

The Jericho Lands Planning Program

Process Update



Illustration showing the existing Jericho Lands site in context of the surrounding community. (Image created by Urban Strategies Inc.)

PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

In 2018, the City of Vancouver and the Jericho Lands' owners – a joint venture partnership between the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation ("MST") Partnership and Canada Lands Company ("CLC") – began to consider the future of the 90-acre Jericho Lands. The outcome of this planning process will be a Policy Statement for the site.

The Jericho Lands planning program was launched in March 2019. Since then, over 2,500 people have been engaged and taken part in the Open Houses, Inspire Jericho Talks speaker's series, Jane's Walks, Co-Design Artist Workshops, Community Group Presentations, and Pop-up Information Booths at community events.

To read the Phase 1 Engagement Summary, please [go here](#).

In early 2020, MST/CLC retained a Design Team to explore the future potential of the Jericho Lands and to create a Concept Plan to support the Policy Statement for the site. Work is advancing on this collaborative process involving MST/CLC, the Design Team, MST Nations' communities, the surrounding community, and other stakeholders.

To view past materials including information about the Cultural Significance of the Jericho Lands, please [go here](#).

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DRAFT Guiding Principles

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Using community feedback received during Phase 1, along with City of Vancouver objectives and policies and MST/CLC aspirations for the site, the City has developed the following DRAFT Guiding Principles (see right). The Guiding Principles will provide high-level direction for the creation of the Jericho Lands Policy Statement.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

The City of Vancouver wants to hear your thoughts on the DRAFT Guiding Principles. Did we get it right? Did we miss anything? Does anything need to be refined?

Feedback received will be used to help refine and finalize the Guiding Principles.

Read the full text of the DRAFT Guiding Principles and fill out the online survey [here](#).

The Survey will be open until September 11, 2020.

THE JERICHO LANDS DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1. Reflect and Respect the Past, Present and Future Legacies of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh**
- 2. Respect the Land**
- 3. Welcome All Cultures**
- 4. Cohesive Community**
- 5. Connect Within and Beyond**
- 6. A Place to Call Home**
- 7. Design for the Future**
- 8. A Unique Community**

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Introduction to the Design Team

INTRODUCING THE DESIGN TEAM

In early 2020, MST/CLC retained **Urban Strategies Inc** (USI) to lead the Jericho Lands design process. The USI-led Design Team is comprised of best-in-class experts, combining deep local understanding of the site with demonstrated success in master planning large scale, urban sites.

The core leadership team includes: **Urban Strategies; Formline Architecture**, a Vancouver-based Indigenous design firm specializing in environmentally and culturally-sensitive architecture; **PFS Studio** – Landscape Architects; and **Hariri Pontarini Architects** – all celebrated Canadian design professionals with whom USI has collaborated successfully across multiple projects.

The core leadership team will be collaborating with a broader consultant team including:



MST CULTURAL LIAISONS

We are pleased to introduce the project team's cultural liaisons: **Adrienne Charlie – Squamish Nation, Dennis Thomas – Tsleil-Waututh Nation** and **Charleen Grant – Musqueam Indian Band**.

The Cultural Liaisons are key advisors to the project, and will work with the landowners, Design Team, and City throughout the planning process. Their contributions, along with those from MST Nations' Elders, knowledge keepers, and community members inform ways the MST Nations' cultures and values can be authentically integrated into the Policy Statement and Concept Plan for the Jericho Lands.



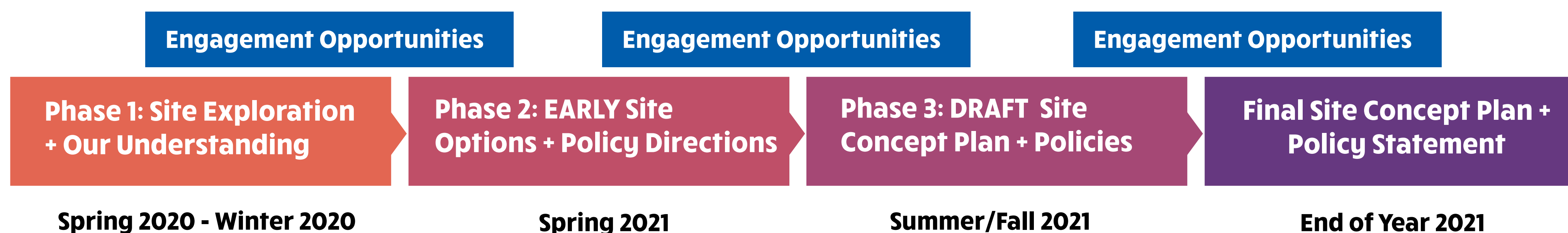
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Adrienne Charlie, Dennis Thomas, Charleen Grant.



