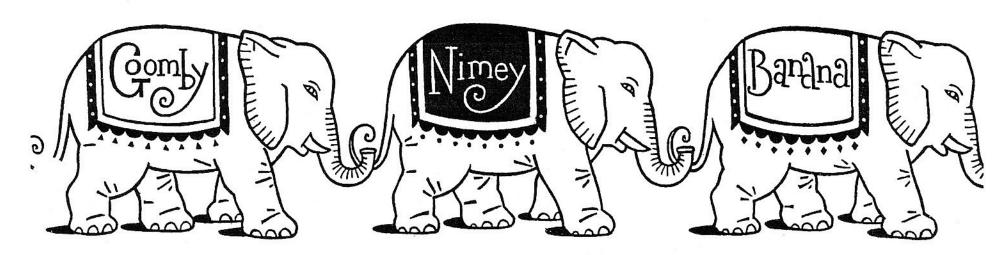


Not in my back yard

Locally unwanted land use

Not on planet earth



Get out of my back yard

Not in my election year

Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anything

#### From NIMBY to YIMBY

Dr. Ann McAfee, Retired Co-Director of Planning, Vancouver



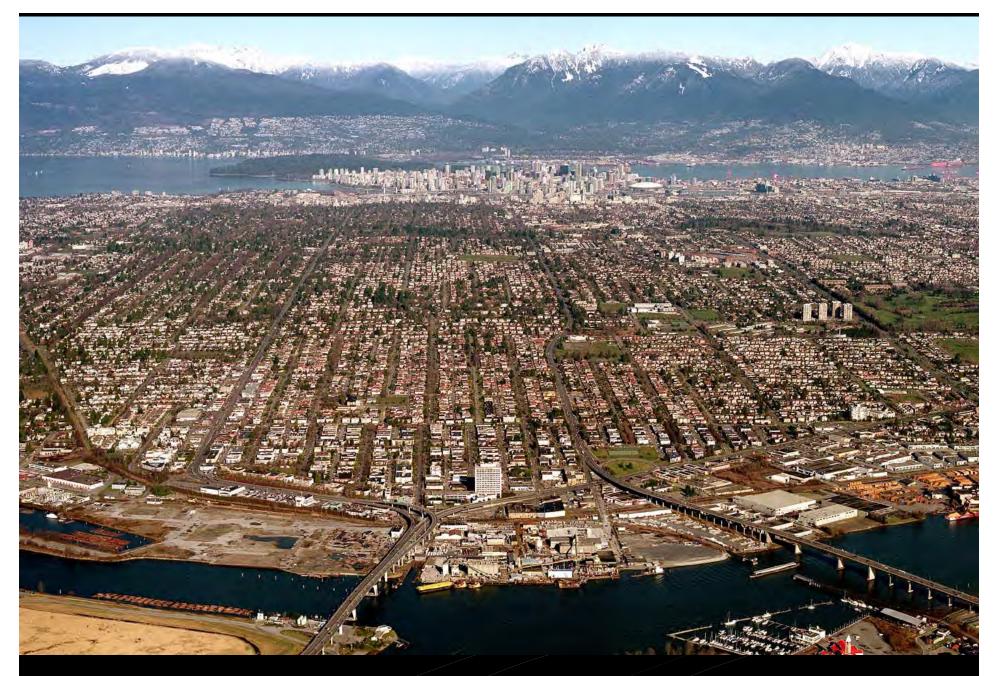
- 1. Vancouver's CityPlan Story
  - From NIMBY to YIMBY
- 2. Lessons from CityPlan
  - Supporting Council's Role
  - Enhancing the Public's Role

3. How Relevant to Victoria?

#### Vancouver Context 1972-1992



Decide Develop



70% of City Single-Family -- Last Plan 1930s

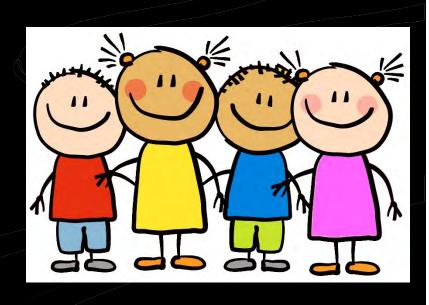
## Changes 1950

Post-war Families to 1990's

Empty Nesters & New Families







### Council Caught Between





Long Term Residents
Want to downsize

VS

Younger Home Owners
Want to Maintain House Value

New Households want an Affordable Home

# **Analysis: What Options?**



#### **Excess Services?**

Service Capacity Analysis Sewers, Water, Parks, Fire, Police, Roads, Libraries



#### Redundant Suburban Industrial Lands?







# Council-Staff Solution: Build New Housing on Suburban Brownfield Sites

- 1. Council Requests Staff Report
- 2. Staff Assemble Information
- 3. Assess Choices & Consequences
- 4. Recommend Draft Plan
- 5. Council Receives and Refers Plan









Council/Staff

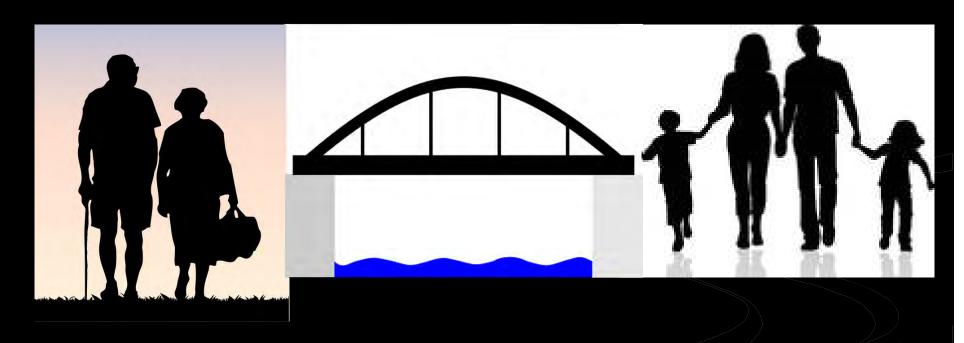
**Public** 



Community Responds

#### Council Concludes Need a New City Plan

#### Public invited to Walk in Council's Shoes



Long Term Residents vs Younger Home Owners + All other Interests

# The New Age of River Rafting

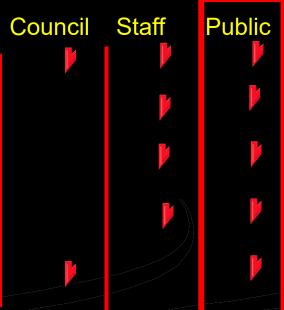


Everyone In the Boat Broad Inclusion: e.g. Communities, Business Multicultural, Youth, Elderly, Needy, City

