

Emerging Directions - Neighbourhood Roles

Downtown Eastside has many diverse neighbourhoods, each with its own unique character and role, as well as challenges and opportunities. The plan will respect this diversity as the Downtown Eastside grows and evolves.

Community-based Development Area

- Maintain as the a key geographic area supporting the low-income community.
- Protect and strengthen critical low-income assets.
- Encourage compatible new businesses, services, and development.
- Improve public realm quality, accessibility, and safety.



Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District (DEOD)

- Establish regulatory strategies to prioritize social housing and secured market rental housing.
- Prioritize actions and strategies related to social housing, local economy, health and well-being needs and issues.
- Support Aboriginal, Chinese-Canadian, and Japanese-Canadian culture and heritage through public realm improvements, public art, events and programming, and strategic development and heritage rehabilitation opportunities.



Historic Neighbourhoods

Victory Square

Vancouver's historic downtown and transition area to the Central Business District.

- Retain historic buildings and area scale and character, while supporting compatible new development.
- Foster growth as a centre for arts, culture, and higher education uses.
- Support local commercial activities and a vibrant street life.
- Encourage a range of housing types including social housing and secure market rental housing.



Gastown

Vancouver's first neighbourhood and a National Historic District.

- Retain the predominant retail and commercial character with tourist-oriented goods and services, destination shops, boutiques, restaurants, and offices.
- Retain historic buildings and area scale and character while supporting compatible new development.
- Support new development with a range of housing types.
- Support strategic public realm improvements such as on Water Street, Maple Tree Square, Blood Alley Square, and the CPR right-of-way.



Chinatown

Historic heart of Vancouver's Chinese-Canadian community and a National Historic District.

- Retain the predominant retail and commercial character with tourist- and resident-oriented goods and services, restaurants, and offices through economic revitalization.
- Support residential intensification through compatible new development with a focus on seniors accommodation.
- Support the retention of Chinese Benevolent Society heritage buildings as cultural anchors.



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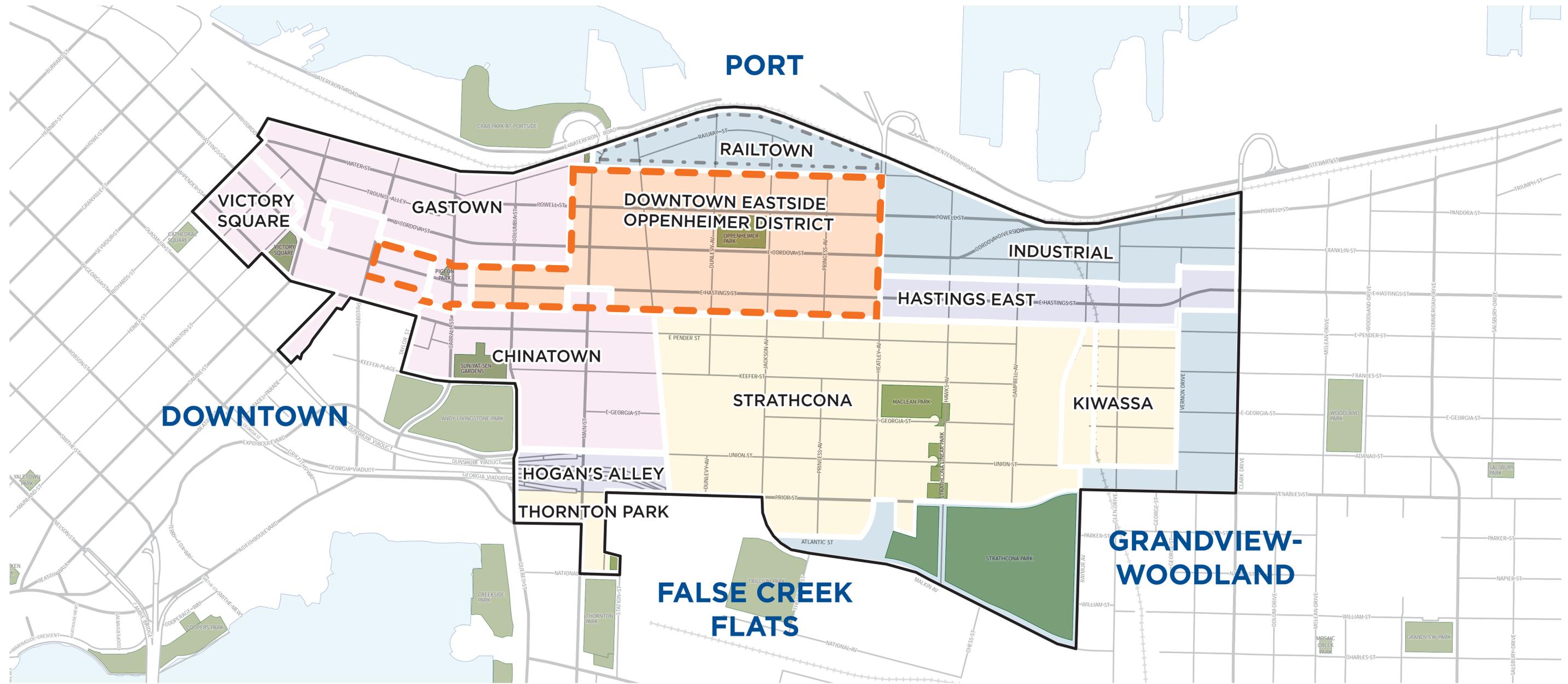
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Residential Neighbourhoods

Strathcona and Kiwassa

- Maintain and enhance existing residential heritage character.
- Encourage a range of housing types with an emphasis on family housing.
- Support redevelopment of lands east of Raymur Ave, focusing on family housing.
- Improve connections between Strathcona, Kiwassa, and other neighbourhoods.



Thornton Park

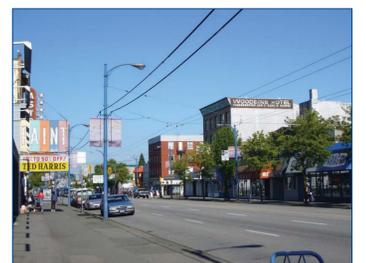
- Encourage continued transition into a mixed-use neighbourhood with housing choices, amenities and retail uses.
- Support residential intensification through compatible new development.
- Encourage a range of housing types, and consider rezoning to secure social housing.



New Neighbourhoods

Hastings East

- Support development of a mixed-use neighbourhood from Heatley to Clark.
- Encourage a mix of commercial, service, and retail uses at grade, with light-industrial uses where feasible.
- Establish a pedestrian-oriented, local-serving retail and service area on Hastings between Heatley and Campbell.
- Maximize delivery of on-site social housing, with a focus on families, through new development.



Hogan's Alley (Viaducts)

Pending a Council decision to remove the viaducts:

- Support development of a mixed-use neighbourhood with a range of housing types, parks, and public amenities;
- Maximize opportunities to deliver on-site social and affordable housing for families and singles, and;
- Ensure that the former community of Hogan's Alley that existed prior to the viaducts is celebrated.



Industrial Neighbourhoods

Railtown

- Affirm and update Railtown's role as a historic warehouse district with a mix of local, regional, national, and global-serving industrial and office uses.

General Industrial

- Maintain as local, regional, national, and global-serving industrial areas with key transportation infrastructure and connections.
- Support local industry clusters in areas of economic growth and social enterprise.