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The Design Process

There are three main phases of the Design Process that build upon one another to create a Policy Statement and Concept Plan for the Jericho Lands. Opportunities for engagement occur during each phase to inform the process as follows:



GLOSSARY of Key Terms in the Process

Our Understanding - The Design Team's holistic understanding of the opportunities provided by the Jericho Lands and its setting in the surrounding context.

Topic Explorations - Key topics that emerged during initial explorations of the site and surrounding context.

Framework Layers - Key topics are explored and applied to the Jericho Lands to create a series of site wide systems and frameworks (i.e. mobility, natural systems and open space frameworks).

Site Option - High-level, illustrative concept of how the site – as a whole and in parts - may be developed in the future.

DESIGN APPROACH

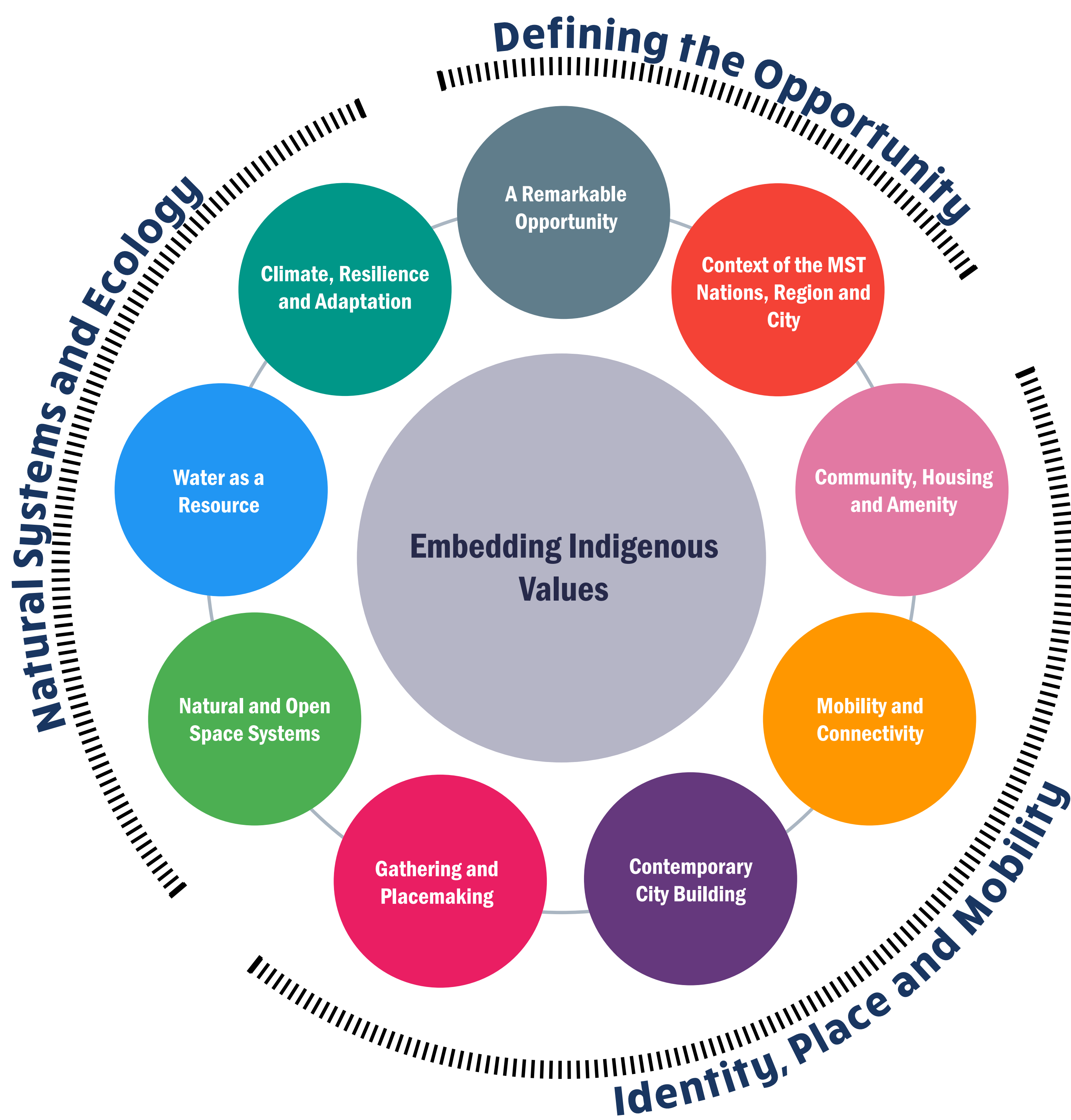
The Design Team recognizes that the Jericho Lands is a culturally and spiritually significant place for the MST Nations – a place of abundance and gathering, where the sea meets the land. The 90-acre Jericho Lands site presents an opportunity to celebrate historic and evolving connections and interconnections and share stories of the lands, while bringing forward new opportunities for prosperity and community building for future generations. This is our starting point in exploring the design potential for the Jericho Lands.