#### **New Planning Process**

- Propose/Approve Process
- 2. Assemble Inputs: Information, Ideas
- 3. Assess Choices & Consequences
- 4. Recommend & Review Draft Plan
- Public Hearing Adopt Plan





#### **Prime Directives**

#### 1. Hear in New Ways

Many ways to Participate

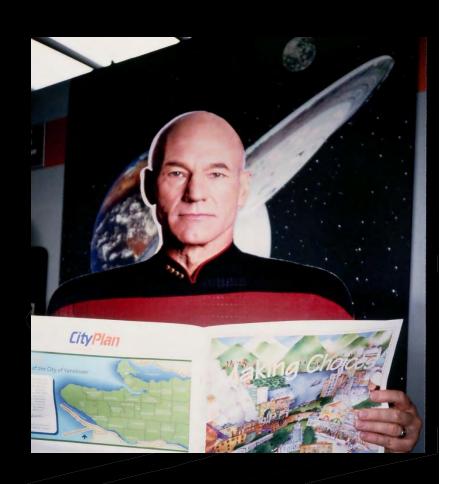
#### 2. Hear from New People

Not just 'Usual Voices'

#### 3. Hear About All Issues

- Land Use
- Budget Priorities
- Community Services
- Sustainability
- Arts & Culture
- Governance

# 4. Ideas & Solutions Travel Together



# Council Establishes: Interdepartmental Planning Team (Limit Consultants)







## Council Agrees Funding

1. 'Extensive' Engagement

2. Funds for Early Implementation(Dream with a Dollar)



## Working the Media



- Meet Editorial Boards
- Set Up Social Media sites



Advertise Engagement Opportunities.

Newspapers/Radio/TV Social Media

## Council Invites Public to Help Plan City



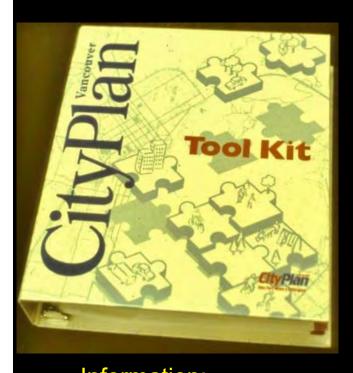


Personal Touch
Mayor signs
2,000
Invitation Letters

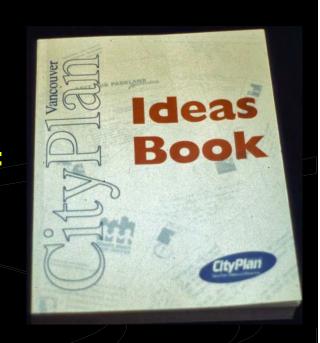
# 4 Steps to Prepare Plan by Addressing Difficult Choices



# Step 1 Identify Directions for New City Plan







Information:
Focus Discussion
on Ideas Not
Debate Facts

People Discuss
Prepare Ideas for
New City Plan

Ideas Book

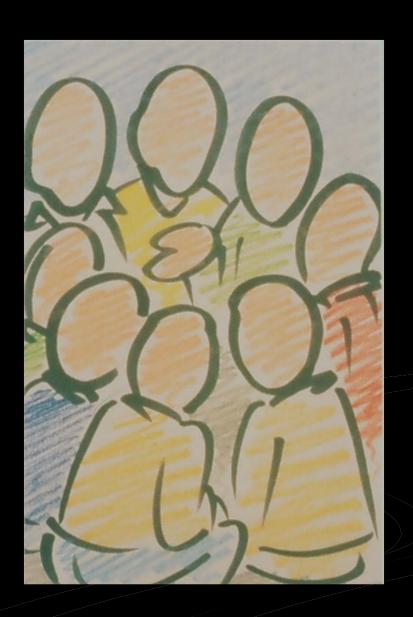
## City Circles

- Groups of 10 15 people discuss future directions
- People talk to People
- People Represent Selves Not Organizations



#### Promote:

- Participation
- Shared Solutions



150 Circles

### **Broad Inclusion**

- Information Translated into 8 Languages
- Assisted participation: audio, LARGE type, oneon-one, web training









## **Engaging Children & Youth**

- 150 Classroom Circles
- Kids in the "Hall"
- Art, Video, Web Projects





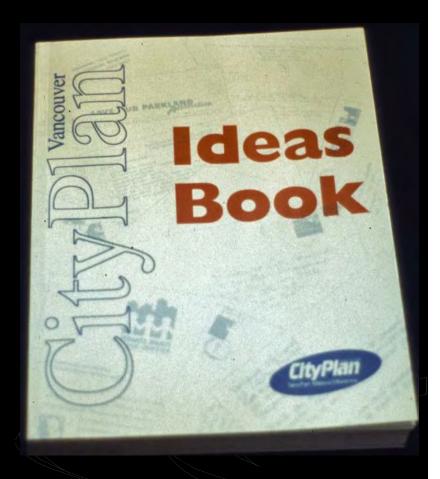


### Ideas Book

Sharing Ideas: Submissions from Over 3,000 people

Credibility:
Share own and see others ideas.

