

# Grandview-Woodland. Welcome!

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In May 2012, we launched the Grandview-Woodland Community Planning process.

## We started by:

- Holding open houses
- Meeting with specific groups - youth, the urban Aboriginal community, Vietnamese seniors, Chinese, and Latin American residents
- Holding special events - storytelling night, walking tours, dialogue session and photo contest
- Creating an on-line and paper questionnaire
- Connecting via social media
- Talking to you on the street
- Having a booth at several community events (e.g. Car-Free Day, Italian Days, Stone Soup Festival, National Aboriginal Days and others).

Altogether, we met with over **2,000** people; involved hundreds in asset mapping; received letters, emails, and phone calls; and sent out dozens of tweets; and had over **780** questionnaires submitted! Thank you for your involvement, enthusiasm and input!

Today, we're sharing a snapshot of what you told us is important to you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Commercial Drive

**Thursday, July 26, 3pm - 7 pm**  
Commercial at N Grandview Hwy

### Pandora Park

**Saturday, July 28, 11am - 2pm**  
Templeton at Franklin  
Rain Day: Kiwassa Neighbourhood House,  
2425 Oxford Street

### Grandview Park

**Sunday, July 29, 11am - 2pm**  
Commercial Drive at Charles  
Rain Day: Gym D at Britannia Community Centre

**Feel free to ask staff questions & share your thoughts with us.**



# 1 Grandview-Woodland OVERVIEW

Did you know  
the current  
Grandview-Woodland Plan  
is more than **30** years old?

It needs updating and  
we **need your help** to  
make it a success!



## What is a community plan?

A Community Plan is a framework that guides positive change and growth over 20-30 years. It integrates policy on land use, housing, transportation, parks and open space, arts and culture, the environment and more.

## Why is a community plan important?

As Vancouver and Grandview-Woodland continue to grow, a community plan will guide growth in a way that meets the needs of the neighbourhood, Vancouver as a whole, and the region.

## Who creates a community plan?

We all do! Throughout the planning program, staff will seek to engage the broadest range of people in Grandview-Woodland, including those of different cultural backgrounds, ages, incomes, renters and owners.

## When will the plan be finished?

The Grandview-Woodland Community Plan program will take place over 18-21 months.



## How can I get involved?

There will be a number of ways for you to get involved. Sign upon our email list to get updates on events and more opportunities to share your thoughts with us throughout the planning program.



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# WHO WE HEARD FROM

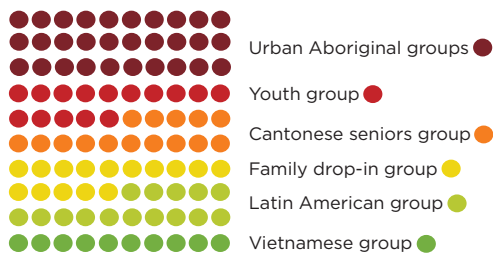
Since launching the planning process for the Grandview-Woodland Plan, we've heard input from a diversity of people. **Here is who we've engaged so far...**

Different types of outreach were used to engage different populations. We used our questionnaire to get input from the general public, asset mapping to capture the ideas of children, youth, and seniors, and small dialogue sessions to get First Nations, newcomers, youth, families, and other nationalities involved. We also came out some of your favourite community festivals including Car Free Day and National Aboriginal Day.

You saw us at the following festivals:

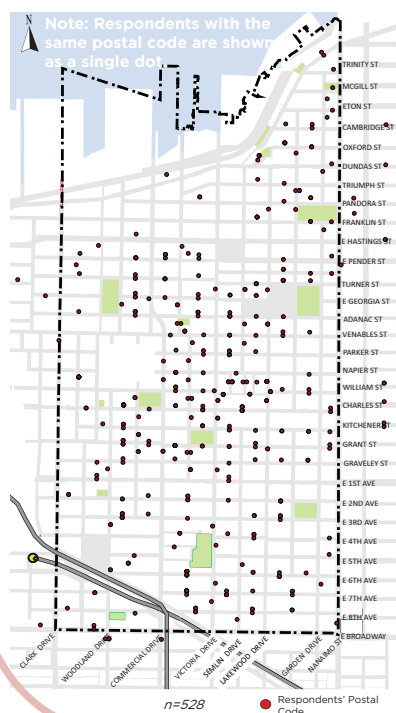
- Stone Soup Festival
- Car Free Day
- Italian Days
- National Aboriginal Day
- Stride for Strokes

We met with approximately 100 people at our small-group dialogue sessions. Here's a look at the break-down:

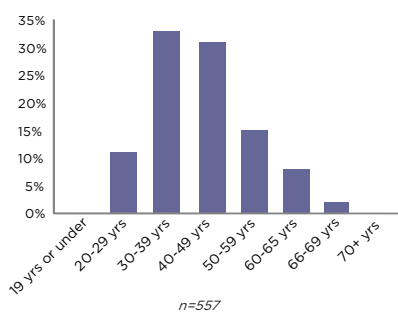


## From the Questionnaire (782 total responses)

Input came from across the neighbourhood:

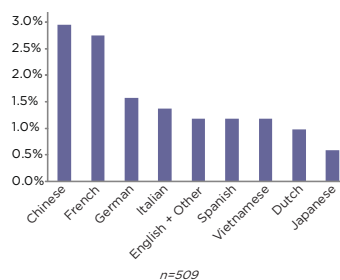


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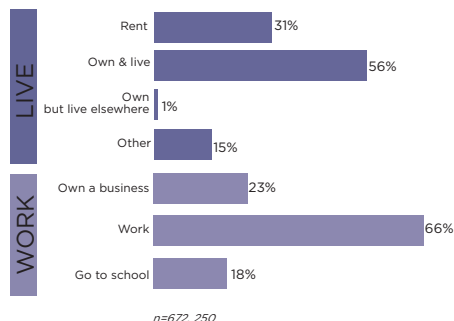


