

Oakridge Policy Planning Youth Workshop Questions

Churchill Secondary - Grade 11, 92 students - 3 classes

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

What types of general community facilities/services should be kept or added to Oakridge?

- Community centre
- Swimming pool, diving boards with own receiving pool, Pool, (25m, 6 lanes,) tot training pool, (1 m, 3m 5m 10m diving boards), Indoor swimming pool, pool slides, Places for swimming ex. Splash down, water-mania, water park
- Family Recreational Centre - Bowling Centre, Disney (Tiny Land), Ball-room, Bingo
- Seniors - Place for old people, resting place for seniors and social club, gym for elders, Senior help centre
- Library Comments - Larger library, better Library, brighter, quieter, better resources, should expand public library, library expansion, a visible library, larger libraries with move theatre, better location for library, more visible better signage, library should be located by Safeway
- Tutoring services, tutoring centres
- Ice rink
- Police station
- Children daycare center
- Art gallery, museums of art or anything, aquarium
- Health - A re-hab center, safe injection site
- Gym-fitness free recreation
- Hall, auditorium, auditorium for performances & shows, Party hall, more visible for auditorium, central place for performance in food Court, More concerts, live entertainment
- Recycling a main focus
- Car show area

Are there any specific youth recreational/community services needed?

- Fun Centre - playground, Palladium, Playland, PPV (hockey games to watch), amusement park, rollercoaster (ex. PNE mini-size), movie theatre, bumper carts with tracks (indoor), karaoke - singing place, Spook House, Arcade, Mini golf course internet café, bowling alley, Youth lounge, should add in an arcade center,
- Health - Women's education, sex Education
- Advocacy - Military Base (anti-slavery)
- Employment/Education Centre - Youth cleaning opportunity, dig holes (fun holes), Bug Catching Education (bio), Butterfly catching place, tutorial center, peer tutoring
- Recreational Facilities - Fitness centre, gym (indoor) basketball, squash & badminton, basketball, yoga, badminton, skating park, rock climbing wall, Ping pong table
- Badminton courts, Gym/Fight club, Ice rink, Roller-Hockey Rink, 10 courts for badminton (standard -indoor)
- Youth centre, "hang out place" / social, outside/inside, access to light, community centre look-alike, a place to hang out?, usage of movie theatre, café, computers, Girl/Boy Social Place, Youth Daycare, Youth lounge
- Other - youth spa, motel

What types of Activities or features would you like to have in the new parks?

- Nature Park, community garden, garden, garden with flowers/veggie, a park with more trees, rain forest (in summer), landscaping focus on the aesthetics, garden maze, Strawberry garden, public place in the park
- Water Feature -a lake with waterfall (man-made), area needs to be quiet/fishing, fishing pond, pond, Pond without ducks, pond with ducks, water park
- Active Children Uses -play grounds for young kids, add more exercising equipment, playground for little children, swings, playground, Pool playground park, child-friendly facilities (the parks)
- Animal themes - horse ranch, Bug Catching Contest, Zoo, Pet walk place
- Sport Uses - Soccer Nets, Football, skate-board area, basketball and tennis courts etc. Tennis courts, frisbee golf, Track for running, Soccer field - stadium, Basketball Court, Baseball diamond, skate park
- Chinatown, TV Station (outdoor)
- Amusement park maybe at the park area, Paint Ball, Monster Truck field, Mini-golf Course, Go cart track, Batting cage, Dog fight club
- Performance Area - Outdoor stage
- café for snacks
- versatile park, bike trails, pond, pool and ice rink, outdoor Pool,
- Cemetery

HOUSING

Thinking of the future housing needs of the community and the existing housing stock in Oakridge, the City should be encouraging the development of housing on site to meet the needs of:

Seniors: more senior homes - not towers, 2-3 storey (low-rise apartments). I think seniors don't like the idea of mixing different housing. I think they prefer to live in a big house with gardens, because at that time they have money, can afford. Mixing housing might be too noisy and dangerous.
-accessible units, duplex, apartments, other?. A mix of people in each type of the housing

Empty nesters: everything in walking distance, comfortable, quiet environment, lower income.
Should be very small, very nice though, expensive & elegant, big living-room, 800 sq. ft., good for Marpole area.

