



Come to the Community Plan Fairs!

Tell us about your issues and ideas! Play a part in planning the future of Mount Pleasant!

Everyone is welcome! Come one, come all! It's free!

You have two opportunities to meet and chat with City Staff:



Saturday, June 2 at Mount Pleasant Elementary School
(as part of the 'Celebrate Mount Pleasant' Festival)

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM
2300 Guelph Street

The Mount Pleasant Community Plan team and displays will be at the 'Celebrate Mount Pleasant' community festival which features sporting events, a flea market, information booths, food, games, entertainment, awards ceremony, and a COMMUNITY PARADE!



Sunday, June 10 at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM
3161 Ontario Street

City staff will be a part of these fun events. Take in the interactive displays, sign up for workshops, or join the Mount Pleasant Community Liaison Group. Get involved!

- > Childcare and translation help will be available.
- > Kids' activities. Free food. Fun.
- > Enter to win great prizes, food baskets, gift certificates.



"It's time. On behalf of your City Council I am pleased that the Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program is underway. It's an excellent opportunity for the community to work with the City on a new plan. Your input and involvement is critically important. Take the time to attend one of the Community Plan Fairs, participate in a community workshop, or join the Mount Pleasant Community Liaison Group. You can make a difference."



Mayor
Sam Sullivan

A new Community Plan for Mount Pleasant will be developed with the people who live, work, and volunteer in the community. The plan will describe what the community should be like in the future: it will identify what is valuable and should be retained, as well as what and how things should change.

There will be many opportunities to participate: attending a Community Plan Fair to look at displays, make comments, and enter a contest or draw; attending a community workshop to discuss issues and come up with solutions; volunteering for the Community Liaison Group (more about that later); filling-out feedback surveys; or simply reading the newsletters delivered to your home. Opportunities to participate will also be provided for people from several language and cultural groups, and for those who are difficult to engage.

Why Mount Pleasant? It is one of Vancouver's oldest and most diverse communities, with several distinct neighbourhoods and shopping areas. It has a large stock of more affordable rental housing. There is a strong arts community and residents' group (Mount Pleasant CARES); active Aboriginal and youth groups; and a vigorous Neighbourhood House, Community Centre Association, Business Improvement Association, and Community Policing Centre. Mount Pleasant also has major streets with high traffic volumes, a growing population of homeless persons, and development pressures affecting its shopping and residential areas. By drawing on the community's history and diversity, the Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCPP) will offer many opportunities for positive, sustainable change.

Over the next 30 months, the MPCPP will deliver updated plans for your shopping areas and residential neighbourhoods, action plans for pressing social concerns, and policies to address community-wide issues and opportunities. Topics will include: safety, sustainability, traffic, housing, parks, public places, character, and heritage.

Contact Us!

For more information on the Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program or to get on the mailing list:

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Community Services

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

800 East Broadway
Vancouver, BC V5T 1Y1
Tel: 604-879-8208
www.anhgv.org

Mount Pleasant Branch Library

Kingsgate Mall – 370 East Broadway
Vancouver, BC V5T 4G5
Tel: 604-665-3962
www.vpl.ca/branches/Mt.Pleasant

Raven Song Community Health Centre

2450 Ontario Street
Vancouver, BC V5T 4T7
Tel: 604-709-6400
www.vch.ca/community/community_health_centres.htm

Mount Pleasant Community Centre

3161 Ontario Street
Vancouver, BC V5T 2Z1
Tel: 604-713-1888
www.vancouver.ca/parks/cc/mtpleasant

Collingwood Community Policing Centre

5160 Joyce Street
Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1
Tel: 604-717-2935
www.collingwoodcpc.com

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Integrated Services Team

Nancy Cheung 604-873-7218
www.vancouver.ca/nist

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FUN FOR ALL!

See back page for details!



How to get Involved?

Come Out to the Fairs.
Invite Us to Meet Your Group.
Join the CLG.

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Planning staff would like to come to one of your group's meetings to provide information about the Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program and the many ways you can get involved. We hope to hear your comments, concerns, and ideas about Mount Pleasant. To book a meeting, please contact Angela Ko at 604-871-6598.