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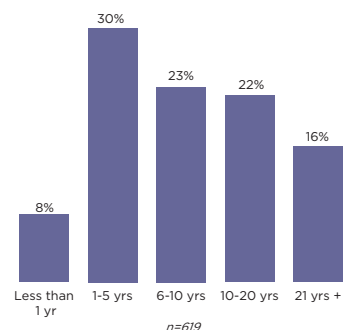
83% of you told us your mother tongue was English. The other mother tongue languages included:



Your connection with the neighbourhood:



Years you've lived in Grandview-Woodland:





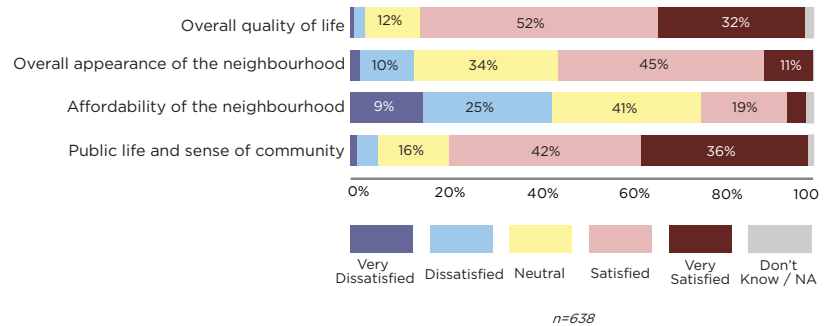
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD VALUES

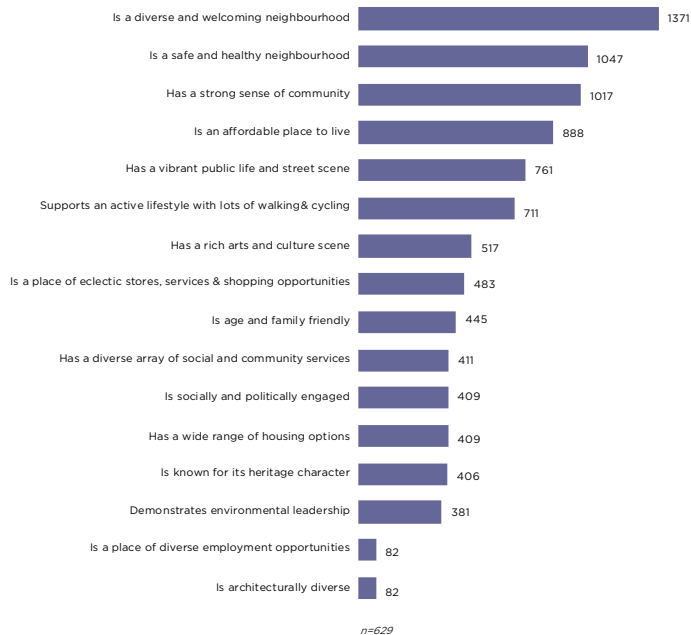
We heard that you want Grandview-Woodland to be, first and foremost, a **diverse and welcoming neighbourhood.**

## How satisfied are you with the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood?



## What's your ideal picture of the Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood? What sort of neighbourhood should we be striving for?

Participants were asked to rank their top 5 choices from a list of options. The following graph shows the choices, weighted by rank:



### On the asset map:

During our outreach phase we asked people to let us know what they felt the key neighbourhood assets were. The results were wide ranging, everything from a favorite tire swing to the best place to get a coffee. A total of 490 different features were identified in the process.



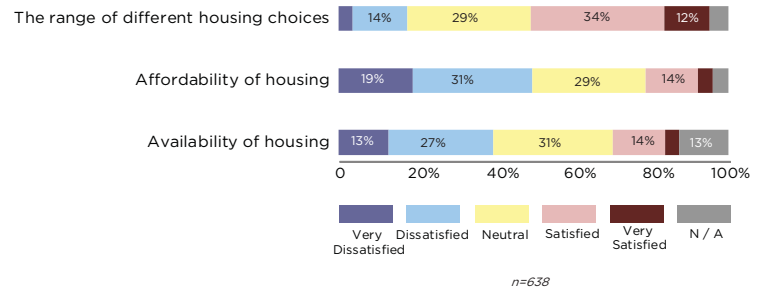
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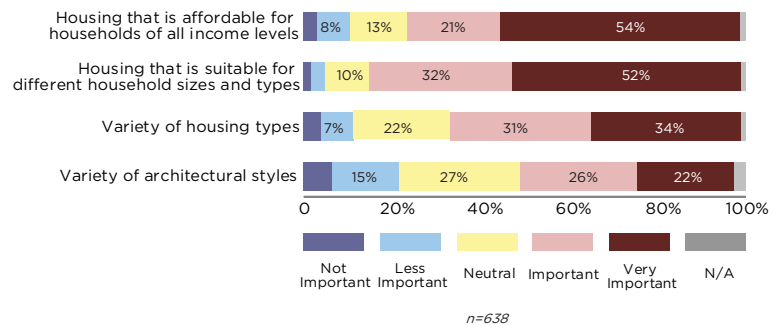
# HOUSING

We heard that **affordability of housing and the availability of housing** are key concerns for you. You also told us we **need housing to respond to a diversity of needs.**