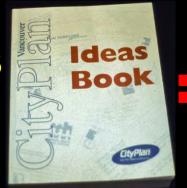






## Circles Display Ideas

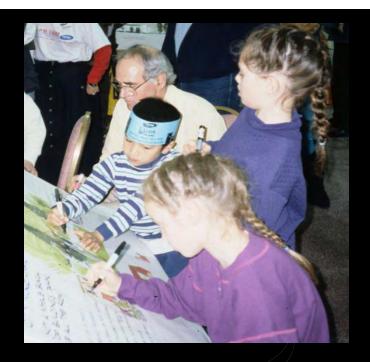
**Artists Illustrate Ideas** 

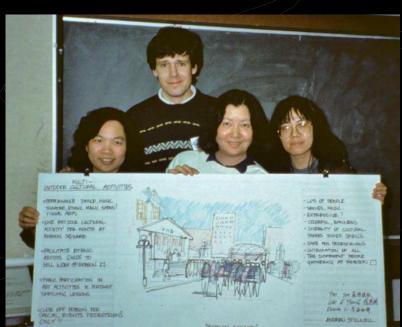






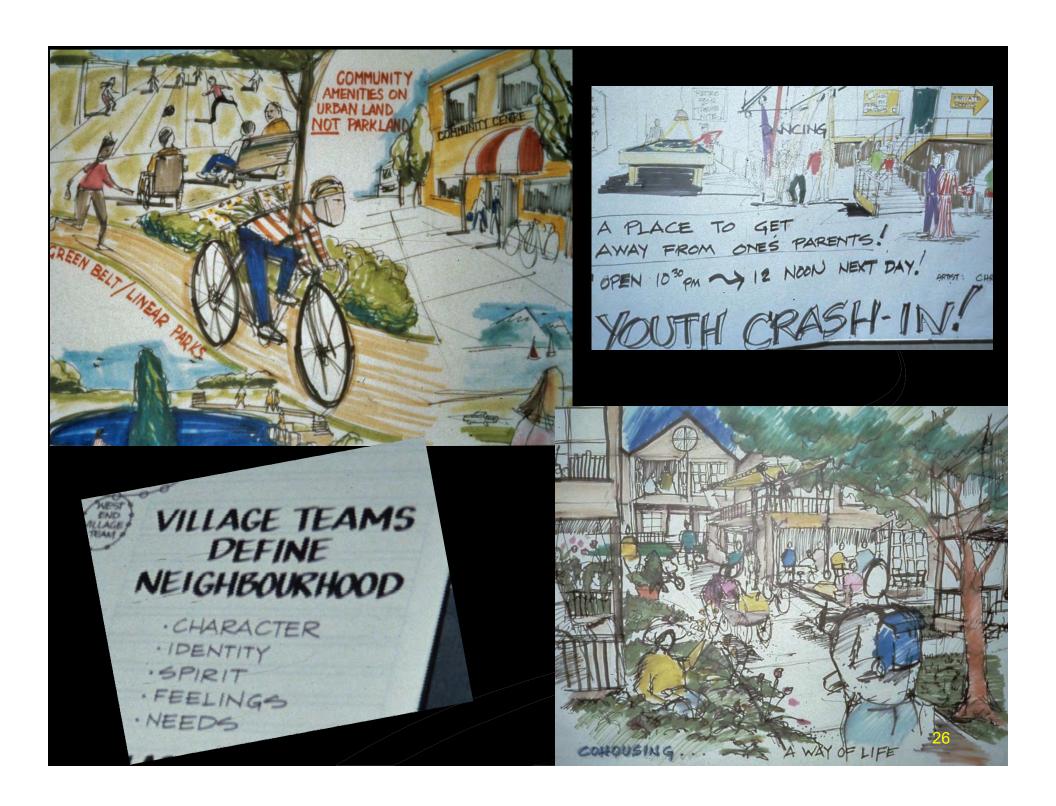


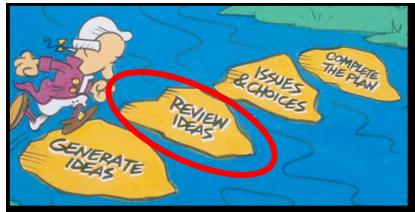




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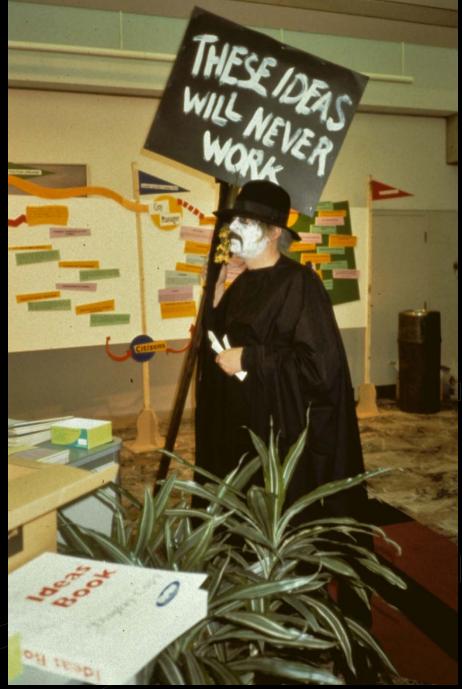


# Ideas Fair Public's Ideas Displayed and Discussed







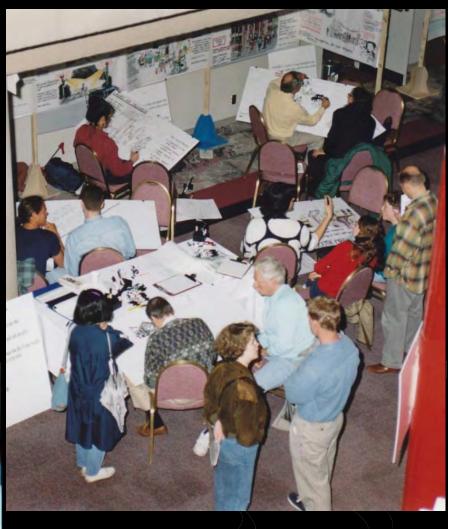




People Speak to Council = Creditability

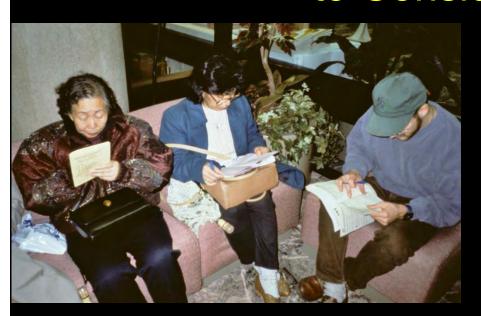






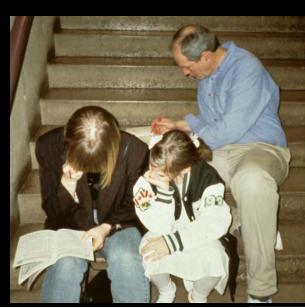
10,000 attend over 3 days

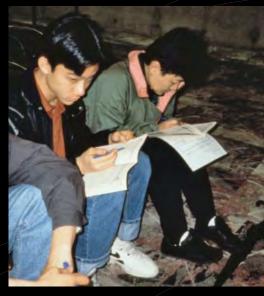
# People Recommend Ideas to Consider Further