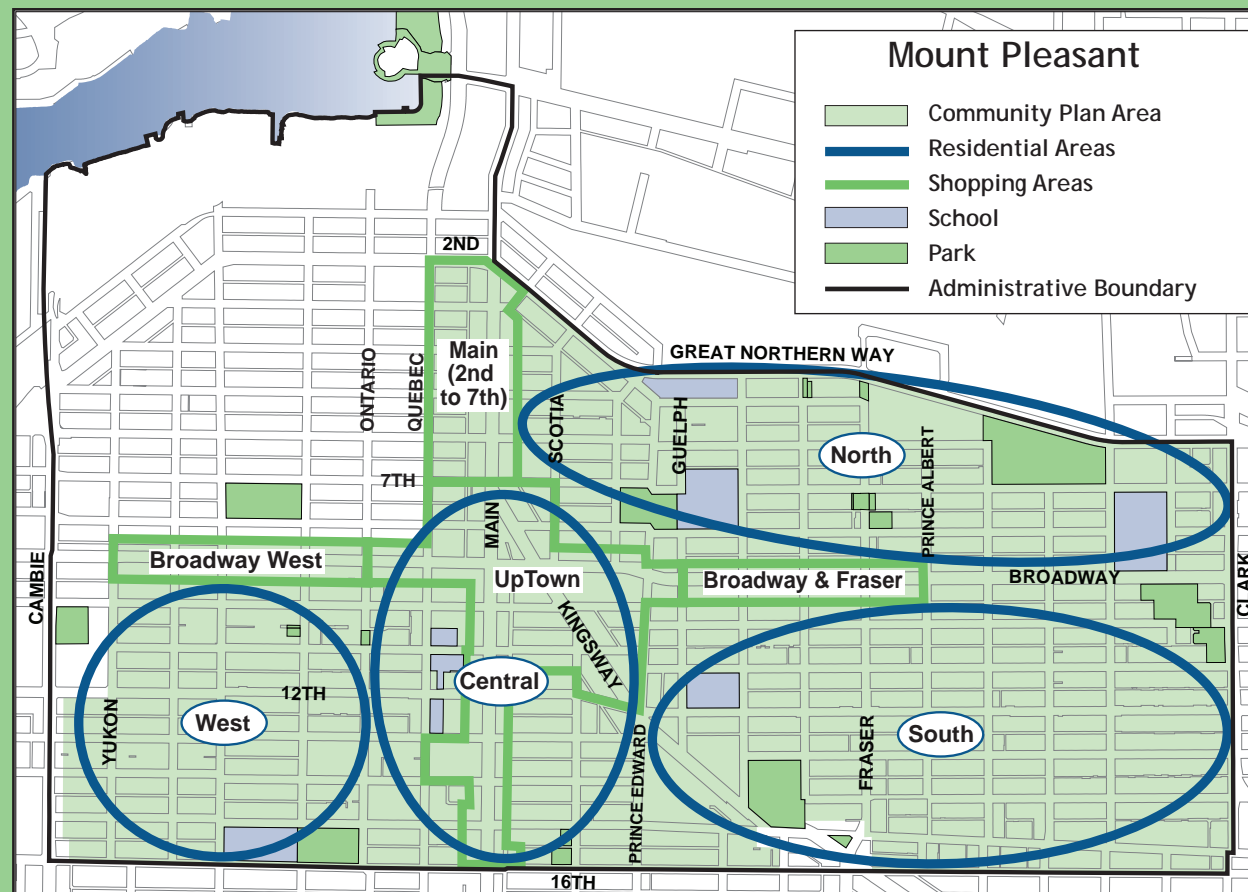
Join the Community Liaison Group (CLG)

The Mount Pleasant CLG will be made up of residents, business and property owners, workers, and volunteers who provide continuity throughout the planning process and advise the planning team. Membership is open and voluntary. Up to six meetings per year will be held at times convenient for members, likely during weekday evenings. If you are interested in the CLG, please join by filling out a form online at www.vancouver.ca/mountpleasant. Or for more information, call Angela Ko at 604-871-6598.

