

# Vision Highlights



## Arbutus Ridge/Kerrisdale/Shaghnessy Today

ARKS residents value the area's single family neighbourhoods, views from public places, and shopping areas. The area's parks offer a variety of open spaces and many are heavily used, as are community facilities like the community centre, pool, library, and ice rink. The Vision seeks to maintain and upgrade these community assets.

The ARKS Vision also seeks to retain the historic and mature character of the area and to further improve the community. Key Vision messages include:

### Make Streets Safer



Arterial streets in ARKS should be easier to cross, safer to walk and drive along, more livable and attractive, while continuing to carry commuters through the area. Several secondary arterial streets should be reclassified to neighbourhood collectors and more local streets should have traffic calming. Buses should be more frequent, comfortable, and convenient and they should be given more priority on streets. Shuttle buses should be used to provide more flexible local service between key destinations. There should be extensive public consultation with ARKS residents on the future of the Arbutus Corridor.

### Improve Walking and Biking Routes



Encourage greater use of pedestrian and cyclist routes in ARKS and improve safety at intersections. Residents should initiate Neighbourhood Greenways on popular walking and biking routes. The speed limit should be reduced to 40km/hr on local streets.

### Improve the Environment

The community and the City should work together to keep the area clean, reduce waste, expand recycling, and improve water and energy conservation. All new development should adopt more sustainable building practices, there should be more food grown and distributed locally, along with a ban on smoking in public places.

### Enhance Community Safety



Individuals, the community, and the police should all increase their efforts to create a safer community. The Community Policing Centre should be further strengthened and supported by the community. There should be more actions taken to reduce youth crime and patrols by police on foot and bicycle.

## **Expand Recreation Facilities and Services**

Recreation and library facilities in Kerrisdale should be expanded and upgraded and there should be more public recreation facilities in Arbutus Ridge and Shaughnessy. Maple Grove Pool should be retained and upgraded. Programs and services for seniors and youth should be expanded.



## **Enhance Parks, Streets, Lanes, and Public Places**

Parks and school grounds should be improved to allow for more diverse activities and more parks should be provided in poorly-served areas. Incorporate Ravine Park into a new greenway connecting Kerrisdale Village and Arbutus shopping areas. There should be more opportunities for community gardens and the community should have greater involvement in the design and stewardship of parks.



## **Maintain and Enhance Single Family Neighbourhoods**

Most single family areas should be kept to retain the basic character of ARKS. Design review for new houses should be introduced in areas without design control zoning, and there should be more public involvement in the review of new single family house design. Character housing should be retained by allowing multiple conversion dwellings on large lots and incentives should be developed to encourage retention of character and heritage buildings.

## **Add New Housing Opportunities**

Locate new housing types on large lots, on or near arterial roads, and around shopping areas. Some small developments designed for seniors should be considered near parks, shopping, transit, and services to allow seniors to stay in the community as their housing needs change.



## **Create Neighbourhood Centres and Enhance Local Shopping Areas**

Kerrisdale Village, 33rd and MacKenzie, and Macdonald and Alamein should be enhanced to serve as the heart of their surrounding neighbourhoods. The commercial area at 16th and Macdonald should be considered for limited expansion on the south side of 16th Avenue. A new neighbourhood centre should be created at the Arbutus Shopping Centre with stores located closer to Arbutus Street. Commercial streets should be improved to make them more convenient, safe and comfortable. There should be a range of shops and services, improved pedestrian safety, additional convenient parking, more street trees, more attractive store fronts, and cleaner streets and lanes. Kerrisdale Village should add a supermarket and a public plaza.



## **Improve Community Involvement in Decision making**

Residents should have more and timelier input into decision making about changes in their community, ranging from major initiatives like the planning of the Arbutus Corridor, to recurring decisions relating to street or traffic changes.