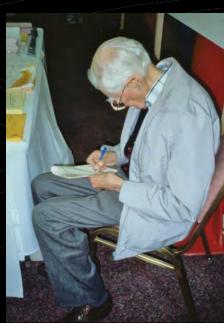


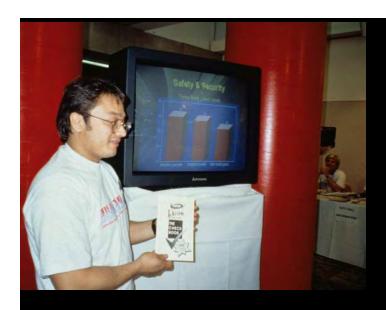








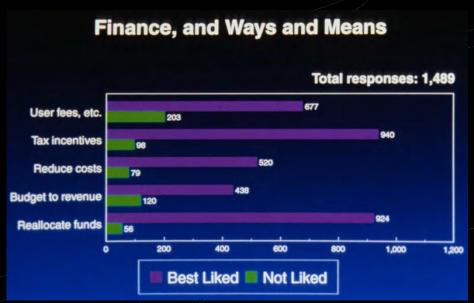




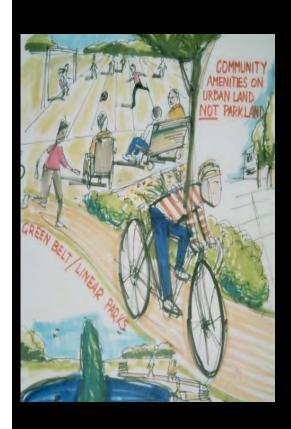
#### Staff Tabulate Fair Results







# Broad Agreement = Council Approves Ideas Into Action = \$ Allocated Builds Creditability





**Build Greenways - Bikeways** 

# Step 3 Where No Agreement: Council Invites Public to Advise on Choices



# Example Financial Choices What Services? Who For? Who Pays? How Pay?









Increase Taxes to Pay for services

Reduce Services

More efficient
Use of existing
services

## Example Land Use Choices Where Will People Live?

In City
Redevelop
Industrial Lands

In City
Increase
Suburban Density

Out of City Regional Development







Brownfield

Greyfield

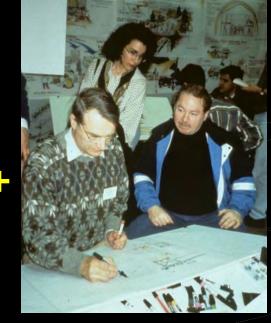
Greenfield

#### Choices for Circle/Public Discussion

Staff assemble key ideas from the public into Choices Workbooks

Circles Illustrate Futures







Choices	Consequences	How Do?
·		

## Futures Choices To All Households + Tent Tour





People Speak to Council = Credibility

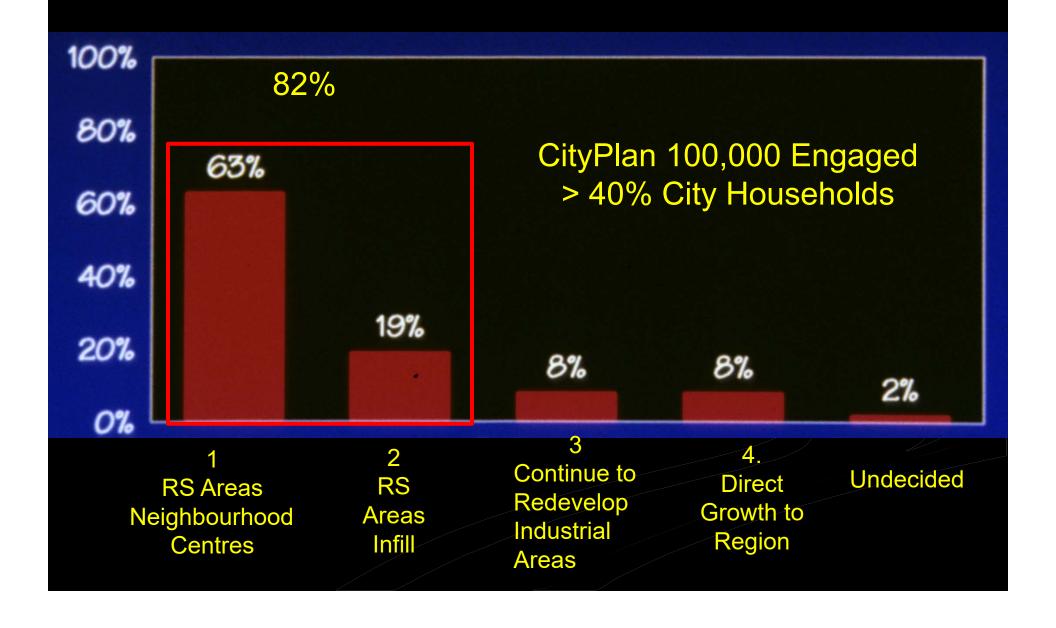


Public
Recommends
Preferred
Directions

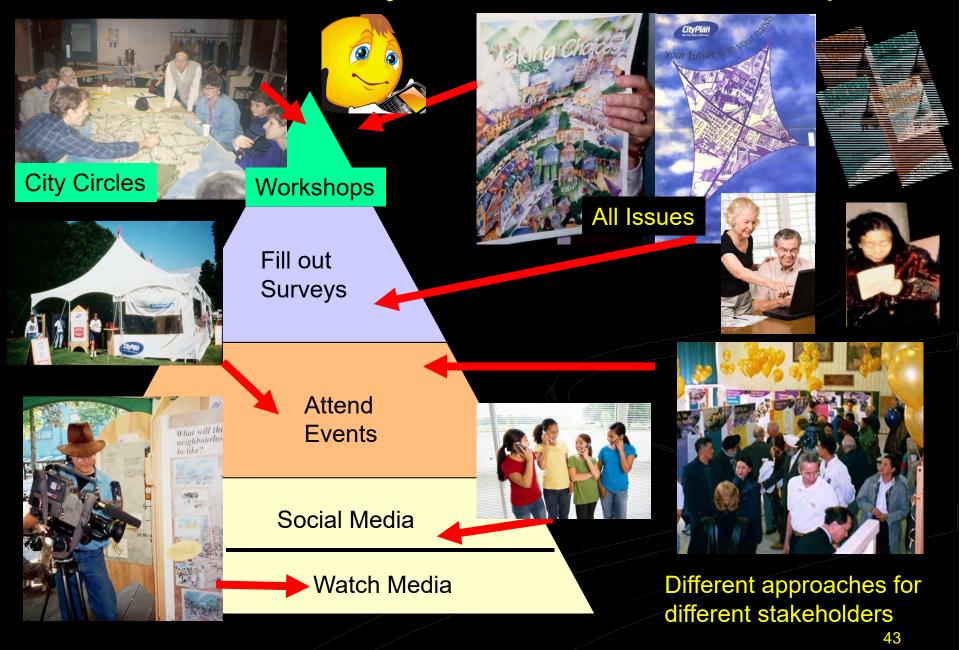
+ Random Survey to Ensure Responses Reflect Area Population



### Results: Future Housing Development



### Hear in New Ways Hear from New People





# 4. Staff Prepare Draft Plan Public Reviews, Responds Council Adopts

he Vancouver Echo Wednesday, March 29, 1995

#### Surfin' in the city

Editor

about your vision for the future of Vancou ver, but that doesn't mean they have to so you in person.

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The city has recently created a home page,
a directory of city reports and schedules, accessible through the World Wide Web. The
Web is part of the Internet - a global network
of computer systems.

What's it like

#### CityPlan is on-line and waiting for your comments via the Internet



promises or anything you might be able pin politician down on, forget it. While the report says the people of Var couver want affordable housing, to live clos to work in environmentally friendly pedestr an-oriented neighbourhoods and lots of oth things there is no mention anywhere of ho

