



Workshop Purpose

- Present draft Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan for Council feedback
- Present early community feedback

Background

- **Spring 2016:** Launch Vic West plan process
- **Fall 2017:** Community vision, goals, key issues
- **Winter 2017:** Community workshops, Ideas Fair



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Background

August – September 2017: Draft Plan Review

- 2 Open Houses (110+)
- On-line survey (187)
- 3 Drop-in events (50+)
- Youth event (25+)
- Pop-ups (110+)
- 4 “Pizza and a Planner” (80 +)
- Stakeholder meetings
- Community Association meeting



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Vic West Big Moves

1 Create Strong Village Hearts

2 Connect the community

3 Add housing that fits neighbourhood character in older residential areas

4 Create more places to live near transit and amenities

5 Strengthen connections to the waterfront

6 Support jobs and businesses in the neighbourhood

7 Parks and Food Systems



Vic West Big Move

1. Create strong village hearts

Establish the Westside Village area as the heart of the neighbourhood.



With redevelopment, create internal public street or pedestrian network.

Make Wilson St more pedestrian friendly with on street parking, canopy trees, and crossings with shops and patio dining on the north.

With redevelopment, create pedestrian connections or local street network.

Add community orchard in Triangle Park.

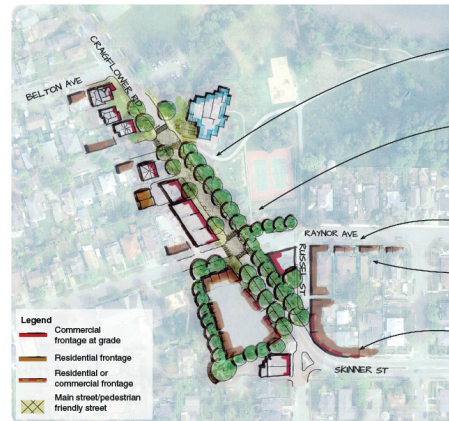


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Vic West Big Move

1. Create strong village hearts

Support
Craigflower
Village.



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New small urban
village at
Catherine Street/
Edward Street



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2. Connect the community

- Pedestrian and cycling connections
- Spot improvements
- Better connections to regional trails



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Vic West Key Move

3. Add housing that fits neighbourhood character

What we heard:

- Keep diversity
- Retain low-scale feel
- More choices
- Open to innovation



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3. Add housing that fits neighbourhood character

- Allow secondary suites in duplexes and in small lot houses
- Allow lock-off suites in row/townhouses



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3. Add housing that fits neighbourhood character

- Allow duplexes on standard-sized (460 m²) lots
- Reduce minimum small lot size in certain locations (to 180m²)



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3. Add housing that fits neighbourhood character

- Support rowhouses/ townhouses and houseplexes on lots of sufficient size
- “Houseplexes”: multi-unit buildings in form of single-detached house



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4. Create more places to live near transit and amenities

- Multi-unit housing along Esquimalt Road, in Lime Point, and above employment in some areas.
- Small apartment buildings (3 storeys) and townhouses along Skinner Street



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5. Strengthen connections to the waterfront

- Features for waterfront access (e.g. docks, trail improvements)
- Partnerships to restore water quality, habitat

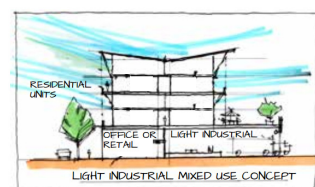


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6. Support jobs and businesses in the neighbourhood

- Retain waterfront industries
- Maintain light industry
- Support some housing or offices above compatible light industry



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7. Strengthen parks and food systems

- Potential improvements for future park planning
- Support food production on public and private lands



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What We've Heard: Early engagement results

- **Strong overall support for draft plan**
 - 81-96% very or somewhat supportive
- Strong support for transportation, new secondary suites, parks, public space improvements.



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What We've Heard: Early engagement results

Vic West Draft Plan Survey Quantitative Results



What We've Heard: Key Concerns

- Change in villages
- Suitability of townhouses
- Multi-family on Skinner Street/ Esquimalt corridor
- Overall density
- Integration of master planned areas
- Parking and traffic impacts

Next Steps

- Analyze feedback and consider revisions
- Community engagement on revisions and proposed plan
- Report to Council:
 - Proposed final plan
 - Design guidelines
 - OCP amendments
 - Recommendation for public hearing



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Recommendations

1. Direct staff to consider feedback from Council and the community and prepare a final proposed Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Refer draft Victoria West Plan and associated Design Guidelines to Advisory Design Panel



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