

Marpole Community Plan Update

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Marpole Plan Area



Upcoming Events:

“Coffee Talks”

Two sessions each week between
November 13 - December 4

Community Dialogue Sessions

Saturday, November 30

Saturday, December 7

For more information on times and locations, please see “How can I learn more and get involved?”

For the past 18 months, we've been working with residents, businesses and other stakeholders on a new community plan for Marpole. In June 2013, we received your feedback on a draft Marpole Community Plan. Since then, we've made some changes and want to continue to work with you on creating a new plan for your community.

The path to a community plan

In the spring of 2012, the City of Vancouver launched a program to create a new community plan for Marpole.

A community plan provides direction on land use, housing, transportation, parks and public spaces, community amenities, heritage and more. It considers long-range and short-term goals, and builds on the aspects of the community that its residents value.

Who creates a community plan?

We all do! Throughout the planning program, we've heard from a broad range of people in Marpole, including those of different cultural backgrounds, ages, incomes, renters, owners, residents and business owners.

Community involvement so far

Through more than 60 meetings, events and activities, we've connected with thousands of people about what matters to them, what they love about Marpole, and opportunities for positive change. Events have included:

- Workshops and “walkshops”
- Storytelling events
- Meetings and focus groups
- Open houses
- Paper and online questionnaires
- Outreach at community events
- “Action while planning” events

We want to continue to work with you and your neighbours on creating a successful Marpole Community Plan.



What's important to you - what we heard

Throughout the planning process, we heard from a wide range of people who shared what's important to them. Overall, some key themes emerged:

- **Residential character** – protecting the quiet, single-family areas and focusing growth along major streets.
- **Community facilities** – providing facilities to serve a growing population, including renewing the Marpole Library and Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre.
- **Housing affordability** – improving affordable housing, particularly for families with children and renters, and availability of social and supportive housing for those in need.
- **Parks and open spaces** – improving existing parks and increasing park space where possible, especially along the Fraser River.
- **Transportation** – improving safety and comfort and enhancing walking and cycling connections across major streets, to the Canada Line, and to the Fraser River.
- **Local business vitality** – the Granville Street shopping area is feeling tired and in need of revitalization and renewal, with a greater diversity of shops and services.

How the Community Plan responds...

The draft Marpole Community Plan includes directions on many topics including: land use, housing, transportation, parks, community amenities and benefits, arts and culture, heritage and the local economy. We've taken the feedback we've received and created a draft plan that reflects your priorities. Plan highlights include:

Respecting neighbourhood character while managing growth

- minimize change to single-family areas – about 80 per cent of existing single-family zoned areas will not change
- focus growth along or near major streets, where transit, shops and services are available

New and improved community amenities

- a comprehensive strategy that includes directions for:
 - a new community centre and library
 - upgrades for existing facilities (Marpole Place, Marpole Oakridge Family Place)
 - new childcare spaces
 - new park space and improvements to existing parks
- work with the Vancouver School Board to ensure school capacity is expanded as the population grows

Transportation improvements

- Transit*
- new bus connections between Granville Street and Cambie Street
 - pursue future transit opportunities along the Arbutus Corridor
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- improve key intersections on major streets for people walking, cycling or driving
 - explore traffic calming measures to limit short-cutting between Granville Street and Oak Street
 - opportunities to extend parking hours along major streets
- Walking and Cycling*
- improve existing walking/cycling routes and develop new routes to better connect across the community and to the broader region

Housing affordability

- encourage a wider variety of housing options, such as townhouses for families with children
- protect and enhance existing rental housing
- increase social and supportive housing

Vibrant local shopping area along the Granville High Street

- support local shops and services with new housing along Granville Street and the surrounding neighbourhood
- support affordable, small business opportunities
- provide an enjoyable shopping experience with high-quality public spaces, including wider sidewalks, plazas and landscaping

These are just the highlights. To learn more about what's in the plan, visit our website or come to a community event!

We've listened to you! Over the summer, Marpole residents raised concerns about rezoning of single-family areas, especially west of Cambie Street. In response, the plan has been changed to limit rezonings to the major streets and immediately adjacent areas. No change is proposed to any of the areas shown in white on this map.



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Sub-area Highlights

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- 1 Granville**
 - reinforce the 'heart' of Marpole
 - new development and improvements to public spaces to support shops and services
 - higher buildings and more density focused on Granville Street
- 2 Lower Hudson**
 - preserve and enhance affordable rental housing
 - support and improve existing commercial areas, including 'cultural hub'
 - improve access to park space and better connect neighbourhood to the Fraser River
 - recognize cultural/ historical importance of Marpole Midden
- 3 Oak**
 - enhance West 67th Avenue and Oak Street as a local shopping area
 - safer crossings for Oak Street
- 4 Cambie**
 - transit-oriented neighbourhood with a variety of building types (single-family to high rise)
 - protect existing single-family neighbourhoods west of Cambie Street

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