Tenants Rights Action Coalition (TRAC has already taken the city to task in its ow position paper on CityPlan for failing to previde any hint of how the plan's proposals for affordable housing might be met. As the world's longest wish list CityPla is likely to attract many more condemnation by individuals and prouse looking for the

#### Make your mark

The city of Vancouver requests you thoughts and suggestions based on the draft report of CityPlan. Respond by e-mail to:





### 2 years



#### Program Cost \$3.5 Million

- New \$ 2 m
- Existing Staff: \$1.5 m

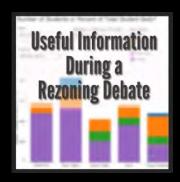


1 Cup / City user Less than 1 month Parking Revenue



### Plan "Products"

- Help Council Make Decisions:
  - Land Use Rezonings
  - Budget allocations





2. Citizens Learn about City Understand Choices

'Tell me, I forget. Show me I remember. Involve me, I understand.' Chinese Proverb

- 3. Input to:
  - Regional Plan
  - New Policy Plans
  - New Area Plans





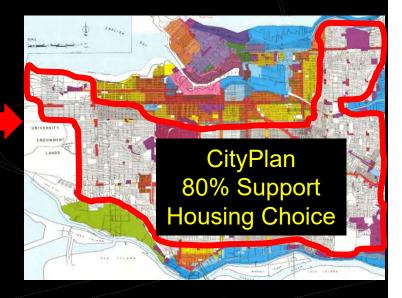
### Develop Plans to Implement New Directions

#### Policy Plans -

- Sustainability
- > Transportation
- Climate Change
- Industrial Lands
- Financing Growth
- Affordable Housing
- Creative City
- Core Employment
- Core Transportation



Area /Neighbourhood Plans



#### NIMBY - YIMBY

# Community Visions Area Plans

18 Month Process

#### Creating a Community Vision



#### Step 1

#### Getting in Touch

- publicize the Community Vision process
- · first newsletter
- · meet community groups
- · Community Vision Fair: "kick off" event



#### Step 2

#### Creating Ideas

- Community Workshops: residents create ideas and options on Vision topics
- · displays, meetings, open houses



#### Step 3

#### **Choosing Directions**

- from Step 2 results, define draft Vision Directions
- send Community Vision Survey to all households, businesses, and owners
- newsletter, displays, meetings
- analyze survey response, find out what has community support



#### Step 4

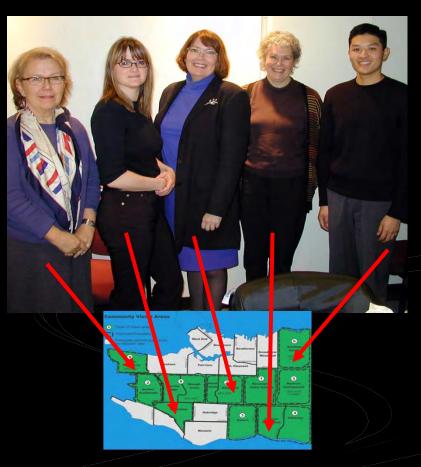
#### Finalizing the Vision

- prepare Community Vision using results from Step 3
- · send Vision to Council for approval

- Community Committee Advises Staff on Area Engagement
- City Staff Planning Team
- City Topic Specialists other departments
- Neighbourhood Integrated Services Team (City & Other Agency Staff Response Group)