## How satisfied are you?

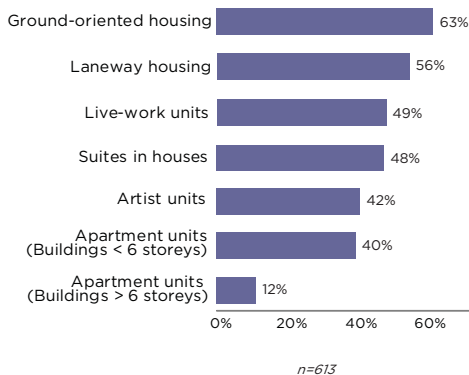


## How important are the following consideration to the neighbourhood?

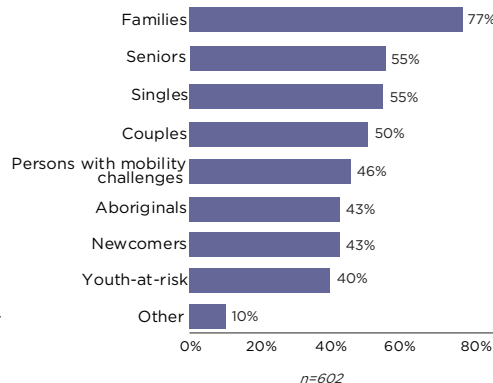


## What type of housing does Grandview-Woodland need more of?

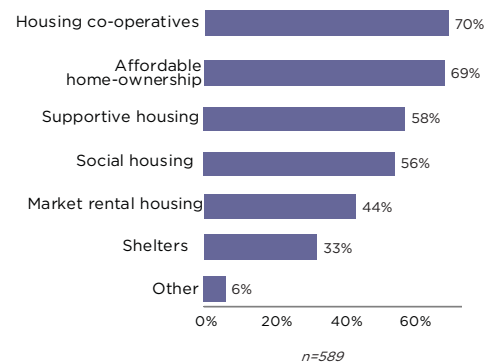
### Type of housing:



### Housing for:



### Additional housing options:



## We also heard that:

- You're concerned about housing affordability now and in the future
- You like housing co-ops and want more of them
- You'd like to see more diverse housing types and mixed-use buildings
- You're concerned about protecting heritage
- Consideration of the height of any new buildings is a key issue.



We heard that **retaining local business, increasing employment opportunities and expanding the location of shops beyond the Drive** is very important.

### Where should these new services go? You said...

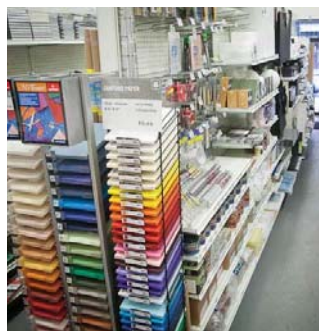
**Hastings Street:** needs more shops, grocery stores, professional services (e.g. doctor's office), and live music and pubs (things to make it more lively at night).

**Victoria Drive:** more small shops on Victoria Dr.

**Commercial Drive:** more shops near Hastings St. and at the Broadway SkyTrain Station area; wider sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians and patios; and affordable rents for retail stores.

**Industrial area:** desire to increase the array of options in the industrial area, especially arts and culture uses, while respecting the role of the industrial lands in the local economy.

**Residential area:** consider small commercial areas within residential areas (e.g. Victoria or Dundas).



The arts and culture sector plays an important role in the city's cultural economy. Production, performance, and presentation spaces are all needed in Grandview-Woodland.



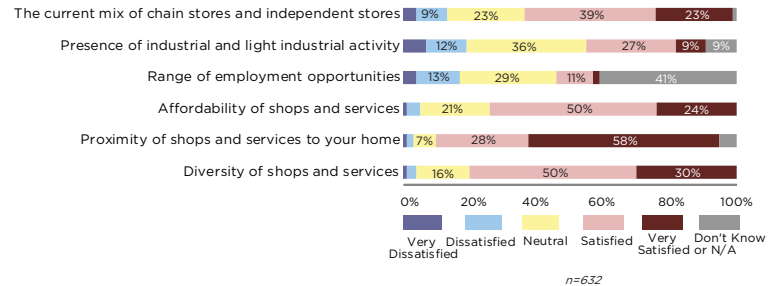
"I miss the winter market at the Wise Hall."

"The north end needs more shops. From Wall Street to the nearest grocery store, I have to walk all the way to Venables (~20 minutes)."

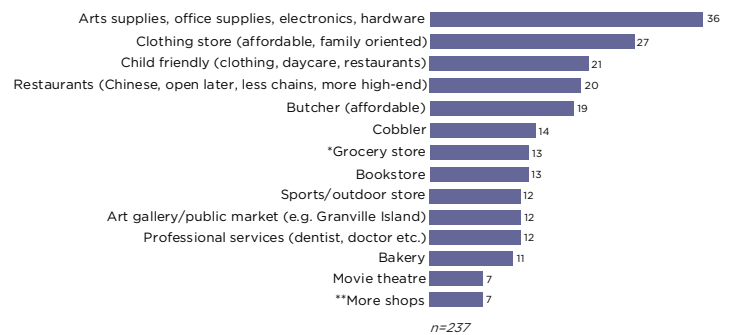


"There is no affordable space for micro businesses or for entrepreneurs (especially for First Nations and new immigrants) who live in the neighbourhood."

### How do you feel about local economy In Grandview-Woodland?



### What shops and services are missing across Grandview-Woodland?



\* Located at Venables St., Hastings and Commercial St., or around the Broadway SkyTrain Station  
\*\* Located at Commercial and Hastings St. or along Hastings St. (west of Nanaimo St.)



"Encourage small shops, neighbourhood corner stores, and other businesses off the main streets (think of Marche St. George at 28th and St. George)."

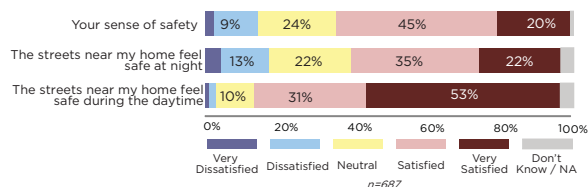


"Parking is soon going to be a major challenge in the neighbourhood. Increased density is needed but will also create more pressure on parking options which will affect local businesses."

