



COALITION OF VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

<http://coalitionvan.org>

July 9, 2024

City of Vancouver

Dear Mayor Ken Sim and Councillors,

Re: Procedure By-law Update to Remove Public Hearings - BC Bill 18

Agenda 2024-07-10 <https://council.vancouver.ca/20240710/pspc20240710ag.htm>

Report <https://council.vancouver.ca/20240710/documents/pspc2.pdf>

The Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) strongly **opposes** the recommendations in this reports since it **proposes implementing the BC bills, even beyond provincial requirements, without ANY advanced public consultation process and only within days of posting them online.**

CVN has sent Council letters advising that we have many concerns regarding the **new provincial legislation Bills 44, 46 and 47**, including their extremely flawed, biased, undemocratic conception that was then pushed through the legislature in November 2023. We find the **current schedule for local and city-wide policy changes to be completely unrealistic and unreasonable**. This **now also applies to Bill 18**, when the Vancouver Charter was amended in April 2024, to further implement the BC bills in Vancouver - again with no public consultation process.

We **oppose the proposed removal of public hearings for rezoning**. A rezoning consistent with the Official Development Plan (ODP) does not imply the local community has been consulted. The Terms of Reference for the ODP does not include public consultation as part of the process. The Vancouver Plan is a vague policy document that was created without any meaningful public involvement in the creation of the land use development plan or forms of development. Only the development industry and related lobby have been included as stakeholders. The public has been shut out entirely.

We further **oppose that rezonings considered at a Council meeting will not allow speakers. This is entirely anti-democratic and is no substitute for a public hearing that requires much more notice, legislative procedure and public process.**

If Council is working for the public interest, these provincial dictates and staff further recommendations would not be passed. The City has a duty to question these provincial directions and act in the best interest of its citizens, not to implement and surpass the provincial directions that were established mainly to further the interests of the development industry and profits at the expense of due process.

Sincerely,
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CVN Steering Committee,
Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Network Groups of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Arbutus Ridge Community Association
 Cedar Cottage Area Neighbours
 Dunbar Residents Association
 Fairview/South Granville Action Committee
 Grandview Woodland Area Council
 Greater Yaletown Community Association
 Kitsilano-Arbutus Residents Association
 Kits Point Residents Association
 NW Point Grey Home Owners Association
 Oakridge Langara Area Residents

Residents Association Mount Pleasant
 Riley Park/South Cambie Advisory Group
 Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Assoc.
 Strathcona Residents Association
 Upper Kitsilano Residents Association
 West End Neighbours Society
 West Kitsilano Residents Association
 West Point Grey Residents Association
 West Southland Residents Association

See our previous letter regarding the BC Bills 44, 46 and 47 online at:

<https://coalitionvan.org/posts/20240522-response-provincial-legislation-bills-44-46-47/>

<https://cityhallwatch.wordpress.com/2024/05/23/citywide-opposition-bills-44-46-47-june30-deadline/>

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