



COALITION OF VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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July 8, 2019

City of Vancouver Council
Dear Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Councillors,

Re: City-wide Plan Report

Agenda July 9, 2019: <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190709/regu20190709ag.htm>

Report: <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190709/documents/rr1.pdf>

The Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) is writing to express concerns about the process as proposed in the report for the new City-wide Plan. There are two main issues that should be addressed before proceeding further. These mainly are related to implementation of current city policy and the consultation process.

The current city policies and programs were almost all established prior to the last election. These should not continue to be implemented through the City-wide Plan. There is no point in having a City-wide Plan process if rezonings continue for the next four years. Changes in zoning through policies such as the Broadway Corridor or rental pilot programs could set precedents or alter neighbourhoods for the long term and should be put on hold and revised with public input.

In terms of the consultation process, the residents associations across the city should be specifically mentioned as key stakeholders, but they are not. There is only a vague reference to "associations". Yet city staff are shown as key people to consult. Staff should be neutral since they are the administrators.

A new City-wide Plan needs to be based on a clear neighbourhood-based process since each neighbourhood is unique. Local groups are made up of the people who live and work there. They know their neighbourhood best and should be primary stakeholders and collaborators.

Please reconsider this report and address these important issues before approving this proposed planning process. If residents are to have trust in a City-wide Plan process and are to invest their time and energy, it must build upon the unique neighbourhoods that, together, make up our wonderful city.

Sincerely,

Larry Benge, Co-Chair

Dorothy Barkley, Co-Chair

On behalf of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Member Groups of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Arbutus Ridge Community Association

Arbutus Ridge/ Kerrisdale/ Shaughnessy Visions

Cedar Cottage Area Neighbours

Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council

Dunbar Residents Association

Fairview/South Granville Action Committee

False Creek Residents Association

Grandview Woodland Area Council

Granville-Burrard Residents & Business Assoc.

Greater Yaletown Community Association

Joyce Area Residents

Kitsilano-Arbutus Residents Association

Kits Point Residents Association

Marpole Residents Coalition

Norquay Residents

NW Point Grey Home Owners Association

Oakridge Langara Area Residents

Residents Association Mount Pleasant

Riley Park/South Cambie Visions

Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Association

Strathcona Residents Association

Upper Kitsilano Residents Association

West End Neighbours Society

West Kitsilano Residents Association

West Point Grey Residents Associatio