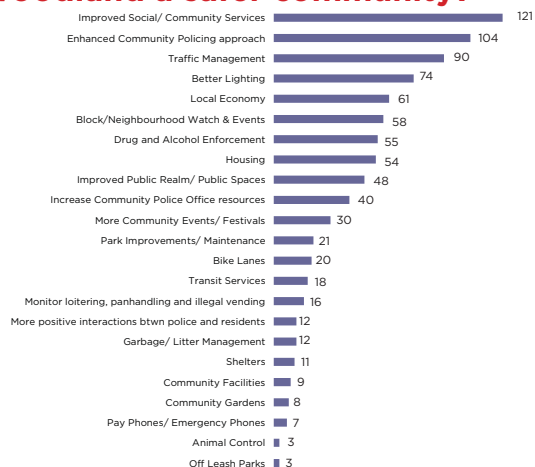
# 6 Grandview-Woodland SAFETY

We heard that you feel GW overall is a safe community, but key safety interventions are needed.

## How satisfied are you with your sense of safety?



## What actions would make Grandview-Woodland a safer community?



## Here's some more detail:

### Community Policing

- Regular police foot and bike patrols
- Patrol especially at night
- Patrol around the SkyTrain area and in parks

### Traffic Safety

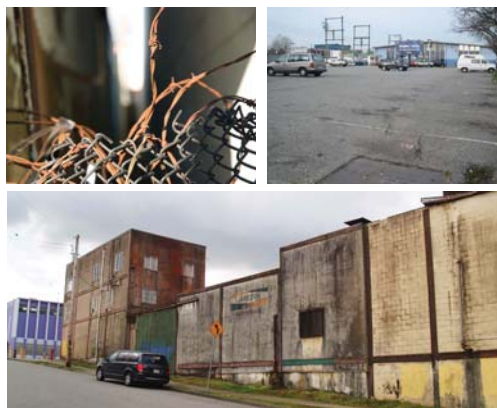
- More traffic calming in residential areas
- Reduce speed and vehicular traffic on major arterials
- Promote traffic safety programs

### Lighting

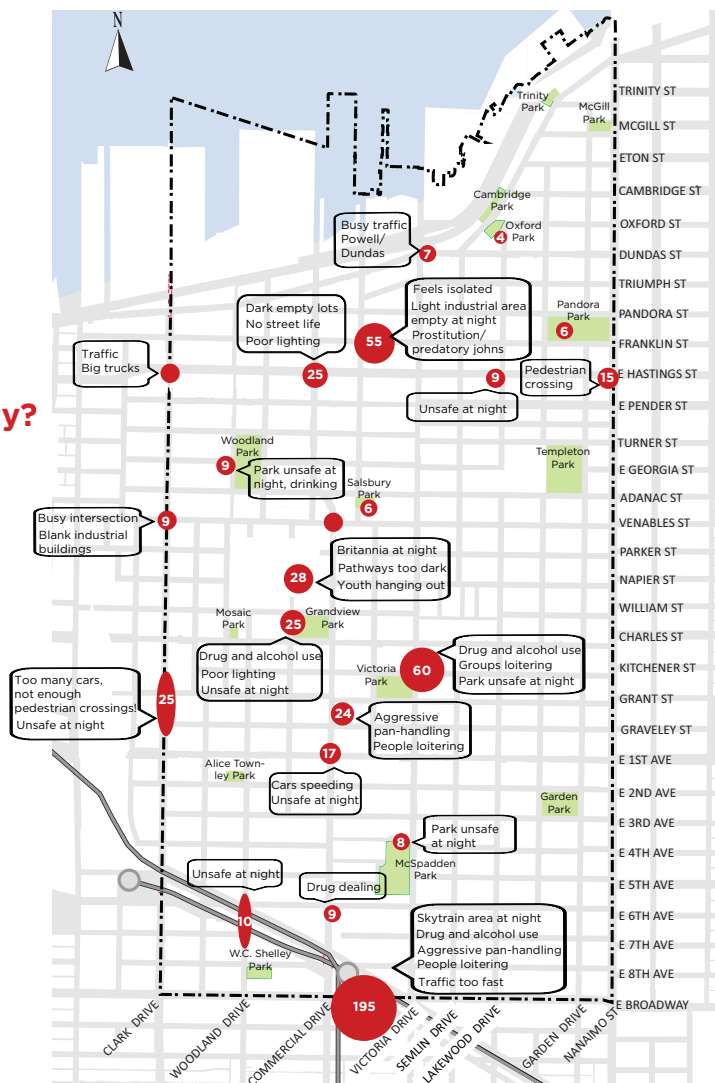
- Install better lighting in parks, on streets (in residential areas especially) and laneways

### Social Services

- Increase employment training services and social enterprise programs
- More drop-in resources and housing services for people who are homeless



## Places you feel unsafe:



Community Plan Boundary  
Unsafe Areas (number in circles indicates # of votes)  
Parks and Open Space

