False Creek South: Council Approved Provisional Vision Statement and Guiding Planning Principles

PROVISIONAL VISION STATEMENT

A renewed False Creek South enhances the living legacy of the community in realizing incremental growth in an equitable, innovative manner.

It is a place where a diversity of people live, work, interact, shop and play, and where strong social and physical connections exist.

It is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood in the city core.

In which:

• “Incremental growth” means a gradual increase in housing capacity that will occur in the community as part of a long-term phased redevelopment.
• “Equitable” means enabling a diversity of people (e.g. with different incomes, ages, household types) to live in False Creek South, in consideration of the original planning aspirations and the public ownership of the land, and in recognition of the community’s unique location in the city core, close to jobs and transit.
• “Innovative” means creative, experimental, and bold.
• “Resilient” refers to both social resilience and environmental resilience to disaster and climate change events.
**APPENDIX A**

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**PRINCIPLE 1: SUPPORT STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH COMMUNITY DESIGN**

Strive to maintain housing that is affordable to a diversity of people, and provide affordable options for residents to remain, albeit potentially in different housing forms. Maintain income diversity through a mix of tenure types and promote demographic mix by planning for families and aging in place. Recognize the role of well-planned community amenities, parks and facilities.

**PRINCIPLE 2: INCREASE HOUSING CAPACITY AND CHOICE INCLUDING AFFORDABLE OPTIONS**

Introduce additional housing capacity and diverse building typologies in the city core including delivery of affordable housing options in line with the broad range of incomes in Vancouver.

**PRINCIPLE 3: RESPECT THE UNIQUE CHARACTER AND PATTERN**

Uphold the unique character-defining elements, drawing inspiration from the historic neighbourhood character while acknowledging its central location.

**PRINCIPLE 4: MODEL LEADERSHIP IN INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**

Improve the ecological function of neighbourhood environmental systems and ensure public spaces and development are designed to be sustainable and resilient to climate change. Capture, clean, and reuse rainwater within the watershed, use an integrated systems approach and employ green infrastructure.

**PRINCIPLE 5: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

Enhance connections within the community and provide direct access to local services, adjacent neighbourhoods and transit.

**PRINCIPLE 6: PLAN FOR DIVERSE AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

Create a resilient complete street network that provides people of all ages and abilities with high quality walking, cycling and transit options. Integrate reliable and accessible transit within the community, and maintain critical access needs for all users.

**PRINCIPLE 7: CREATE AREAS FOR FOCUSED ACTIVITY**

Add mixed use and create areas for focused activity. Look for public places where neighbourhood shops, services and amenities could enhance the public realm, walkability and convenience while promoting human health.

**PRINCIPLE 8: ENGAGE AND ENHANCE THE WATER’S EDGE**

Complement the natural setting and existing parks and open spaces with a diverse public realm network including access to/engaging with water.

**PRINCIPLE 9: ENGAGE COMMUNITY AND CITY-WIDE STAKEHOLDERS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY**

Undertake a process inclusive of the community, adjacent communities, and city-wide stakeholder perspectives. Work within the City of Reconciliation framework and its foundational components.

**PRINCIPLE 10: DEVELOP A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE APPROACH**

Plan with a fiscally responsible approach for the long-term health and sustainability of the City’s Property Endowment Fund.