## Advice, Action Accountability



City Perspectives Panel Bring other Neighbourhood Perspectives

## Work Groups Consider Choices/Options/Advice for Area Plan



Housing Choices
Community Service Priorities





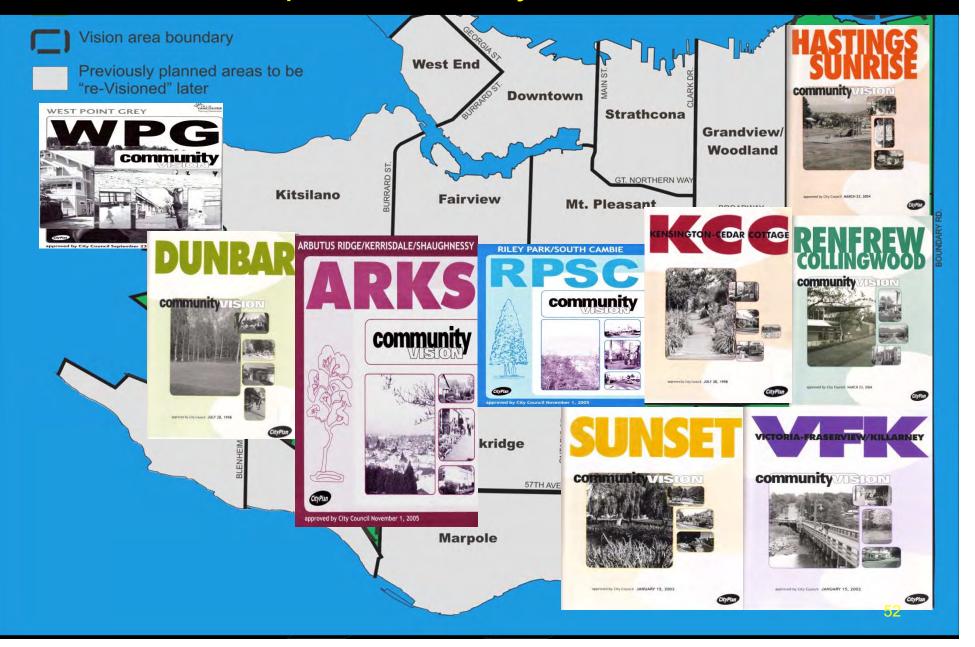
### **Draft Proposals for Broad Community Input**





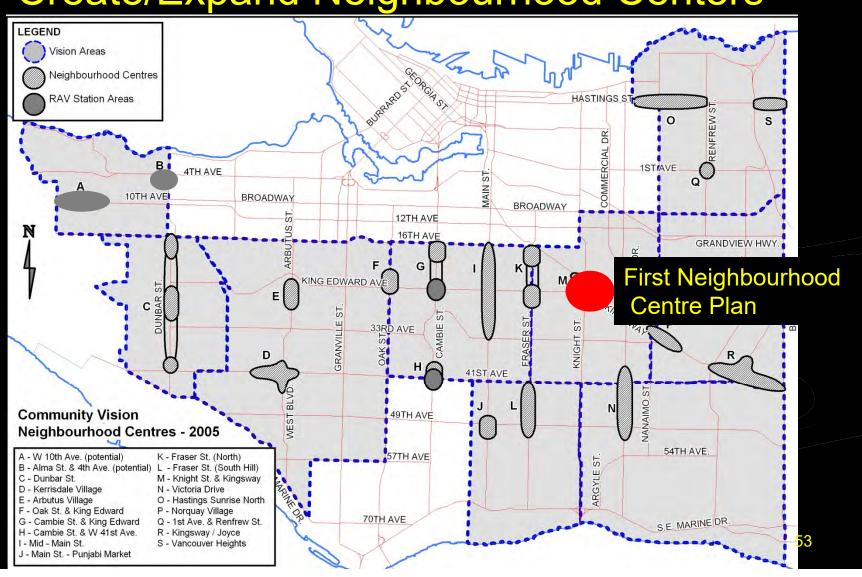


#### Council Adopts Community Visions 1998 - 2010



## Increase Housing Choice and Sustainability +130,000 Units

Create/Expand Neighbourhood Centers



### Neighbourhood Centre Public Realm Plan

- Street / Public RealmImprovements
- Community Facilities
- Create BIABusiness ImprovementAssociation



### Neighbourhood Centre Housing Plan

Community, Developers, Architects,
Planners Work Together to
Locate & Design New Housing
Regulations & Services









**Impact Analysis** 

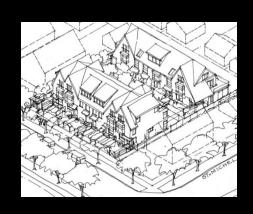
## 2006 Knight & Kingsway Public Hearing for First Neighbourhood Centre



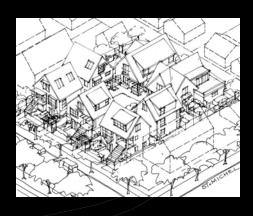


Enrage = Engage

#### "NIMBY" to "YIMBY"







- Build community contacts and good will over time
- Actively engage residents and building industry
   Considering information, choices, options
- Respect Community + Bring "goodies" to the table



#### "Successful" Public Engagement Process

1. Propose/Approve Planning Process

2. Assemble Inputs: Information, Ideas

3. Assess Choices & Consequences

4. Recommend & Review Draft Plan

5. Public Hearing - Council Adopts

**Community Cheers** 



Success
story:
KensingtonCedar Cottage
offers a good
example
of how a
community
can be
revitalized

2014

astyear on Halloween, 125 children came by John Buckberrough's house trick-or-treating.

To Buckberrough, who lives in the East Vancouver neighbourhood of Kensington-Cedar Cottage, the kids tramping up his front stoop were more than just cute. They were an auspicious sign of his neighbourhood's vitality.

The area has become a draw for young families. The local elementary school is proof of that — it now boasts a healthy enrolment. To anyone who has watched with dismay the dwindling numbers of kids trick-or-treating on Halloween — as I have in my own neighbourhood — Kensington-Cedar Cottage feels

It didn't happen by chance.
It happened through densification, and Kensington-Cedar



Council

Staff

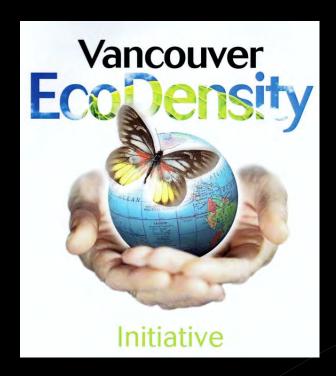
**Public** 

NICK PROCAYLO/PNG

ohn Buckberrough, who lives in Kensington-Cedar Cottage, was chair of the neighbourhood planning committee that welcomed more town homes in the area to help revitalize it.

