

FALSE CREEK FLATS

PHASE 1.3: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

SUMMARY REPORT

1 OVERVIEW

The City is undertaking a two phase Work Program for land use and transportation planning in the False Creek Flats. The planning process is directed towards:

*Work
Program*

- Better integration of the western and southern I-3 areas of the Flats into surrounding neighbourhoods;
- Articulating longer-range land-use and transportation directions for the Flats including an overall economic development perspective; and
- Maintaining and strengthening the Port and Downtown servicing role of the I-2 area in the eastern Flats.

Various consultations, studies, and initial plans have been completed and/or are underway to help inform the planning process.

Phase 1 of the program is essentially a scoping task. It involves consultation with a number of stakeholders and interested parties to explore various short and longer term goals, objectives and issues, and how they fit within the land use and transportation planning process. The primary focus of Phase 1 is on formulating the scope and process for longer range vision development in Phase 2, with consideration given to which current and other possible proposals could move ahead simultaneous with Phase 2. The key intended product outcome of Phase 1 is a Terms of Reference for Phase 2 Visioning.

Phase 1

Critical to longer term land use and transportation planning for the Flats is gaining an understanding of potential issues and impacts across stakeholders with regard to various short and longer term proposals. To that end, a series of preliminary, interest-based discussions and focus group meetings were held to obtain an initial understanding of different stakeholders' views, concerns, issues, wishes and desires. The results of these meetings were summarized and provided to participants for comment and feedback.¹ A multi-stakeholder workshop was also held with the main aim of achieving some degree of consensus on short and longer term issues, and proposal priorities. This report summarizes the purposes of the workshop, participants involved, the process, and the information gathered. Next Steps are also articulated.

*Meetings &
Workshop*

¹ Copies of reports are available on the Flats website: www.vancouver.ca/theflats or can be obtained from City of Vancouver, Central Area Planning

2 PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the workshop was to identify areas of consensus and/or disagreement regarding:

1. Transportation and land use issues to be addressed in short term and longer term Flats planning;
2. Terms and conditions for moving proposals ahead simultaneously with Phase 2 Vision Planning; and
3. Process principles to be employed during the development of the Terms of Reference and implementation of Phase 2 of the Work Program (e.g., information exchange, participation in ongoing planning, representation of interested parties)

3 PARTICIPANTS

Workshop participants were selected to ensure representation across various interested parties including: neighbouring communities of Grandview Woodlands, Mt. Pleasant/SEFC, Strathcona and the Downtown East Side; business, transportation and landowner interests in the Flats and surround; rail companies; the Port Authority; and other groups interested in sustainability, transportation and land use issues of Flats planning. In particular, those who participated in earlier, community-based, interest-based group meetings and other one-to-one meetings held by the City of Vancouver were invited to attend. Forty-two people (including staff) confirmed agreement to participate; thirty-six actually participated. A full list of invitees and participants/organizations is included in Appendix A.

4 THE WORKSHOP

The workshop was designed to meet the following objectives:

- a. Explore theme-based and cross-theme issues and ideas for attention in current future Flats planning;
- b. Identify key goals (short term, mid term, long term) and related information/resource needs; and
- c. Obtain recommendations for information exchange, consultation and participation in the ongoing planning process.

4.1 The Process

Participants were provided with the *Phase 1.2: Community Based Meetings Summary Report* in advance of the workshop. Themes drawn from the information gained from various pre-workshop meetings (as per report) were used for focus during the workshop. Upon arrival at the workshop participants were provided with a Workshop agenda; short sheets describing themes and progress guides; and a sample discussion recording sheet (see Appendix B).