Families with Children: - need more affordable housing, low income housing. When I have a family, I would like to live in a house. single family houses, duplex, townhouse, apartments; (depending on family style)

Working Couples: high-rise apartment, a lot of facilities, quiet. apartments, townhouses

Singles: small, convenient, facilities, comfortable, quiet?
-cheaper residential homes-something I want - sometime in "my life" I would like to live by myself in an apartment.
I would live in an apartment (20 - 30 years old).
apartments
-Single house in quiet area but has a large neighbourhood. A little bit far from the mall is okay but need to have a convenient transportation access nearby.

What type of housing will you live in when you move out from home?

Single detached house	10 - 20%
Secondary suite	10 - 20% young adults, single family
Duplex-Four-plex	30 - 40%, pet friendly duplex, reserved parking.
Rowhouse/Townhouse	30 - 40%
Low-rise Apartment (3-4 storey)	30 - 40%
Mid-rise apartment (5-9 storey)	30 - 40%
High-rise apartment (10-21 storey)	30 - 40%, a lot of free use of facilities (gyms) safety.
Other	5%, near stores, convenient, reserved parking.

RETAIL

What types of retail & services do youth want to have at Oakridge?

What is missing? (Local / community serving: (What would help you meet your daily & weekly shopping needs)

General Comments

- more stores for youth- stuff we can afford - sports, better stores (for youth)
- More stores that apply to youth ex. Bootlegger, Urban Behaviour, Guess
- independent retailers, more variety small independent booths
- cheaper stores
- retail for everyone, sections for: teens, kids, adults etc.
- cool stores that are unique
- designate street vendor area outside
- Shops for different cultures
- cheaper prices for students
- It's always better to build higher
- balance the different types of stores at different places
- More jobs on site, offices, companies, hotels

Food Services Comments

- bakeries
- Asian import products
- healthier food places, juice bars, healthier foods, healthier food offering, salad healthy
- Better and bigger food Court with Internet café (wired), new food court, buffet larger food court, several food courts, Food court: in center of mall more
- Chinese grocery i.e. stuff in T&T, different ethnic foods, sushi stores, ethnic shops for groceries/restaurants, Persian food, Yaohan
- Convenient Food Stores e.g. McDonalds, 7 eleven, A&W, ice cream, Subway, Wendy's, KFC, bubble tea
- Nutritious food offering Krispy Kremes
- grocery stores, Superstore, More supermarkets
- Chain Restaurants e.g. Sammy J Pepper, Cactus Club, The Keg, Red Robin, Boston Pizza, Rainforest Café,
- 24 hr corner stores and restaurants, supermarket
- night market + food market

Dining Comments

- better food/restaurant, not just food court, more restaurants variety i.e. varying prices/types of food, full service restaurants, classy restaurant, Chinese restaurant
- internet café, formal restaurant
- restaurants along street
- Expensive & cheap convenience restaurant for older and younger people
- more cafes

Clothing Stores

- hip hop clothing stores
- hat stores
- independently owned boutiques

- variety, more sections of clothes
- shoe stores
- more unique stores, artistic clothing
- bring in USA only stores, so attract more attention, outlets (clearance stores)
- more clothing stores, e.g. Burberry, LV,
- guys clothing stores, Foot locker
- Abercrombie, Hollister, Victoria Secret, American Eagle, LaSensa, Below the Belt, Lululemon, Urban behaviour, Athlete's world, American Eagle, FCUK store
- more bigger department stores, Kmart, Wal-Mart, Ross, Macy's
- social high-end store i.e. Holt Renfrew, Versace, Gucci etc

Other Retail

- guy stores e.g. footwear
- pet stores
- automotive dealer
- book stores like Chapters
- auction store
- stationary stores, Staples, Office Depot
- furniture store
- sporting goods store, sport dept. stores, more athletic goods stores, sporting goods .e. fishing; golf etc, Athlete's world
- better hair salon
- bath & body
- hobby shops, music, crafts
- Electronic stores, Futureshop, Best Buy
- Movie & game retail, video store, Blockbuster, EB games, video store
- candy stores
- Toys cameras models and collections
- Pawn shop
- Glassware
- makeup shops