Developers, Academics, 4<sup>th</sup> 'CityPlan' Mayor Impatient for city-wide Action

2006







Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4 mayorsamsullivan.ca www.vancouver.ca

## 2007 Mayor Appoints Task Group to Prepare a New 'EcoDensity' Plan



## Community Rejects "EcoDensity"

## Norquay's residents worried over growth

**ZONING CHANGES: Population could rise by 50%** 

Housing plan a rush decision: opponents

Neighbourhood groups say not enough time given to assess recommendations

Marpole residents up in arms over rezoning



## New Mayor & Council: 2008



Focus on Green City Initiatives
Neighbourhood Plans not a Priority

## CityPlan staff retire: "Choicing" Retreats In-House Development not clearly linked to community amenities

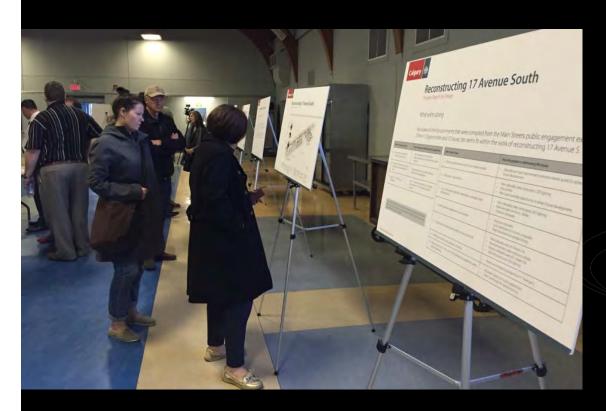
- 1. Propose Process
- 2. Identify Vision, Values
- 3. Assess Choices & Consequences
- 4. Prepare Draft Plan
- 5. Review Draft Plan

**Public Protests** 



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## 2018 New Council Challenges: Rethink Processes?





- Looking is not Engaging
- Tweeting is not Finding Common Ground

## Public Engagement 8 Lessons from a Lifetime



### 1. No "Quick Fix"

Building Livable
Sustainable
Communities
is a Lifetime
Commitment



## 2. Change Requires Council to Lead, Listen, Lead

#### Politicians Willing to:

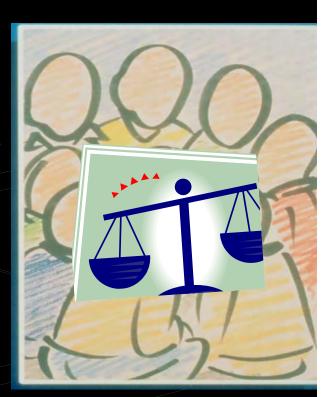
- Experiment
- Stay the Course



- 4 P Partnership
  - Build Partnerships in and outside City Hall
  - Politicians, Public, Private Sector, Public Sector (Planners)

## 3. Change Requires Community to Consider Choices

- 1. Many Ways to Participate
  - 1. People Speak to People
  - 2. Focus on Options-Implications
- 2. Address Public Cynicism
  - 1. Equal Access to Information
  - 2. Council Listens
  - 3. Implementation Funds

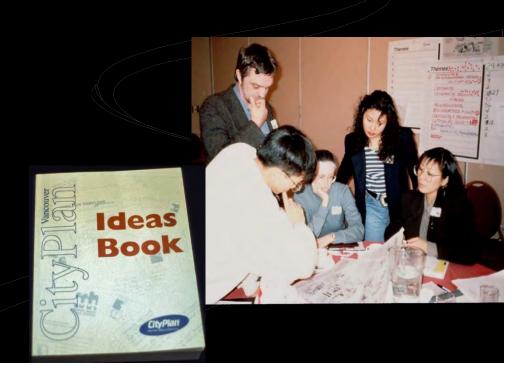


There's nothing wrong with speaking out about projects that affect your quality of life or the character of your neighbourhood.

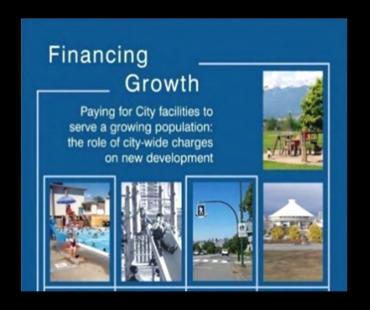
George Le Masurier Times Colonist May 2016

