

WHAT WE HEARD . . . at the Open Houses

Cambie Corridor Open House
June 3 & 5, 2010

In June 2010, the City hosted two Open Houses to present a draft Emerging Plan for the Cambie Corridor and to provide an opportunity for the community to give their feedback on a variety of plan elements including character, built form, amenities, land use and public space opportunities.

The following is a summary of the key comments we heard from the questions on the Comment Sheet.

The identity related comments:

- The Canada Line stations provide unique opportunities for densification, beautification and activity along the Corridor.
- The design and feel of unique neighbourhood character is important to enhance along Cambie Street. There was particular emphasis expressed to maintain the character around the King Edward Station area.
- The shops and services in Cambie Village, including the feel and character of the street, are important to the identity of Cambie.

The amenities related comments:

- The current recreational and community centres are strained. As the population grows, amenities need to match the growth.
- New facilities for seniors and childcare centres would be an asset to the community.
- Greater access to retail and commercial establishments would benefit the neighbourhoods.
- Current amenities are sufficient in the area.

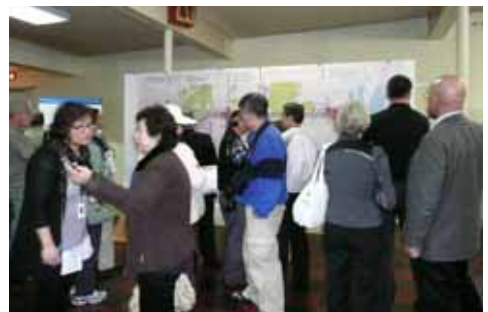
The heights and scales related comments:

- Proposed building heights along the Corridor, including mid-rise forms and higher buildings in the locations shown are generally supported. However, there are concerns primarily around the King Edward Station regarding proposed height and scale elements.
- Issues related to privacy, views, shadows and neighbourhood character need to be addressed as the plan evolves.
- The relationship between existing buildings and new developments needs to be addressed through sensitive design and transitions.

CAMBIE CORRIDOR OPEN HOUSES

The Open Houses were held on June 3 & 5, 2010.

Over 600 people attended the two events.



*Chown Memorial and
Chinese United Church
June 3, 2010*



*Oakridge Centre Mall, Auditorium
June 5, 2010*

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The walking and cycling related comments:

- Cambie Street is an opportunity to integrate walking and cycling with transit, but opinions are mixed on whether the heritage boulevard should include a walking / biking path and other more active uses.
- There is a need for better facilities for pedestrians, including crosswalks, walking trails, seating, etc.
- The landscaping and plantings within the boulevard, as well as along the sidewalks should be enhanced.
- Cycling thoroughfares should be off main roads, or separated from cars.

The design concept related comments:

- The views to the North Shore Mountains and Queen Elizabeth Park are important.
- The interface between new developments and existing neighbourhood need to be sensitive and appropriate.
- Increased traffic and safety issues need to be addressed.
- Parks and green space are important aspects of the Corridor.
- The design concepts would benefit from actual examples and three dimensional drawings/images.

The long-term vision related comments:

- Density should be increased in the Corridor, particularly around the stations.
- Housing that is affordable to all income groups, including an increase in diversity of types and supply of housing available, should be encouraged.
- Existing communities would benefit from being involved as the plan evolves.
- Having more retail and commercial activity around the stations would benefit neighbourhoods.
- New developments should be accompanied with new amenities such as schools, childcare centres, and community centres.

Other:

A petition regarding land use near the King Edward station area, signed by 161 people, was received by mail.