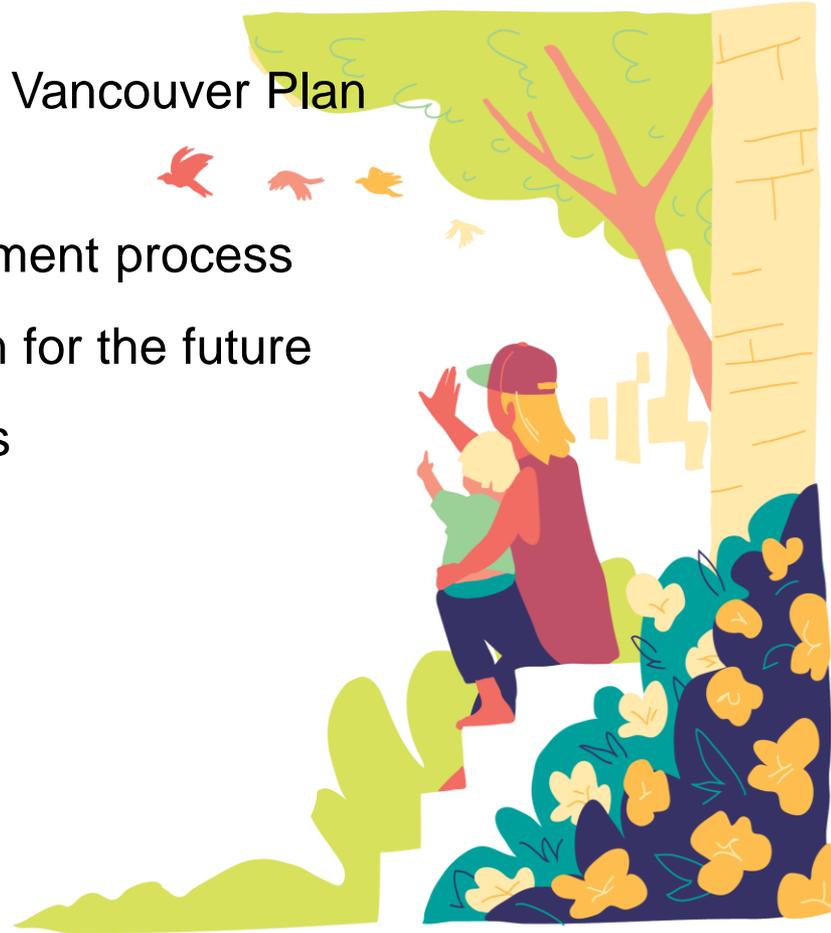
# Vancouver Plan Provisional Goals



# These Goals Will Also:

Serve as a foundation and guide the Vancouver Plan by:

- Shaping the planning/ engagement process
- Guiding the creation of a vision for the future
- Framing trade-offs and choices
- Guiding policy development



# ***Becoming Vancouver***

***Through the Vancouver Plan, we will articulate a shared vision that sets forth aspirations, choices and strategies to become a city that...***

# Provisional Goals and Directions



RECONCILIATION

## 1. Advances Reconciliation through Decolonization

- Confronting systemic inequity, racism and colonialism
- Working with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and urban Indigenous partners

## 2. Creates an Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive Community

- Transforming our processes and practices to include and reflect marginalized people and communities
- Centering equity-seeking voices to build a more just city



EQUITABLE + INCLUSIVE

# Provisional Goals and Directions

## 3. Is Sustainable and Carbon Neutral

- Achieving carbon neutrality before 2050 with 100% renewable energy
- Reducing carbon emissions, prioritizing active transportation, creating complete communities and responding to long term impacts of climate change
- Promoting one planet living through water conservation, local food systems, good air quality, a green economy and thriving ecosystems

SUSTAINABLE

## 4. Ensures Safety, Preparedness and Resiliency

- Enhancing the capacity of social support systems, our neighbourhoods, infrastructure and government to recover from future shocks, natural disasters, pandemics and the opioid crisis
- Supporting the most vulnerable and all communities with effective emergency preparedness, fire, police and regulatory services

PREPARED + RESILIENT

# Provisional Goals and Directions



AFFORDABLE, DIVERSE  
+ SECURE

## 5. Provides **Housing Choice, Affordability, and Security** for the **Diverse Needs of Vancouver Residents**

- Enabling housing choices for a diversity of incomes and prioritizing those experiencing homelessness, low-income people and communities facing systemic racism
- Creating holistic and affordable neighbourhoods with diverse housing, childcare, community and recreational facilities, parks, cultural spaces and local employment opportunities.