### Its All About How You do It = Outcomes





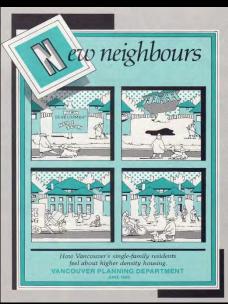
## 4. Analysis = Major Breakthroughs

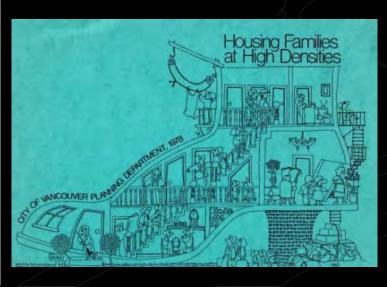




Creative Use of Legislative Authority

- Municipal Act
- Community Charter





Service Capacity Analysis Sewers, Water, Parks, Fire, Police, Roads, Libraries



### 5. Link Plans to Funds

Community Supports Change in Exchange for Services

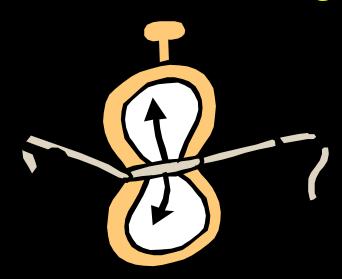






## 6. Be Respectful of Public's Time

Find ways to Build Buy-In and Maintain Engagement While Reducing Process Time



CityPlan to Area Pans to Neighbourhood Centre Rezonings

2 years

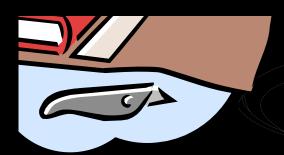
9 plans = 10 years

1 year per Centre

### 7. Realize Trust is Fragile



# 8. Borrow But don't assume you can Cut and Paste from Another City's Experience



Process Needs to be Tailored to Time and Place

# Changing Context



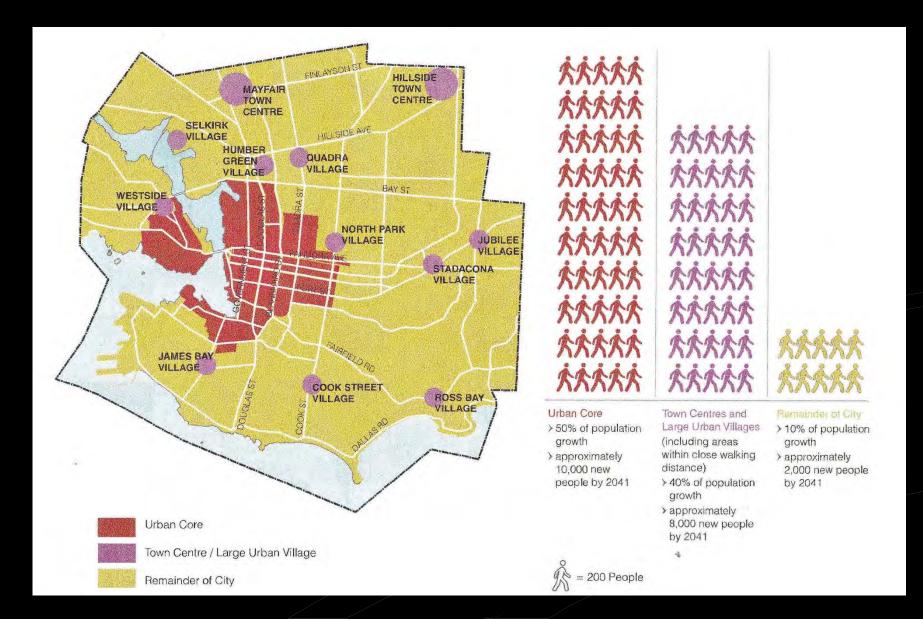
# 2018 Focus Forward

- Public Distrust Authority
- Question "Facts"
- EconomicUncertainty
- ClimateChange

### How Relevant to Victoria?



### OCP 30 Year Growth Management Concept



# Did Victoria's Process Yield Support For OCP Implementation?

Figure 6: Official Community Plan Engagement Process

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Talks to groups such as youth, neighbourhood associations, and the development community

#### COMMUNITY CIRCLES

"Kitchen table discussions" among groups of self-organized citizens with public input to City.

#### COMMUNITY SURVEYS

- Mobile kiosks to raise public awareness
- > Online opinion survey on urban growth options

#### WORKSHOPS

- > Visioning with community stakeholders
- > Review of draft policy with topic experts



#### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- > Community experts guiding the OCP review
- > Advice on staff materials and participants in OCP events

#### CITIZEN INSIGHT COUNCILS

- Focus groups with randomly selected individuals
- Two in-depth sessions: sustainable communities and local area planning.

#### 6,000 Engage in Victoria OCP Process



#### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Workshop with the Victoria Youth Council
- Community Circles and Workshops with Victoria High School class
- > Community Cafés led by young adults.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUMS**

- Open house to launch the project
- > Open house with workshops where participants helped to develop OCP
- > Four open houses to discuss draft OCP with public

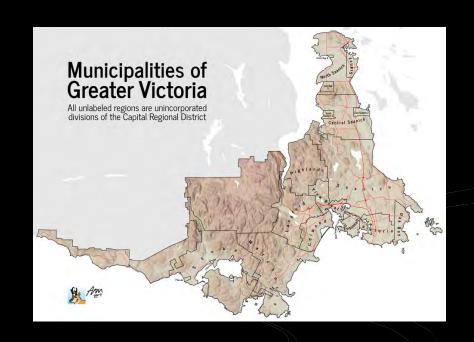
#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL ENGAGEMENT

- > Feast hosted by Esquimalt First Nation
- Meetings with representatives from provincial government ministries, regional government, and neighbouring municipalities.

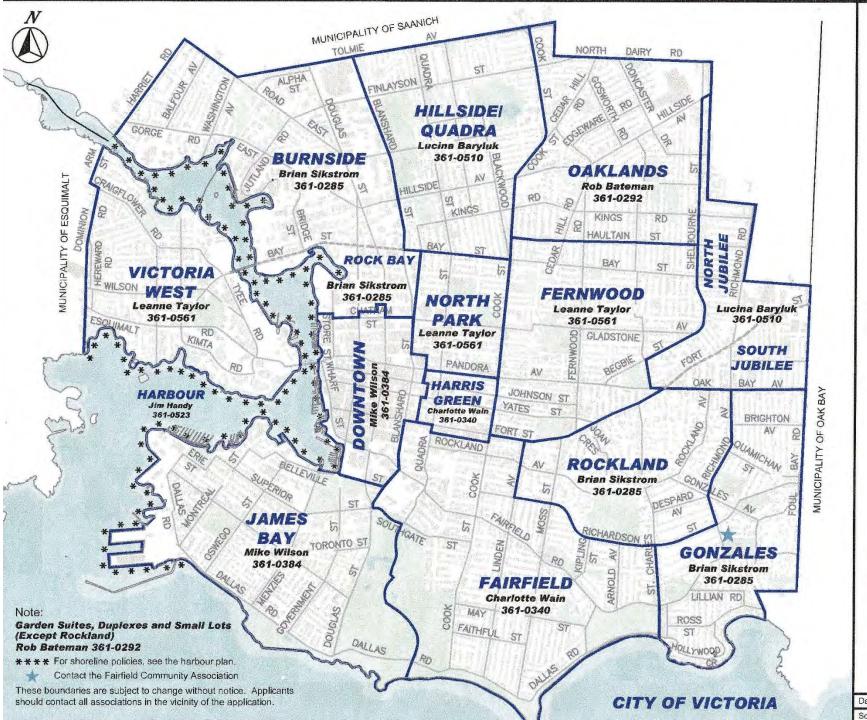


	Vancouver	Victoria
Legislation	Vancouver Charter	Municipal Act/ Community Charter
Council	At Large	At Large
Region	Metro Vancouver	Capital Regional District





Population	Vancouver	Victoria
City	631,500	85,800
Metro/Greater	2.5 million	367,700



# Planners Boundaries



Date: September 2015

Scale: Not to Scale

#### Victoria Metropolitan Area

