

Special Sites

View Corridors

The City of Vancouver adopted View Protection Guidelines in 1989 to protect 26 public views. These view corridors, also referred to as view cones, include views of several North Shore mountains, the downtown skyline, and the waters of False Creek from a number of points throughout the city.

A view corridor is a defined field of space that provides for a view from a specific vantage point (see illustration). Development occurring within a view corridor is restricted to a maximum height, in order to ensure the view is protected for public enjoyment.

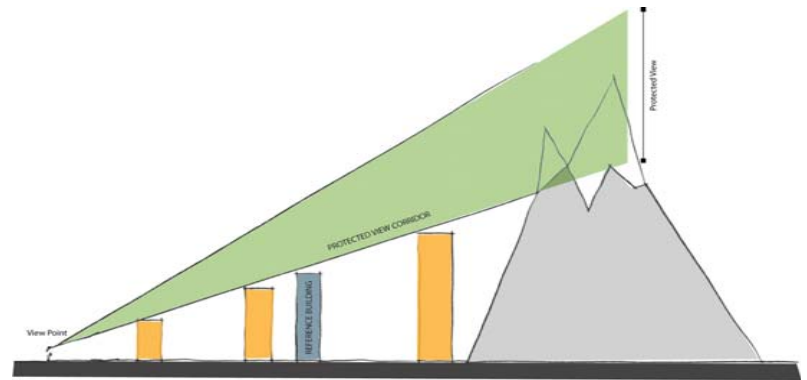


Illustration of a View Corridor

Main Street View Cone

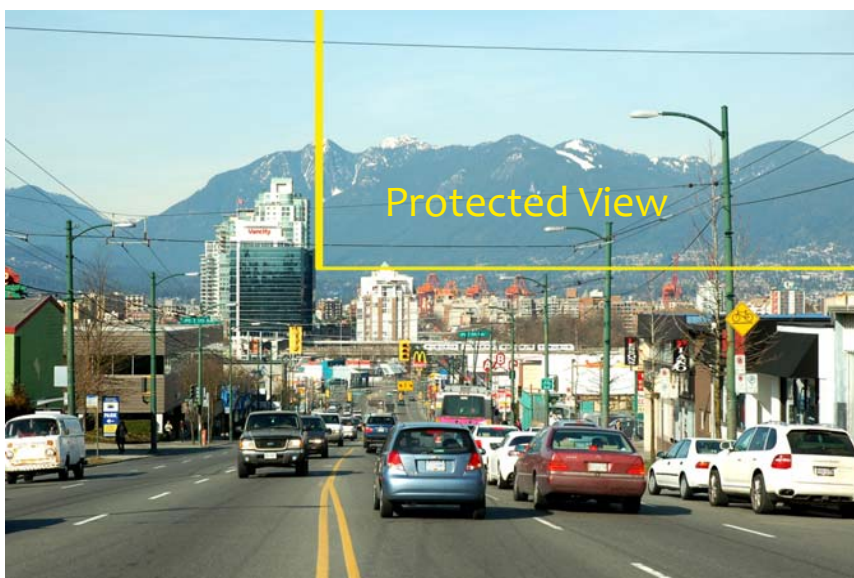
At the possible heights identified for Special Sites, only those along the Main Street Corridor would impact a protected view cone (View Cone 22).

The map to the right illustrates the Main Street view cone, and the images below show the impact that Special Sites would have on this view.



View Corridors in the Historic Area

If Special Sites along Main Street are considered appropriate at heights up to 200', the View Protection Guidelines would need to be revised by City Council.



View Cone 22: Main Street looking north at 6th Ave.



Impact of Main Street Corridor Special Sites (up to 200') with Option 2 General Height

Your Opinion?

We would like your feedback on the possible impact to the Main Street view cone that could result from allowing Special Sites along the Main Street Corridor. Please be sure to complete Part III of the feedback form on Special Sites and provide us with your comments.

