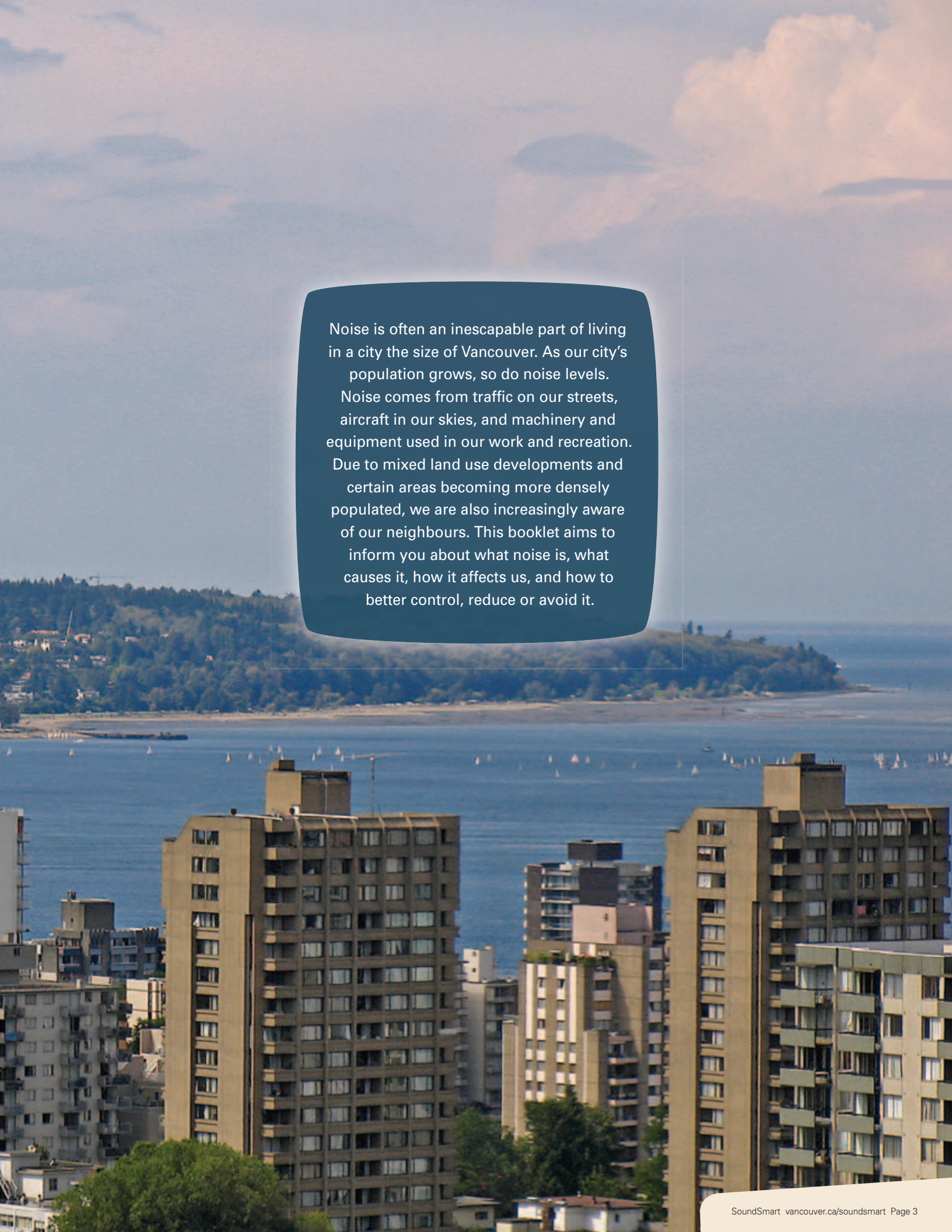


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Noise is often an inescapable part of living in a city the size of Vancouver. As our city's population grows, so do noise levels. Noise comes from traffic on our streets, aircraft in our skies, and machinery and equipment used in our work and recreation. Due to mixed land use developments and certain areas becoming more densely populated, we are also increasingly aware of our neighbours. This booklet aims to inform you about what noise is, what causes it, how it affects us, and how to better control, reduce or avoid it.