1. Reflect and respect the past, present and future legacies of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh

The past, present and future of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people guide their connections to the land and ongoing stewardship of the Jericho Lands. Generations of history at ʔəy̓əməłmaxʷ / ʔəy̓əməlxʷ and the cultural values and identity of the three Nations are integral to the redevelopment of the Jericho Lands with nature at the centre. Indigenous values, reconciliation and intergenerational and intercultural exchange and gathering will be embedded as founding principles in the design and expression of the Jericho Lands policies.

2. Respect the Land

The Jericho Lands will be a world leader in sustainability and ongoing environmental leadership. The site design will embrace the ecological legacies and unique existing features, like the ridgeline, urban forest, and wildlife habitat, melding these with watershed thinking to explore re-creating streams and managing rainfall. Development and infrastructure will complement this setting and respond to the broader climate emergency. Interlinked, successional systems should work in unison to support biodiversity, ecological corridors, and replicate regenerative natural systems. Resilient design will reduce the risks from climate change and sea level rise while allowing for adaptation over time.

3. Welcome All Cultures

All people will feel welcome on the Jericho Lands. The site will create a robust network of spaces expressing Indigenous values and history in their design and function, with indoor and outdoor spaces for people to gather, with parks and outdoor space ranging from wild spaces to urban plazas. The Lands will be designed for equity and inclusion, supporting a multitude of artistic and cultural practices that help bind the neighbourhood together. Public spaces will be intergenerational and multicultural, supporting social resilience and connections as part of a healthy, thriving community.

4. Cohesive Community

The Jericho Lands will be a transformational space, seamlessly interweaving nature and city together as a new community hub. The Lands will integrate with the surrounding neighbourhoods, re-energizing nearby high streets, and tying the ridge to the sea. Future residents will be part of a vibrant community with opportunities to live, work, play, learn, shop and create within a short walk or easily accessible by transit. Arts and culture will be tangible, with opportunities for creation, display and performance. New public amenities and facilities will be hubs of social connection and activity, reinforcing the role of the Jericho Lands within the neighbourhood and city.

5. Connect Within and Beyond

Enhance access and mobility with more options and opportunities for people to move easily within the Jericho Lands, surrounding neighbourhoods, parks, city and region. Future rapid transit will anchor the site and bring people to this special location, linking it to the broader city and region. The unique terrain of the Lands will shape movement patterns, corridors and connections and build a network for green mobility by foot, bike and transit. These networks will connect to the surrounding neighbourhoods, tying them together and reinforcing safe, healthy places for wellness and gathering. Innovation and emerging technologies are opportunities to minimize car dependence, rethink parking strategies and reduce carbon emissions.

6. A Place to Call Home

The Jericho Lands will provide substantial new housing, with a range of options for households of different incomes, ages and needs, from students to families to seniors, while creating opportunities for intergenerational living and learning. Different households and building types will be integrated, sharing common spaces and amenities integrated into the buildings and offering social connections and community. Residences will be designed with wellness and inclusiveness in mind, with spaces adaptable to needs that change over time.

7. Design for the Future

Change and growth on the Jericho Lands is a long-term project that will be at the forefront of innovation and adaptation. The site will be designed for resiliency and adaptive to changes in climate, mobility and how we live, work and build. Innovative building methods and materials will form the foundation for a green and sustainable future. This low carbon community, embodying a passive approach that embraces the natural world, will mark the Jericho Lands as a visionary blend of ecological and urban systems.

8. A Unique Community

The Jericho Lands is a place of gathering. The past, present, and future of the Lands and of Vancouver are an opportunity to create a place that evolves as time passes and will meet the needs of generations to come. Its location – along the ridge to the sea, connected by transit, and between the largest job centres in the province – will complement the unique Indigenous cultural experience of the Jericho Lands, making it a unique space. The Jericho Lands will be a global precedent, learning from emerging best practices to show how a new form of city building and urbanism will take root and grow into a unique community.