Mount Pleasant Community Plan Team



Dana Walker, Angela Ko, Peter Burch



STEP 1 Start-up and Getting in Touch March 2007 – June 2007

City staff spread the word about the planning process and invite people to identify community priorities. This newsletter is sent out to all households and businesses in the community. The Mount Pleasant Community Liaison Group (or CLG) is formed to provide advice to City staff on the planning process. Two fun, interesting, and free Community Plan Fairs will be held: June 2nd at Mount Pleasant Elementary School (part of the 'Celebrate Mount Pleasant' Festival), and June 10th at Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

STEP 3 Set Community-wide Directions Sept 2008 – Dec 2008

This step focuses on issues and opportunities which affect all of Mount Pleasant (e.g. arterial street traffic, housing affordability, safety and services, and sustainability). Newsletters, open houses, and other approaches will keep the community informed.

STEP 2 Sub-Area and Community Action Plans July 2007 – Aug 2008

A series of community workshops and events look first at how to make the community's shopping areas more vibrant and attractive (Oct 2007), and then consider how to enhance Mount Pleasant's residential neighbourhoods (Feb 2008). Workshops provide opportunities for interested people from the community to work creatively with City staff and consultants to develop possible improvements for the community.

Step 2 will also identify key community social issues and have staff work with community organizations, government agencies, and community members to resolve them. A volunteer Social Coordinating Group (or SCG) is formed to implement this work.

A series of open houses and events will be held to get a broader response to proposals generated in this step.

STEP 4 Completing the Community Plan Jan 2009 – Aug 2009

All of the pieces developed in Steps 1 – 3 will be brought together in a draft Community Plan. A newsletter will be sent out and community meetings will be held. Community preferences will be identified. The draft Community Plan will go to City Council for approval.

What's Happening NOW in Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House (MPNH) is currently accepting registration for "Before and After School Care" at Florence Nightingale School for September 2007; MPNH also offers licensed preschool and daycare, and family drop-ins. The Family and Children's Program is gearing up for a busy and productive summer, with Summer Day Camp for children aged 5-10 years starting on July 3 and running to August 17th. An after school pre-teen program at Mount Pleasant Elementary started this spring, providing drop-in programs and activities for children age 10 to 12, running Mondays to Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the school and Fridays at the Neighbourhood House.

MPNH is also launching two new initiatives: "Levelling the Playing Field: Economic Inequality and Immigrant Families with Young Children" will explore policies and practices that result in economic inequalities for young children and their families in Mount Pleasant; and "Senior Mentors Making Connections for Immigrant Communities" which will train bilingual senior volunteers in mentoring, leadership, and outreach skills.

Call MPNH at 604-879-8208 to find out about these programs and initiatives, plus... Multicultural Dinners, Coffee House, Seniors and Community Lunches, Seniors' Activities, Thrift Store, and much, much more.

Mount Pleasant Community Centre begins registration for summer programs on Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00 AM. Don't delay... many popular courses fill up fast! Pick up a copy of their Summer 2007 Recreation Guide at the Community Centre or view it on-line at vancouverparks.ca (click on Community Centres, then click #13 Mt. Pleasant).

Collingwood Community Policing Centre is conducting a community garden program in Mount Pleasant called Garden Watch. It is designed to turn neglected, fearful locations into places where there is a sense of safety, beauty, and community. Participants from local community gardens will provide the training and expertise required to develop a community garden. Call 604-717-2935 for more information.

Mount Pleasant Branch Library has free summer programs for children, teens, adults, and families. Registration for Children Summer Reading Club begins June 15. Special Program days are Thursdays at 2 PM. The Wrap-up Party and Ceremony is on Thursday, August 16 at 2 PM. Drop-in Pyjama Storytime for the entire family is scheduled for Thursdays at 7 PM from July 5 to July 26. Summer Saturday Storytime for the entire family will take place on Saturdays at 2 PM from July 14 to August 18. All teens are welcomed to join an ONLINE Teen Summer Reading Club! Yes, a Summer Reading program for adults is taking place with weekly prizes, booklets, etc. Registration begins June 12 and reading begins on or after July 3. The wrap-up party is held at the Central Library, Saturday, August 16 from 2-4 PM. For more information, please go to www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/prl/adultsummerreading.