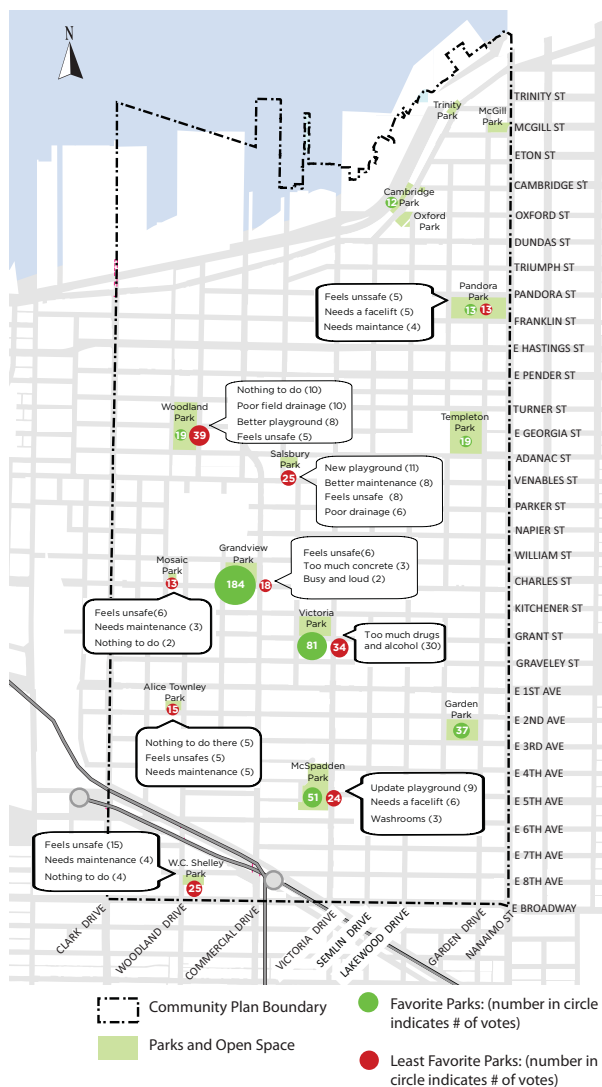
## On the asset map:

- You're concerned with misuse of drugs and alcohol in public places.
- You love the gathering places in the neighbourhood and would like to see more public spaces designed to build community interaction, foster neighbourliness, and encourage more eyes on the street.
- Providing more housing and support services is key to fostering personal safety.

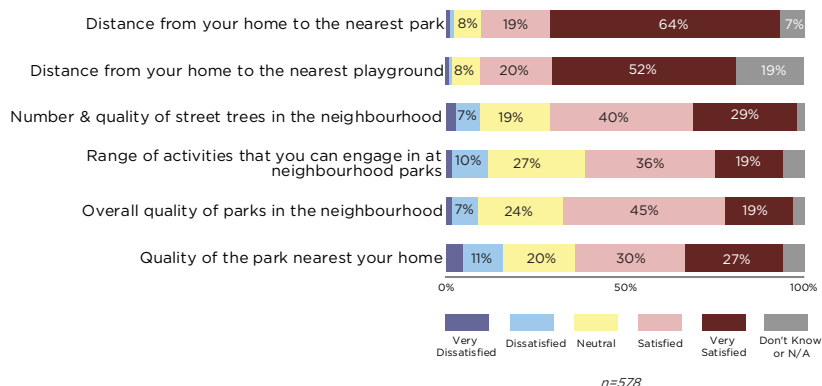


We heard that  
you would like more  
**improvements** made to  
**neighbourhood parks.**

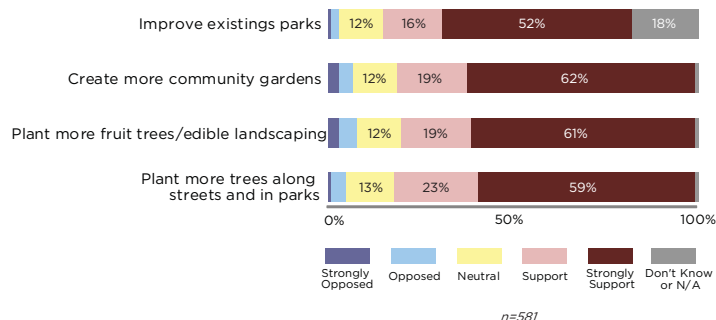
## What can we do to improve the parks?



## Degree of satisfaction with neighbourhood parks:



## Your support for the following ideas:



## Did you know?

As part of the community planning process, we'll have the chance to explore one or more street-to-park projects?



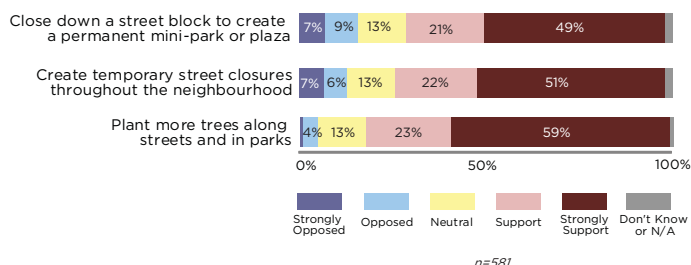
## Some asset maps and open house ideas to improve parks:

- Exercise equipment
- Dog off-leash area
- More playgrounds
- More public art
- Attention to environmental considerations
- Night-time activities



You told us  
your favorite streets are  
**Commercial Dr., Lakewood  
Dr. and Victoria Dr.**

### What do you think of the following ideas?



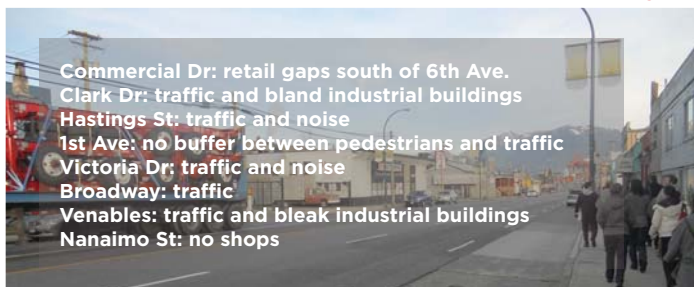
### At our events, we also heard:

- Parks need to offer a range of activities for different people
- You want more community gardens
- Streets need better maintenance
- All parks should be safer and more family friendly
- Grandview Park feels like the heart of the community. A great mix of people and activities.

