

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE LOCAL AREA PLAN

10 YEAR ACTION PLAN

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1	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Amend land use and development policies and by-laws to support plan implementation.
2	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Develop a Powell Street (Japantown) Revitalization program and public realm plan.
3	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Implement the Social Impact Management Framework to protect and enhance identified community assets, and manage neighbourhood change to provide benefits and opportunities for local residents.
4	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Encourage the revitalization of laneways through temporary installations and development opportunities.
5	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Work with the community to prepare a “Hastings Street Urban Design Framework”, including developing Urban Design Guidelines (for Gore Avenue to Clark Avenue) and a public realm plan (Richards Street to Clark Avenue).
6	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Work with the community to prepare a “Kiwassa Urban Design Framework”, including developing Urban Design Guidelines and a Public Realm Plan.
7	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Support strategic public realm improvements to enhance and improve public realm safety, quality, and amenity, particularly for vulnerable populations.
8	6 - Places 7 - Built Form	Undertake improvements to Water Street and Maple Tree Square, including the public realm, pedestrian, cyclist, and traffic safety, and introduce amenities for community programming and celebrations.
9	8 - Well-being	Enhance residents sense of safety, inclusion and belonging, including implementing actions from the City’s Task Force on Sex Work and Sexual Exploitation and Missing Women’s Inquiry.
10	8 - Well-being	Prepare a renewal strategy to identify and prioritize the expansion, relocation, and/or renewal of social facilities and non-profit community space.
11	8 - Well-being	Expand access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally-appropriate foods.
12	8 - Well-being	Prioritize the safety of women, children, seniors, and culturally-diverse groups through well-designed spaces and inclusive programs.
13	8 - Well-being	Decrease child vulnerability from 50% to 15%.
14	8 - Well-being	Attract and retain food-related non-profit organizations and small businesses to be viable within the DTES.
15	8 - Well-being	Create 292 new childcare spaces for children aged 0-12 years of age.
16	9 - Housing	Create 850 new social housing units in first 5 years.
17	9 - Housing	Leverage an expanded and targeted DTES rent subsidy program linked to the scattered site initiative.
18	9 - Housing	Offer grants to non-profits to upgrade SROs while maintaining affordability.
19	9 - Housing	Work with the Residential Tenancy Branch to improve tenant/landlord relations.

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20	9 - Housing	Amend the SRA By-law and clarify the fee Council can attach to an SRA permit.
21	9 - Housing	Explore creative financing using a 'cost-benefit' approach for scattered supportive housing sites.
22	9 - Housing	Increase affordable housing options for all residents in the DTES, including social housing (1,400 in the first 10 years), income supplements (1,650 in first 10 years), secured market rental housing (1,650) and affordable homeownership options.
23	9 - Housing	Increase affordable housing options in neighbourhoods outside the DTES (including social housing, supportive housing/scattered sites, income supplements and market rental and homeownership units).
24	9 - Housing	Improve condition and quality of 1,900 SROs including upgrades to buildings and units.
25	9 - Housing	Improve housing and service options for people with mental health and addictions issues (1,300 scattered sites, 1,100 enhanced supports in BC Housing SROs, and 150 new residential beds in first 10 years).
26	10 - Economy	Achieve a 50% reduction in vacant storefronts through retail strategies
27	10 - Economy	Work with developers to allocate affordable space for important community assets and social enterprises (especially in the CBDA)
28	10 - Economy	Use City-owned properties, affordable leases, and revitalization tax supports to provide affordable goods and services to the area.
29	10 - Economy	Facilitate social and green enterprise practices and innovative business methods to achieve Social Impact objectives and Greenest City Action Plan objectives
30	10 - Economy	Identify, secure and maximize economic/business assets that serve the low-income community (particularly in the CBDA)
31	10 - Economy	Investigate regulatory changes and building code modifications to accelerate small conversions and renovations of business premises to allow business owners who wish to make physical improvements.
32	10 - Economy	Ensure the regulatory environment and city infrastructure maximizes opportunities for industrial lands
33	10 - Economy	Support a permanent location for the DTES Street Market for safer survival vending, and opportunities for sale of locally-produced arts and crafts.
34	10 - Economy	Undertake a study of vending alternatives and the establishment of neighbourhood market-selling facilities.
35	10 - Economy	Increase local employment (a target of at least 1,500 jobs over 10 years) encouraging inclusive local hiring opportunities
36	10 - Economy	Work with the four Business Improvement Associations to create a neighbourhood-wide business characteristics survey.
37	10 - Economy	Work with VEC and BIAs to attract suitable new enterprises with retail strategies
38	10 - Economy	Establish new neighbourhood retail centres (e.g. focus areas of Powell Street (Japantown), Hastings Crossing, Main Street and Hastings East) to serve local needs