Entertainment

- amusement park, rides
- Performance space indoor/outdoor, performance stage & space like Granville Island
- sit down area e.g. Granville Island
- bigger theatre, show more movies, better movie theatre, improvement of theatre i.e. Silver City of Vancouver, expand cinemas, larger movies (3D) KTV, Bigger movie theatre, Bigger theatre (bigger/more comfortable seats)
- sports centers parks, roof top sports
- entertainment stadium
- arcade, big Playdium
- Music and television throughout the whole mall
- more entertainment & food services
- night club, Pub bar, social/dance teen club
- Bowling and pool
- Casino should be added in
- More restaurants & cafes

Mall Conditions

- free parking
- too stuffy, better air circulation/air conditioning
- better security in: outside of mall
- open space, natural lighting.
- inside should look like outside, more like Robson feeling - "sidewalks" inside Mall, every mall looks the same: more artistic, themes, colours
- theme stores, different themes in mall, themed sections: underwater etc, make shopping interesting
- funky lighting, special lighting - not too bright
- more resting places, chairs, benches etc outside the mall, fireplace, attractive setting, more comfy couches
- more relaxed feel, laid back atmosphere, Starbucks, Net Café, chill-out area
- lounge area, comfortable atmosphere
- more accessible
- high ceilings, bright modern look - good to look at
- pretty - looking stores!!
- personal transportation (Segway, scooter, rental golf carts), moving sidewalks
- Smoking area Piercing parlour, no smoking - only in small rooms
- clean-replaceable toilet seats, different features of facilities/washrooms
- trees outside & inside, flower beds
- music while you shop

Services

- increase medical stores, dentist & doctors
- variety of bank machines
- elevators, escalators
- mall tours
- public services, community centre (pool, rec. centre, gym), artificial turf (soccer), swimming pool, library, sports, gym, court
- gas stations
- daycare centre while you shop
- Better shopping carts
- meeting point
- restroom with TV
- Big screen TVs different sections of mall different
- A place for little kids to be taken care of! Pets too!!

Regional Serving: (destination type retail that would attract regional markets, beyond the neighbourhood).

- large bookstore (24 hours), Chapters
- furniture stores, not like Richmond
- Costco
- Hardware store
- sporting goods store
- entertainment facilities: bowling etc. better movie facilities
- pet store, Petcetera
- big music store
- sports complex
- cinema moved on top of anchor store
- Big restaurants
- Shops of different culture
- Wal Mart
- Outlet stores
- Home/office depot

TRANSIT AND ACCESS

What do you think can be done to ensure that the Oakridge RAV station is welcoming and safe?

- increased security on Skytrain, more security that circulates around station, Security guards, cameras
- more buses, shuttle, bus service, modern bus station, improved bus service and stations, Bus stops with lighting, Bus terminal
- modern - glass station design, glass around station open look ; - not closed in, glass dome
- stores inside Skytrain Station - Starbucks, security inside station,
- stores should be close to transit, Underground mall Cafes around RAV station
- bridge/overpass, undo pass on 41st & Cambie
- a place where you can park your bike easily. A guard watching the bikes, a little monthly bike parking,
- easy roads for to get in and out of public
- subway/bridge from bus/Skytrain station to mall
- Clean is important, no graffiti
- Not crappy! Open space, empty spaces don't feel safe, people filled
- Good lighting concentrate near RAV station
- Decoration seasonal (make it more festive & bright)
- Walk/bus to site
- Make sure there are jobs that use transit
- High ceilings around entrance
- Art public school and fancy water fountain
- Make it noticeable (e.g. bright colours)

Do you have any suggestions to improve linkages between the RAV station, bus connections and the surrounding neighbourhood?

- Living close to transit
- Better Transit connections
- Better bike paths, Bike racks by entrance - outside station
- Quick services 5 minutes, dedicated buses to Oakridge, bus route through the new street (theatres) to drop off passengers more convenient, increase efficiency of the buses - sometime have to wait for a long time
- Better transportation route to Oakridge exterior bridge
- Subway (RAV) being connected into the mall
- locker rooms