

False Creek Flats



Mount Pleasant

City of Vancouver
Community
planning program

The City of Vancouver will be undergoing a long-term planning process for the False Creek Flats (the Flats) north of Mount Pleasant. City Council has approved a planning process to explore and understand the land use and transportation opportunities that exist in the 308 acre industrial area located east of False Creek, and to coordinate with other planning programs and initiatives, including the Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program.

Purpose of the Flats Planning Process

- take advantage of opportunities to better integrate the ‘high-tech’ area in the western and southern areas of the Flats into the surrounding neighbourhoods;
- express long-range land-use and transportation directions for the Flats and provide overall economic development perspectives; and
- maintain and strengthen the role of the eastern industrial area serving the Port and Downtown.

Challenges and Opportunities

- transportation and access to the Flats is a significant challenge for all modes of travel - the planning process will aim to create a coherent access and structure plan;
- the potential development of a major health facility in the West Flats (i.e., Providence Health Group) may have a major impact

on the demand for additional office space in the area;

- the ‘high-tech’ zoning in the west has not experienced the uptake that was expected when the zoning was put in place in the 1990s; and
- overall, there is potential to intensify job density in the area.

Flats Planning Process:

Phase 1

(4 months starting in spring 2008)

There are many interested parties who have varied and potentially conflicting expectations and timelines for the planning program, including business and property owners in the Flats, the eight neighbourhoods that surround the Flats, the Port and rail industry, Translink, and the development and business communities. This phase will provide the opportunity for various interests to articulate their goals, objectives, and issues, and understand how they will fit within the planning process. This Phase includes:

- a. Developing Consensus on Scope and Process
- b. Research and Data Collection
- c. Background Transportation Study Work

The “Background Transportation Study Work” will include developing and calibrating a transportation model of the existing infrastructure and land use for the entire Flats area, and to generate a future model scenario for 2021 using the existing approved high-technology, commercial, and industrial zoning.

Phase 2

(Up to 14 months)

This phase includes:

- a. Long-range Vision Development
- b. Completion of Transportation Study
- c. Specific Projects and Rezoning and Related Planning Work

The “Transportation Study” on the implications for the proposed structure of streets, transit routes, bikeways and pedestrian connections will be completed in parallel with the “Long-range Vision Development” for the Flats. The sensitivity of the transportation demand and supply impacts of alternate land use scenarios and transportation network options will be tested and an overall long term transportation plan needed to serve redevelopment of the Flats will be recommended.

For more information about the False Creek Flats, please contact Karis Hiebert at 604-871-6066 or send email to theflats@vancouver.ca.

Refer to:

www.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/currentplanning/fcflats for information on history of the Flats study area, current land and transportation uses, and updated news on opportunities to participate.