DIVERSE + HEALTHY ECONOMY

## 6. Supports a **Diverse and Healthy Economy**

- Supporting a high wage, safe and equitable labour market where innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation are supported.
- Fostering a safe, attractive and competitive environment with affordable housing, childcare, access to education and amenities, thriving cultural sectors, supportive policies and good governance

# Provisional Goals and Directions



## 7. Has Complete, Connected, and Culturally Vibrant Neighbourhoods

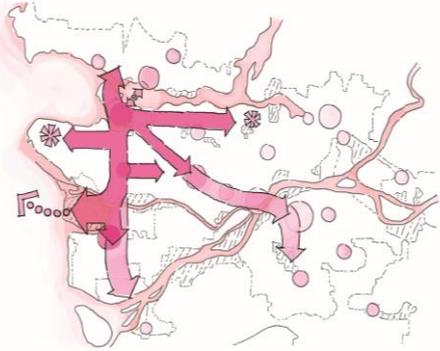
- Enabling walkable access to social, artistic, cultural, retail and green spaces
- Improving active transportation options and addressing issues of traffic congestion
- Linking region-serving business areas, production areas and cultural districts

## 8. Re-Establishes Thriving Urban Natural Systems

- Connecting and enhancing ecological corridors and biodiversity throughout neighbourhoods
- Integrating green infrastructure in development and our public realm
- Working in partnership with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to collaborate on strategies to enhance the health of the land, waterways, foreshores



# Provisional Goals and Directions



REGIONAL ALIGNMENT

## 9. Intentionally Manages Growth

- Leveraging advantages of regional growth and transportation strategies
- Coordinating planning, financing and building of physical and social infrastructure
- Tackling inter-municipal issues: climate change, the housing crisis, economic health, and pandemic recovery

## 10. Demonstrates Transparency in Decision-Making and Actively Collaborates with Partners

- Modelling transparency around the Vancouver Plan process and other initiatives reflecting what we've heard and how this shapes the plan
- Delivering major investments through local, regional, provincial, federal and international partnerships
- Monitoring and evaluating efforts to manage and adapt effectively



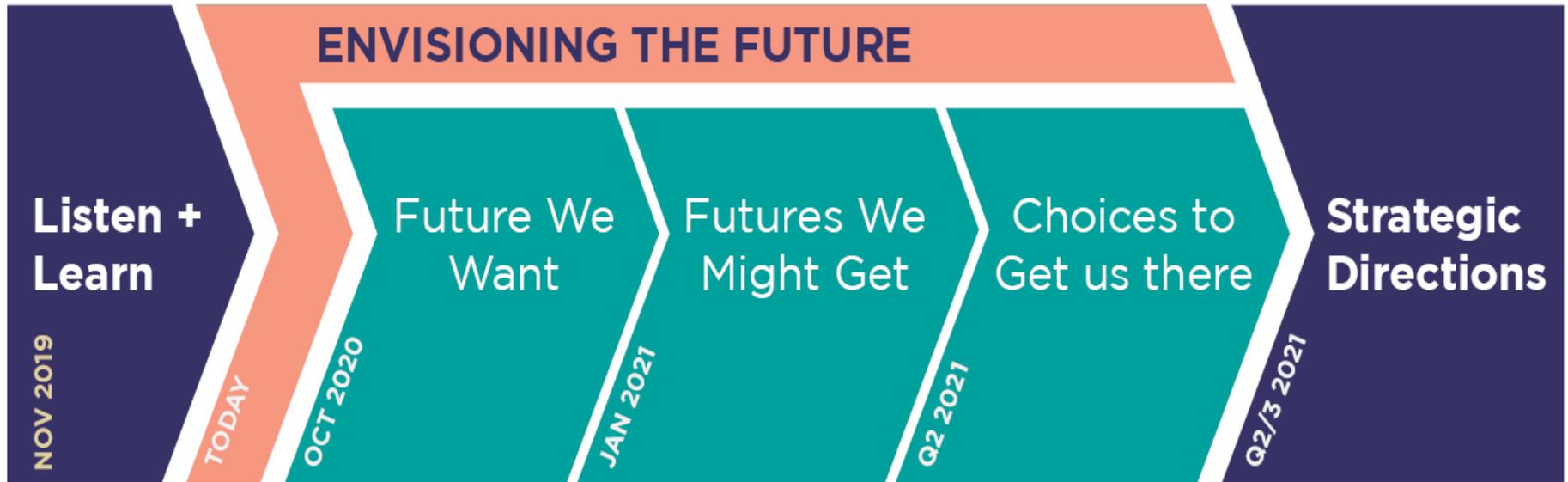
TRANSPARENT + COLLABORATIVE  
PARTNERSHIPS



## Phase 2 of Planning: Envisioning the Future and Strategic Directions



# Next Steps: Upcoming Engagement



# Next Steps: Upcoming Engagement – *Launching November*

## The Future We Want: *What will it take to achieve these Goals?*

- Online Material on [vancouverplan.ca](http://vancouverplan.ca)
- Re-tooled Conversation Kits
- Community Navigator Program in partnership with community organizations