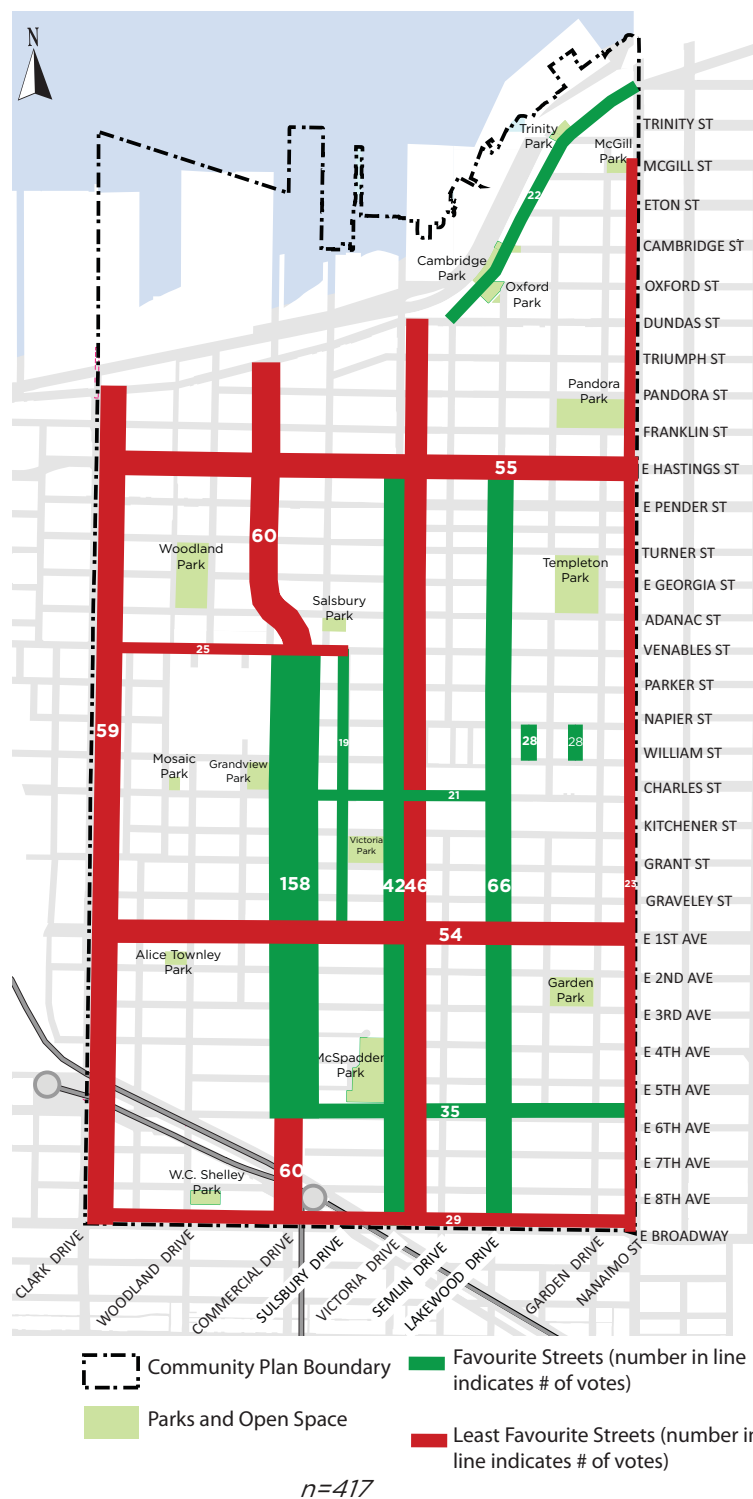
### Your favorite streets & some reasons why:



### Your least favorite streets & reasons why:

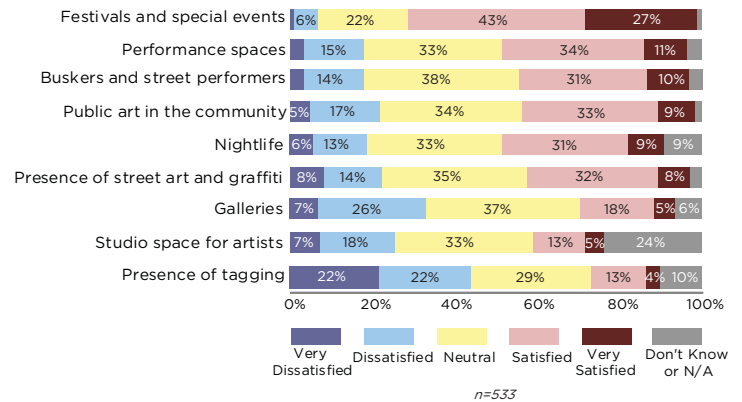


### Favorite and least favorite streets to walk along:

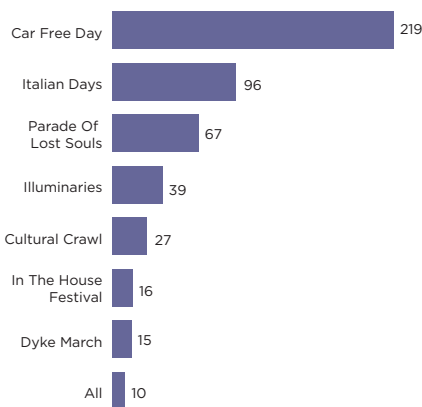


We heard that you love the **festival & special events** in Grandview-Woodland, but that we need to have **more presentation spaces, galleries** and **studio space for artists**.

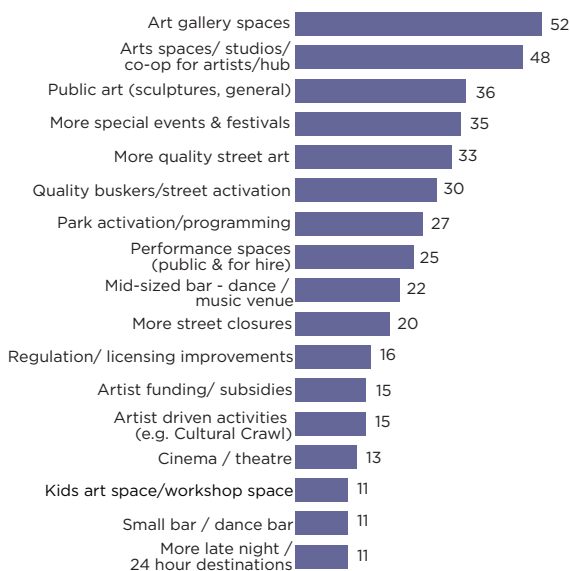
### How satisfied are you with arts and culture in Grandview-Woodland?



