



Advisory Committees To Council Overview

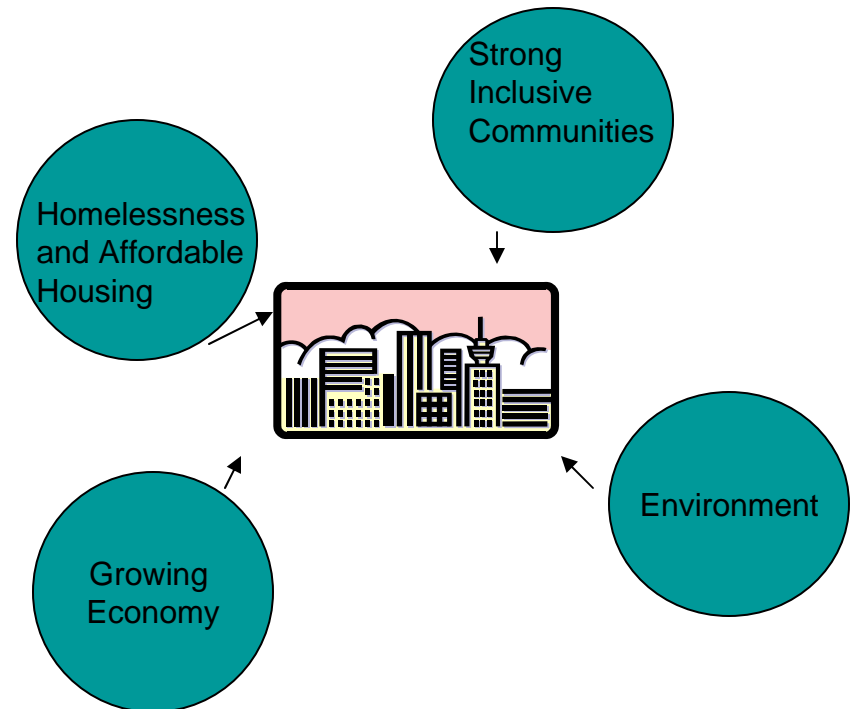
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Presentation Outline

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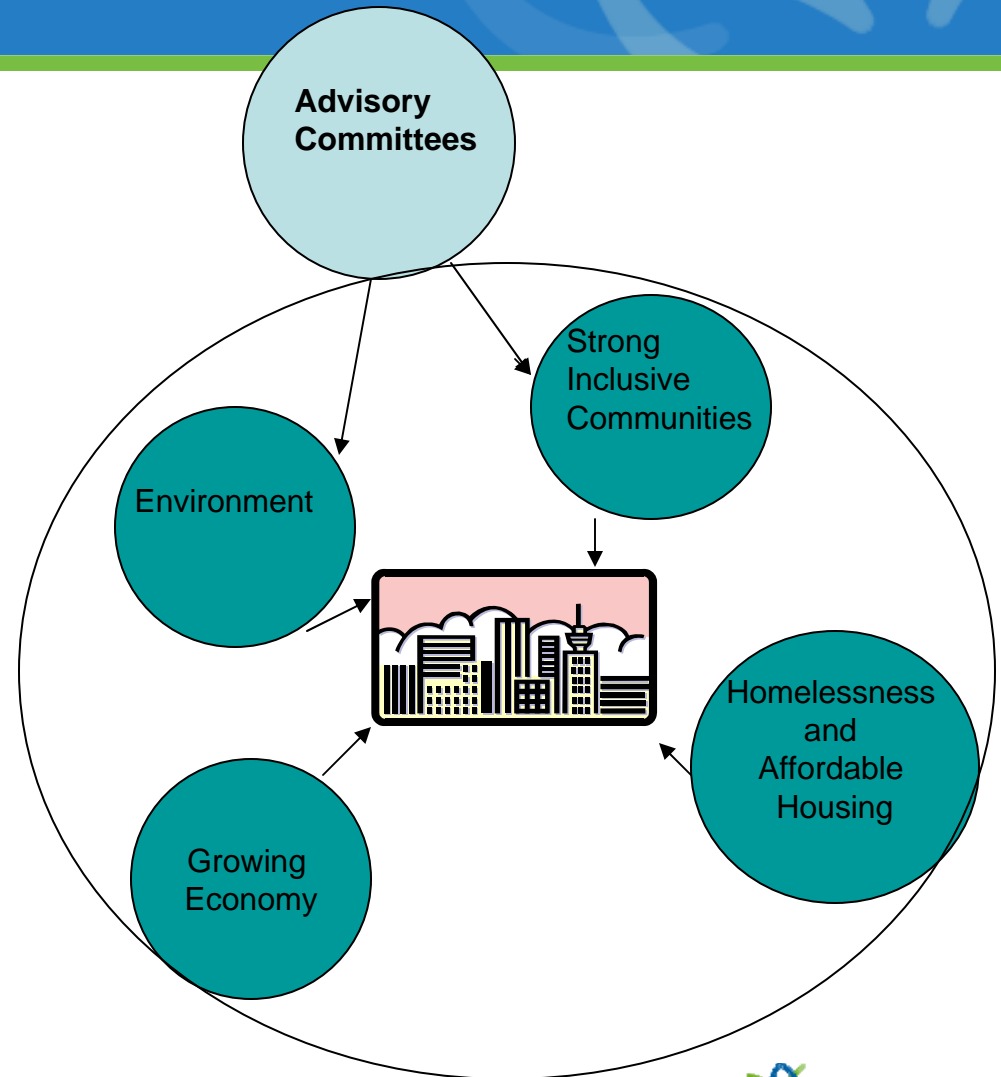
Council Priorities

