



November 5, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Broadway Plan Public Engagement - Refined Directions - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of the launch of public engagement on the Refined Directions for the Broadway Plan being led by the City's Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability group. This round of engagement runs from November 4 to 30, 2021.

The materials are now live on the project's [ShapeYourCity](#) website. There are different ways for the public to review the materials like the [Summary Booklet](#), [virtual presentation](#), and [the complete set of boards](#), as well as various in-person and virtual opportunities to hear from the community like the [survey](#), in-person open houses, pop-ups, office hours and workshops.

The list below directs you to the pages in [the complete set of boards](#) that refer to the interests and goals of the Park Board:

- Centres – Views and Heights: Queen Elizabeth Park (page 16)
- Public Realm Framework: Parks Refined Directions (pages 86 & 87)
- Public Realm Framework: Park Typologies (page 92)
- Community Well-Being: Community Centres Refined Directions (pages 95 & 96)
- Public Benefits: Parks and Open Spaces Refined Directions (page 102)
- Public Benefits: Community Centres Refined Directions (page 102)

Background

The Broadway Plan began in March 2019 focusing on opportunities to integrate development with transit along and around the Broadway Subway. In line with the Guiding Principles endorsed by Council, it aims to deliver on a wide range of City goals, including housing affordability, job space, social and cultural amenities, environmental sustainability and livability.

The Refined Directions were developed after hearing about key ideas, interests, and opportunities from thousands of people in the Broadway Plan study area. Input received in this next phase will help shape the Draft Plan anticipated next year.

Parks and recreation policy directions include:

- Protecting existing assets and identifying opportunities to create or expand parks and community centre spaces, to meet the needs of a growing population;
- Improving connectivity through greenways and blue-green corridors; and
- Supporting the growth of large street trees along Broadway.



On March 8, 2021, the Park Board approved a motion titled "[Protecting the Irreplaceable View from the Pinnacle of Vancouver](#)" related to the emerging directions stage of the Broadway Plan and the potential loss and/or negative impacts on the view corridor brought about by the Plan. Currently, the City Planning team is not exploring changes to the views from Queen Elizabeth Park to the mountains, but are considering options that could impact views to the buildings downtown and views to the water of Burrard Inlet and the port.

Next Steps

Staff will provide an update to the Board ahead of the completion and presentation of the Plan to Council expected in Q1 2022.

Regards,

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