### Your favourite neighbourhood festival or special event:



### What are your ideas to improve arts and culture?



#### On the asset map:

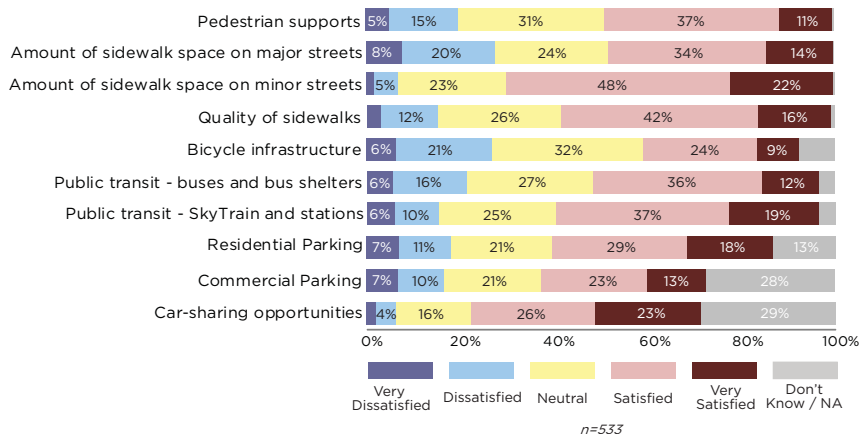
- You want more live concerts on the streets and in parks, as well as more cultural festivals like Italian Days and Car Free Day.
- You mention your favourite cultural facilities in the neighbourhood are The Cultch and The WISE Hall.
- You want more opportunities for public art in the neighbourhood.
- You want to see more Aboriginal art and design to respect Grandview-Woodland's high aboriginal population.



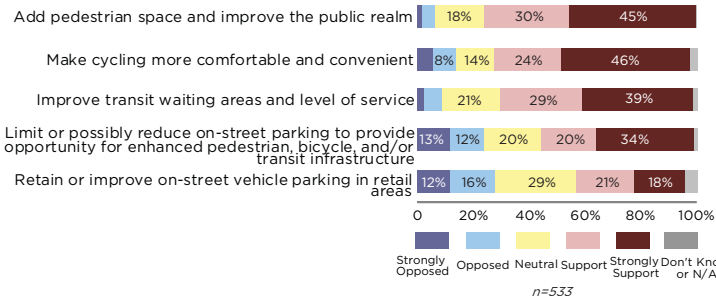
# 10 Grandview-Woodland TRANSPORTATION

We heard that your top priorities are to **improve our sidewalks on major streets** and **expand our bicycle infrastructure**.

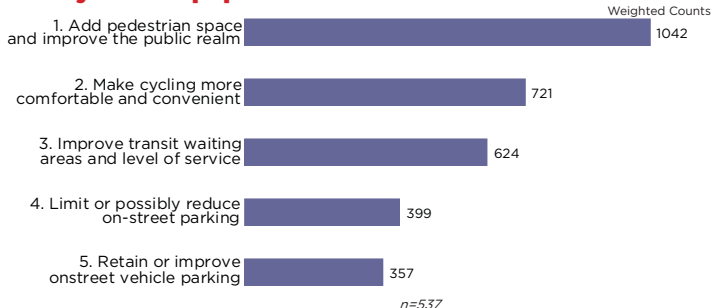
## How satisfied are you with the following transportation aspects of Grandview-Woodland?