As the design work begins, the Design Team will work collaboratively with the Cultural Liaisons, City staff, members of the MST Nations' communities, the local community, and stakeholder groups to develop thematic concepts for the Jericho Lands.

Over the last few months the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been felt across our community. The Jericho Lands planning program has also been affected, with Inspire Jericho Talks Speaker's Series events cancelled, and open houses and Jericho Lands Working Group sessions postponed. Moving forward, we will continue to refine our planning and design processes to prioritize community safety, while maintaining process integrity and timeliness.

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Building Our Understanding of the Site



INITIAL UNDERSTANDING AND ANALYSIS

To better understand the Jericho Lands, the Design Team has been undertaking a detailed site analysis, conducting site visits and reviewing policy and background material, including feedback gathered during open houses, asset mapping exercises and Inspire Jericho Talks Speakers Series events, as well as researching best practices. This has helped us develop an initial understanding of the site, its history and cultural significance, its unique ecological and topographical features and how it fits within the broader neighbourhood, city, and regional context.

We have organized this information into ten topic explorations (see image at left). In the early fall we will share a series of information sets of "Our Understanding" panels which collectively make up our understanding of the key opportunities and challenges associated with the site, its surroundings, and its context.

"Our Understanding" panels will be shared in the following information sets (see below), allowing the community to review and comment.

DEFINING THE OPPORTUNITY

- Embedding Indigenous Values
- A Remarkable Opportunity
- Context of the MST Nations, Region and City

NATURAL SYSTEMS + ECOLOGY

- Natural and Open Space Systems
- Climate, Resilience and Adaptation
- Water as a Resource

IDENTITY, PLACE + MOBILITY

- Community, Housing and Amenity
- Gathering and Place-making
- Mobility and Connectivity
- Contemporary City Building

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What's Next?

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Summer / Fall 2020

SHARING OUR UNDERSTANDING
Summer / Fall 2020

DIVING DEEPER
Fall 2020

EXPLORING OPTIONS
Winter 2020/2021

SITE CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT
Early 2021

OPEN HOUSES
Through 2021

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Jericho Lands planning and design process will include multiple opportunities for participation.

Sharing Our Understanding: We will be sharing our initial understanding of the site in topic-based information sets and gather public feedback via online surveys and feedback forms.

Diving Deeper: Combining the feedback received on "Our Understanding" with further site analysis, a series of focused conversations with stakeholders and subject matter experts will be held to dive deeper into emerging themes. These discussions will help us prepare for Interactive Design Workshops.

Exploring Options: Interactive Design Workshops will take place in Winter 2020/21 and will offer opportunities to collaborate, discuss and provide input on preliminary framework layers and early options for the Jericho Lands. The design and structure of these workshops will respond to the evolving public health directives from the Provincial Government.

Open Houses: Opportunities to provide feedback on the DRAFT Site Concept Plan and Policies will take place throughout 2021.