

# Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan

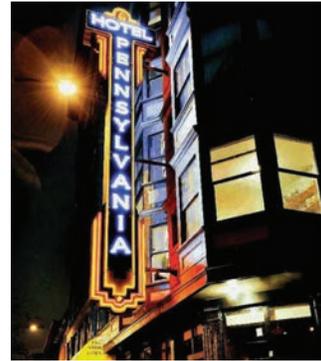
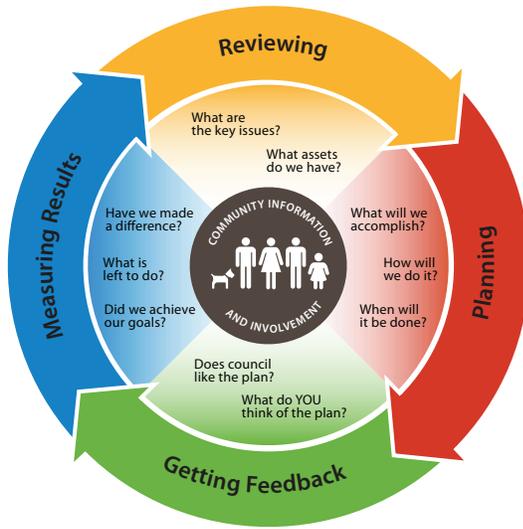
## PATH TO A COMMUNITY PLAN

In January 2011, Vancouver City Council established a committee to enhance and accelerate the creation of a Local Area Plan for the Downtown Eastside. Since then, the two Council-appointed co-chairs of that committee have been working closely with City staff to prepare the framework for the committee's and community's role in creating a plan for a desired future for the area.

The Local Area Plan will provide a clear but flexible framework to guide change and development in the neighbourhood. The plan will consider both long-range and short-term ideas that build on the special assets and opportunities for the Downtown Eastside, but also fit within the broader objectives established for all of Vancouver.

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## **A LOOK AT THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE**

The Downtown Eastside includes all the neighbourhoods within the area roughly bordered by Clark Drive to the east, the industrial area and train tracks to the north and south, and Richards Street to the west. It is also located within the unceded Coast Salish territories on Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish lands.

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Approximately 17,000 people live in the Downtown Eastside (about 70 per cent in Strathcona and Oppenheimer), and some 18,790 people work in the area each day (about six per cent of all jobs in the city).

There are divergent views concerning the impact of development in the planning area. Some of the key issues to be addressed in the plan relate to housing, affordability and poverty reduction, jobs and economic development, health and social services, and the rate of change.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

This will be an inclusive planning process where special efforts will be made to ensure that everyone in the area has a chance to put their ideas forward in the plan. This approach includes overcoming barriers to participating that stem from income, race, language, gender, age, and mental or physical health concerns.

Help us to prepare a great Local Area Plan for the Downtown Eastside — a plan with hope and opportunity for everyone. Through each step in the planning process, there will be a range of meaningful engagement opportunities where you can share your ideas and give feedback. It's your community so we want to hear from you.

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