## Your support for the following transportation ideas across Grandview-Woodland:

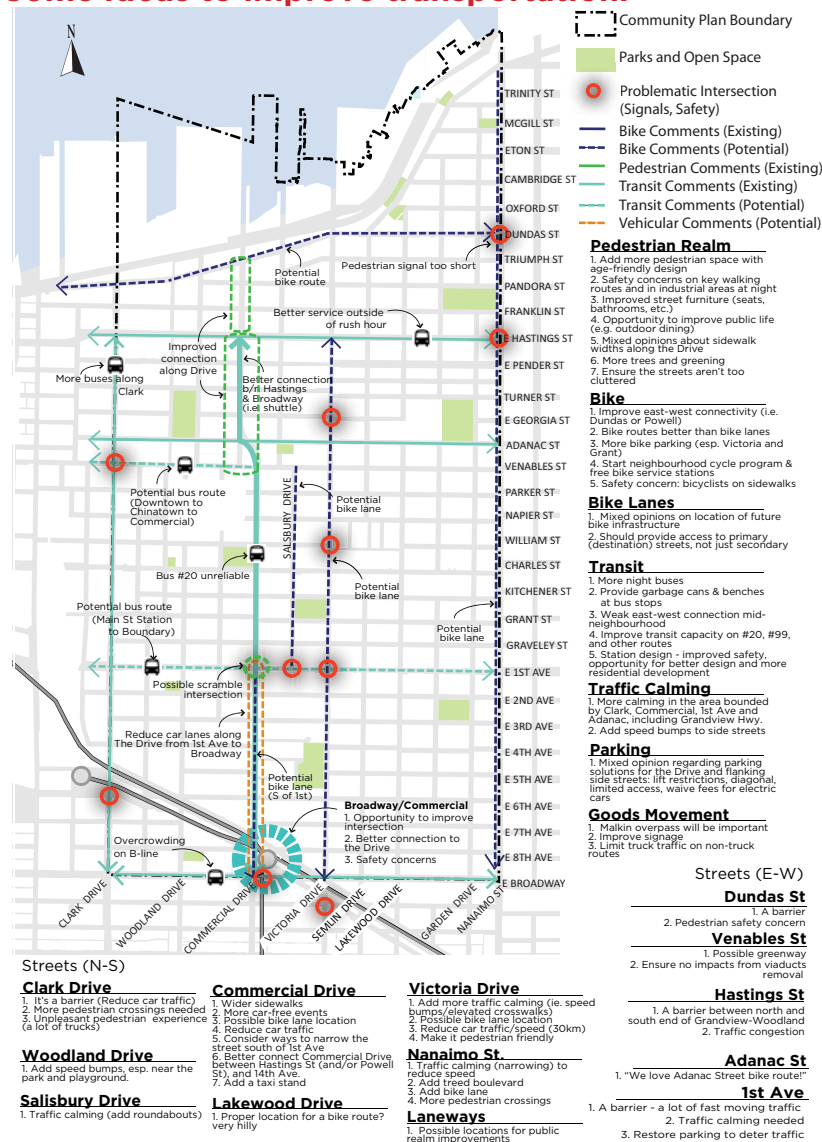


## Rank your top priorities for Commercial Drive:



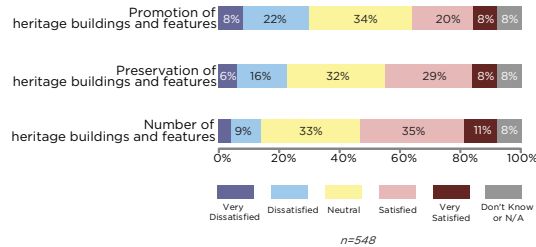
The City is currently updating its Transportation Plan. It will set out broad city-wide goals around walking, biking, transit, cars, goods movement and the public realm.

## Some ideas to improve transportation:



You told us  
that your favourite  
heritage asset is  
**The Cultch.**

### How satisfied are you with the following aspects of heritage?



### On the asset map:

- You value heritage buildings on Commercial Dr.
- You value heritage homes.
- You like the working industrial area.
- You value cobblestone streets in the north end.
- There is a desire to balance heritage with other values.
- Not everyone likes new developments that mimic old building styles.
- Many people had difficulty identifying heritage building and features.

### Your favourite heritage buildings, places & features:



York Theatre



Britannia School



Jeff's Residence



1700 Commercial Dr



Rio Theatre



Wise Hall



Cultch



Copp Mansion



St. Francis of Assisi Parish



1938 Commercial Dr

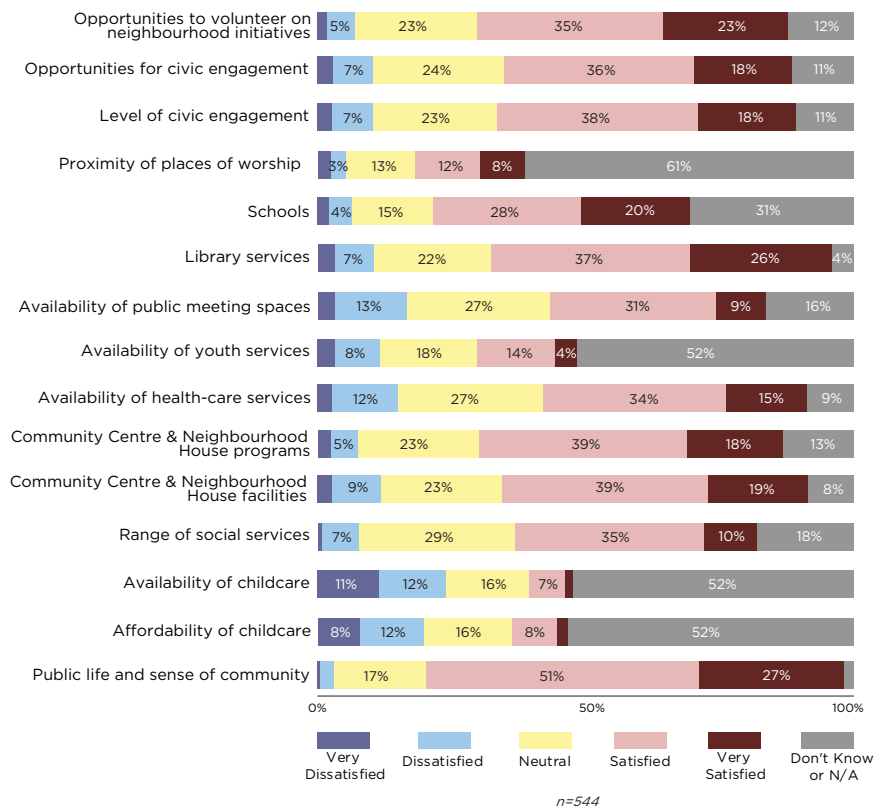




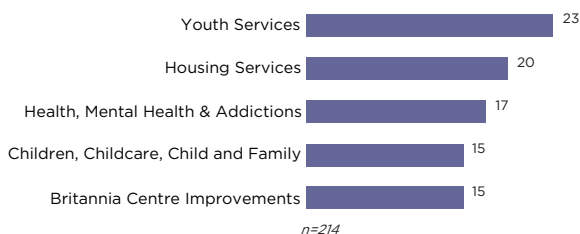
# 12 Grandview-Woodland SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

We heard that there are a variety of services needed including **childcare, health services, and public meeting spaces.**

## How satisfied are you with the Grandview-Woodland's social sustainability?



## Providing a range of housing needs is key to Grandview-Woodland's social asset. What other social and community services are needed? Top 5 answers:



### On the asset map:

- You love the diversity of the community- both cultural, generational, gender, income, and ethnic.
- You love the laid back, friendly and wonderful sense of community on The Drive.
- You appreciate the services offered by the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre, the Urban Native Youth Association and the Kettle Friendship Society.