# Next Steps: Upcoming Engagement – *Launching Nov/Dec*

## The Future We Want – Ideas on Solutions and Choices

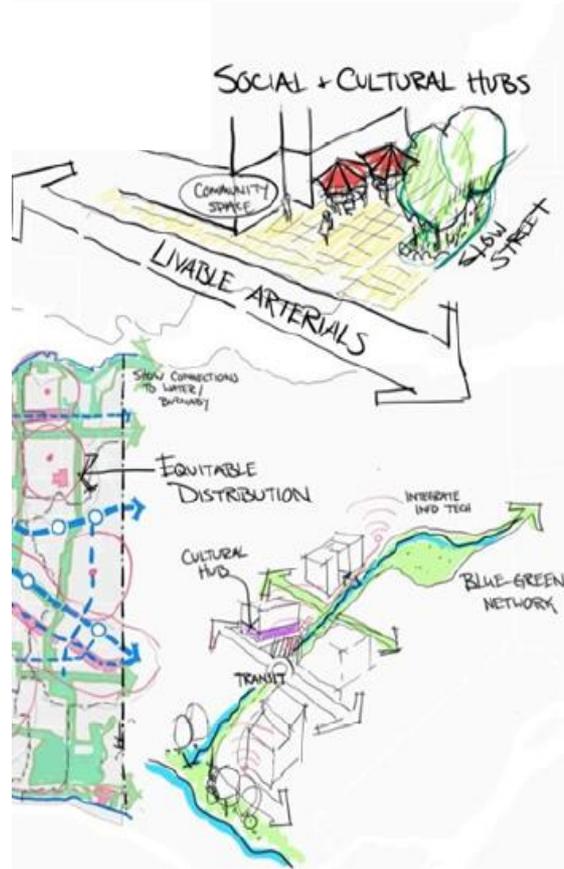
- **Online dialogue series**
- **Complete Communities & Neighbourhood workshops**
- **Community activities with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations**
- **Child and Youth Activities**



# The Future We Want – Complete Communities Workshops

## Building Complete, Connected, Culturally Vibrant Communities & Neighbourhoods

- Series of city-wide and locally focused on-line workshops
- Focus on creating complete, compact, walkable neighbourhoods with range of affordable housing options and amenities
- Using design and visual recording tools
- Foundation for potential quick starts actions/ pilots



# The Future We Want - Online Dialogues

## Convening Dialogues with Partners (under development)

- Current Context – Case for Change
- Building Complete, Connected Communities with Affordable Housing Choices
- Equity and Building an Anti-Racist, Inclusive City
- A Diverse Economy and the Future of Work
- Climate Action and Sustainability
- Governance, Democracy and Trust
- Putting it all together - a roll up event to also introduce Scenario Planning





# Looking Ahead: Key Milestones 2021

- **Choices and Trade-offs Forum – Spring, 2021**
- **Report to Council on Strategic Directions + Provisional Structure Plan (Q2/3 2021)**
- **Draft City Strategy (Q4 2021)**



# COVID 19 – Recovery Program: Community Recovery Actions

- **Early Community Recovery Actions** that are underway or imminent are provided in report (**Appendix B**)
- Aligned with policy and public feedback: e.g. public realm enhancements, washrooms/washing stations in the DTES, patios, small business supports
- Actions are “stepping stones” towards achieving long-term provisional goals emerging through Vancouver Plan
- **Additional recovery actions in the pipeline** to be prioritized in the fall through City of Vancouver’s COVID-19 Recovery Program



# Action While Planning

- **Actions and potential pilot projects** may be initiated during Van Plan process
- **Address priority community needs**, e.g. Housing Crisis, Climate Emergency, Economic Challenges, Equity Issues, etc.
- Aligned with CoV planning objectives
- Can be **integrated into Vancouver Plan engagement** without delaying either
- **Responsive to Council motions and engagement** (re: housing options, local economy, green-blue systems, etc.)





# Questions/Comments?