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39	10 - Economy	Innovate and support opportunities for market-selling, small business and micro-enterprise opportunities for DTES residents to build the survival economy.
40	10 - Economy	Assist BIAs to enhance the local business environment and attract new businesses at a ten-year target rate of 3 to 5% growth.
41	10 - Economy	Promote a social procurement policy for the DTES in partnership with key stakeholders.
42	11 - Transport	Upgrade streets and sidewalks to make walking more convenient and safe, especially for seniors and residents with mobility challenges.
43	11 - Transport	Add walking and cycling routes and connections with improved comfort and safety.
44	11 - Transport	Prioritize transit and transit amenities for bus passengers.
45	11 - Transport	Support the local economy through more efficient goods movement and loading facilities.
46	12 - Parks	Pursue public access to the former CPR right-of-way to enhance walkability and public amenity.
47	12 - Parks	Improve existing and new opportunities for community access and programming in plazas and gathering spaces, and encourage community stewardship.
48	12 - Parks	Rehabilitate Blood Alley Square/Trounce Alley in conjunction with adjacent development.
49	12 - Parks	Enhance the public realm to improve walkability, and reinforce the distinct identity of historic areas.
50	12 - Parks	Convert over-paved or under-used areas into mini-parks or plazas where possible.
51	12 - Parks	Make existing parks more useable by adding new features.
52	12 - Parks	Fill gaps and replace ailing trees, and plant new trees in areas with few or no existing street trees.
53	12 - Parks	Explore opportunities to improve access to CRAB Park.
54	12 - Parks	Create new gathering spaces by reallocating road/laneway space and as part of new development.
55	12 - Parks	Ensure gathering spaces have infrastructure, (e.g. water, power, lighting, etc.) to support programming.
56	13 - Heritage	Support community efforts to recognize Aboriginal heritage and the Salish Sea Civilization concept.
57	13 - Heritage	Create a framework and business plan for a Chinatown Society Building Grants Program.
58	13 - Heritage	Implement the Council approved "Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan and Economic Revitalization Strategy" in the context of heritage.
59	13 - Heritage	Support community efforts to identify, conserve and celebrate tangible and intangible Aboriginal heritage.

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60	13 - Heritage	Support community initiatives raised and noted in the Historical and Cultural Review - Powell Street (Japantown) document, such as raising the stature of the Japanese-Canadian heritage, applying for designation of the Vancouver Japanese Language School and Hall site as a National Historic Site of Canada,
61	13 - Heritage	Initiate the work on updating the Vancouver Heritage Register.
62	13 - Heritage	Update the Vancouver Heritage Register to reflect broader heritage values
63	13 - Heritage	Prepare a Statement of Significance for the Powell Street (Japantown) area and its character buildings.
64	13 - Heritage	Review, extend and expand the Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) and Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program (HFRP) to other parts of the DTES (i.e. Powell Street (Japantown)).
65	13 - Heritage	Enhance social housing proposals by applying heritage incentive programs to rehabilitate heritage buildings, in particular SROs and the Chinatown Society heritage buildings
66	13 - Heritage	Identify, preserve and improve places with social and cultural meaning to the community.
67	13 - Heritage	Support preservation and rehabilitation of the Chinatown Society heritage buildings as cultural anchors
68	14 - Arts & Culture	Encourage opportunities for public art to engage with and reflect the neighbourhood and wherever possible, involve neighbourhood-based artists.
69	14 - Arts & Culture	Strengthen artists' entrepreneurial capacity and skills
70	14 - Arts & Culture	Explore enhanced opportunities for artists to sell their artwork on City and Park Board property
71	14 - Arts & Culture	Stabilise key existing physical assets and secure ownership in public domain
72	14 - Arts & Culture	Retain/create flexible multi-use neighbourhood spaces such as studios, offices, rehearsal/production and indoor/outdoor space
73	14 - Arts & Culture	Pursue opportunities for co-location or shared cultural spaces, and for sharing resources and services
74	15 - Energy & Climate Change	Identify suitable potential locations for a neighbourhood energy centre or centres to serve the Downtown Eastside.
75	15 - Energy & Climate Change	Expand the existing neighbourhood energy services area to apply to all of the Downtown Eastside.
76	15 - Energy & Climate Change	Require designs of all new developments in the Downtown Eastside over 2000 square metres to use hydronic (hot water) heating systems, and required to connect to a neighbourhood energy system when one is in place.
77	16 – Utilities	Pursue opportunities for additional drinking fountains or bottle filling stations, such as in parks, public spaces, plazas, along bikeways and greenways, and as part of new developments, when opportunities arise.