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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below information bulletin on October 8, regarding the launch of public engagement for the draft Official Development Plan (ODP). Maria will share the Vancouver.ca and social links when these are live.

Thanks,  
Donny

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s̱ lilw̱ ta̱ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

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## Have your say on Vancouver's draft Official Development Plan

The City of Vancouver is inviting the public to review and share their feedback on the draft **Vancouver Official Development Plan (ODP)**, a city-wide plan that will guide how Vancouver grows and changes over the next 30 years and beyond.

### Planning for growth

An ODP is a land use policy that maps out space for housing, jobs, parks and schools, as the city grows. The Province of B.C. requires the City of Vancouver to adopt a city-wide ODP by June 2026.

Once adopted by by-law, City Council will use the ODP to guide land use decisions such as rezonings to make sure the city develops in an organized and strategic way, and provide greater predictability for residents and businesses.

The ODP will be reviewed every five years to ensure it reflects evolving challenges and opportunities.

### Building on the Vancouver Plan

The draft ODP builds on the [Vancouver Plan](#), which was approved in 2022 following extensive engagement with residents, businesses, and community partners. The draft ODP includes all the content of the Vancouver Plan, adding new details, including:

- Generalized land use (GLU) designations and map to show how different parcels of land could

- be used, including maximum development potential.
- New information on environmentally sensitive areas, hazard lands, utilities and public facilities such as schools and parks.
- Integration of new Provincial requirements such as mandatory housing targets, the introduction of Transit-Oriented Areas (TOAs), and changes to public hearing requirements through Bill 18.

### Implementing the ODP

The ODP will be implemented over time through area plans and rezonings led by the City or by private property owners. The ODP itself is not a rezoning policy and does not guarantee development on any given site. Additionally, existing policies on design, livability and development will continue to apply.

Under new Provincial legislation ([Bill 18](#)), the City is not allowed to hold public hearings for projects that are consistent with the ODP and have at least 50% residential floor area. This is intended to speed up the delivery of much-needed housing and is consistent with procedures in other municipalities. All existing City rezoning engagement processes will continue, including the opportunity to submit comments to City staff and Council for consideration prior to making a rezoning decision.

The ODP is a high-level plan. To ensure local characteristics, including their specific historical, cultural and urban contexts are considered, detailed area planning, such as the [Rupert Renfrew Station Area Plan](#) and the [Cambie Corridor Plan](#), will continue.

### Get involved

Share your thoughts on the draft ODP by:

- Completing the survey at: [shapeyourcity.ca/ODP](https://shapeyourcity.ca/ODP).
- Attending an open house located throughout the city or virtually.
- Signing up for the [mailing list](#).

### Next steps

Your feedback will help inform the final ODP. A public hearing will be held in early 2026 before Council considers adopting the ODP. For more information on the draft ODP and how to participate, visit: [shapeyourcity.ca/ODP](https://shapeyourcity.ca/ODP).

### Additional resources

- [Draft ODP Summary \(link\)](#)
- [Draft ODP full plan \(link\)](#)
- The [Vancouver Plan](#), the City's first unified, city-wide land use strategy.

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