



## Other Community Priorities

**T**his section of the Vision contains directions on home-based work; cleanliness and upkeep; several environmental issues; and community boundaries.

### More Planning and Consultation before Changes

Vision direction 25.1 would require a zoning change. Further planning and consultation, on issues such as traffic, parking, noise, tax impacts would occur before changes happen. (See Rezoning Policy on page 49)



Problem dumping in lane

## 25. Home-based Work

City zoning currently permits people to work at a wide range of jobs in any residential unit, including apartments.

The work has to have no employees, no on-site product sales, and generate no offensive noise, odours, vibration, smoke, etc. The work has to be carried on in the dwelling unit, not in the garage.

Zoning also permits two categories of “artist live/work studios” — low and high impact. The former are allowed in the commercial and industrial zones, while the high impact type is limited to industrial zones — of which KCC has only a small area along Commercial Street. Live/work studios may have no more than two residents (no other employees), and are limited to production rather than sales.

### Approved Vision Direction

#### 25.1 More Flexibility for Home-Based Work

Home-based work should be further encouraged through loosening some of the current restrictions, in order to encourage local job creation, reduce commuting needs, and add to community safety by having people at home during the day.

Support %: 70/17/13

People’s ideas...

- allowing employees
- allowing work activities in garages
- having neighbour consent, with easy avenues to address inconsiderate behaviour

## 26. Cleanliness, Upkeep, and Building Quality

Improvements to the general appearance of the community are needed.

Many new buildings are constructed cheaply and age poorly. Some properties are neglected and in poor repair. Illegal dumping of garbage (e.g., in lanes) is a problem, and when it is not cleaned up, it attracts more garbage.

### Approved Vision Directions

#### 26.1 Upkeep and Cleanliness

There should be a higher standard of property maintenance and cleanliness of private and public property, including:

- more garbage cans on streets and in parks
- community clean up programs
- stronger enforcement
- more information on where and how to dispose of various types of rubbish
- better repair of lanes

Support %: 91/5/4

People’s ideas...

- more garbage cans and emptied more often; “dog doo” disposal containers in parks
- merchants and community associations sponsor local clean up programs
- stricter and quicker City enforcement on maintenance problems
- more signs and information for the public about where they can dispose of mattresses and rubbish instead of dropping it in lanes and parks; more information to encourage residents to clean up after their dogs

#### 26.2 Quality of New Construction

New buildings of all types should be better built, using quality materials so that they last well and can be better maintained.

Support %: 88/9/2

People’s ideas...

- discourage flimsy windows and fixtures, and Styrofoam details, that break or are easily damaged
- provide overhangs or other techniques to withstand weather

## 27. Recycling, Conservation, and Noise Control



This Vision identifies a number of environmental issues and actions, several of which are included in this section. Many of these are additions to current City programs, which have been expanding over recent years as environmental issues have become more important to the public. For more on environmental issues, see **Greening, Parks, and Public Places** and **Traffic and Transportation**.

### Approved Vision Direction

#### 27.1 Recycling

There should be convenient locations in KCC to recycle, in the form of pick-up services and/or local depots — for example:

- to collect compostable materials
- to chip yard wastes
- to obtain City composters

Some of these programs could be organized at the community level, possibly using City grants, while others should be city-wide programs.

Support %: 87/9/3

People's ideas...

- expand recycling to apartments; user fee to fund local pick up of various materials; make it easier to get composters; City pick up of yard waste; more local education and incentives

#### 27.2 Collection of Household Hazardous Wastes

There should be a location in KCC for collection of household wastes (e.g., paints and solvents), that are otherwise stored in people's garages, basements, and sheds, or disposed of improperly. Support %: 88/7/5

People's ideas...

- deposit/refund system for household hazardous wastes

#### 27.3 Noise Control

Urban noise should be reduced, particularly by dealing with noise created by traffic and construction.

Support %: 85/12/3

People's ideas...

- enforce Noise By-Law; enforce speed limits; create landscaped barriers for schools and parks along arterials; provide traffic calming measures

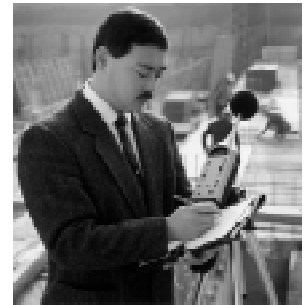
#### 27.4 Energy Conservation

Energy conservation should be a more important part of constructing, renovating, and operating local buildings.

Support %: 82/14/4

People's ideas...

- encourage use of alternate building materials; encourage alternate energy sources (e.g., solar, thermal); provide an energy-efficient model building in the community; more education and incentives



Measuring noise

## 28. Community Boundaries

The City divides Vancouver into Local Areas for the purposes of keeping data, ordering census statistics, and so forth. KCC is similar in geographic area to many others, but has more people. Some people feel that the area should be divided into two local areas, roughly along Kingsway. This would make each area's population similar to other local areas, and may better recognize their social, economic and character differences. The exact boundaries would require further examination and consultation.

### Vision Direction considered but not approved

#### 28.1 Local Area Boundaries Changed

KCC should be divided into two Local Areas for the purposes of City data keeping, census statistics and so forth. Uncertain %: 60/29/11\*

*Comments: This direction did not receive majority agreement in both surveys. However, it did receive a high number of agree votes. It remains on the table for community priority setting or community initiative.*