- Homelessness and Affordable Housing
- Building Strong, Safe and Inclusive Communities
- Environment and Sustainability
- Creative Capital and a Growing Economy



Council Objectives

- Building Strong, Safe and Inclusive Communities means:
- Enhancing access to City Hall with new opportunities for engagement and consultation
- Assist in moving City forward
- Efficient use of staff



Economic Context

- Economic Downturn
- Fiscal Restraint
- Public Scrutiny & Expectation
- Clarity of Focus
- Effective and Streamlined

Current Status & Expectations

City of Vancouver Committees

1. **Mayor's Task Forces** - Advise Mayor and are volunteers (sometimes subject matter experts) chosen by Mayor e.g. GCAT
2. **Joint Staff/Council Committees** - Advise Council and include both Councillors and staff members e.g., Joint Child Care Council
3. **Staff Committees** - Advise administration and members include internal staff only or staff from other levels of government e.g., Early Childhood Development (ECDMofU)
4. **Citizen Advisory Committees** - Community volunteers appointed by Council to:
 - i. Type A Committees - Advise Council - FOCUS OF THIS PRESENTATION
 - ii. Type B Committees - Advise staff (e.g., Gastown Historical Area Planning)
 - iii. Type C Committees - Required by Statute (e.g., Board of Variance)

Current Status & Expectations

Type A Committees - Advisory to Council	
Committees	City Manager Staff Liaison Recommendations
Bicycle	Scott Edwards (Engineering)
Food Policy	MaryClare Zak (Social Policy) and Lianne McKenna (Parks)
Multicultural	Baldwin Wong (Social Policy)
LGBTQ	Dana Walker (Social Policy)
Women	Carol Swant (Fire)
Seniors	Neal Carley (Engineering)
Persons with Disabilities	Monica Kay (EEO)

Current Status & Expectations

Other Type A Committees - Advisory to Council COMMITTEES NOT PART OF THIS PRESENTATION

Public Art Committee

Vancouver City Planning Commission

Vancouver Heritage Commission

Creative City Task Force

Committee/Staff Roles

Roles

(Based on Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee Report adopted by Council in June 2006)

Advisory Body	City Clerk's	Staff Liaisons
Focus on Council priorities	Apply Procedure By-law	Inform, advise and liaise on City programs
Raise important community issues	Parliamentary procedure advice	
Provide feedback as required on City initiatives	Meeting support e.g., agenda & minutes distribution	Support Council Liaison
		Assist with framing issues

Committee Structure

Committee Model	Number of Committees	Meeting Frequency	Meeting Length
Former	4	10 X per year (not less than)	2 hours per meeting
New	7	4 X per year (Quarterly plus Annual All-Day Council of Councils)	3 hours per meeting "Meetings of Record"

- Existing Committees may meet on their own whereby space will be, and other staff committees may be, used as a resource
- All staff liaisons will report to the Deputy GM of Community Resources to ensure optimal utilization and focus

Outcomes & Reporting

- Mandates connect to Council priorities - focus will be important
- Terms of reference build on existing work programs
- Plans identify achievable goals and outcomes
- Annual Council of Councils will report to Council sharing achievements and future plans

Opportunities

- Community inspiration and engagement through mandates focused on Council priorities
- Mechanisms to provide better information on outcomes achieved and opportunities for feedback
- Annual forum to share Committees' experience
- Efficient use of resources

Next Steps

- **September 2009** - Council of Councils for Advisory Committees to begin discussing/describing their annual goals
- **November 2009** - Committees' meeting minutes circulated to Council
- **November 2009 to August 2010** - Action Plan Implementation
- **September 2010** - Next Council of Councils for Committees to begin cycle of discussing/describing their annual goals

Questions?