## JER CHO LANDS Policy Planning Program

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On March 2nd and 7th, 2019, the City of Vancouver co-hosted a welcome ceremony and two open houses with the joint-venture owners of the Jericho Lands - the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh ("MST") Partnership and Canada Lands Company ("CLC"). These events, including a traditional welcome with drummers and dancers from Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and speeches from dignitaries, signified the launch of a comprehensive planning process to create a policy statement that will guide future change and redevelopment of the Jericho Lands.

At these open houses, we shared an overview of the planning process and roles, City policies and objectives, background information, next steps, information on the cultural significance of the site, partner profiles, and aspirations of the proponent team. An asset map was used to identify community assets, key issues, and opportunities. A questionnaire was also circulated and made available on the project website.

Since March, the City project team, the MST Partnership, and CLC have organised a variety of public engagement events. These have included the *Inspire Jericho Talks* speaker series, site walks of the Jericho Lands for the annual Jane's Walk Festival, presentations to community groups, pop-up information booths at summer events, and an artist workshop led by Stanley King and the Co-Design Group.

The events were an opportunity for Nations' members and the public to learn more about the planning process, share thoughts, aspirations and concerns, and help provide a vision for the future Jericho Lands. They was also an opportunity for staff to listen to ideas and share early feedback.

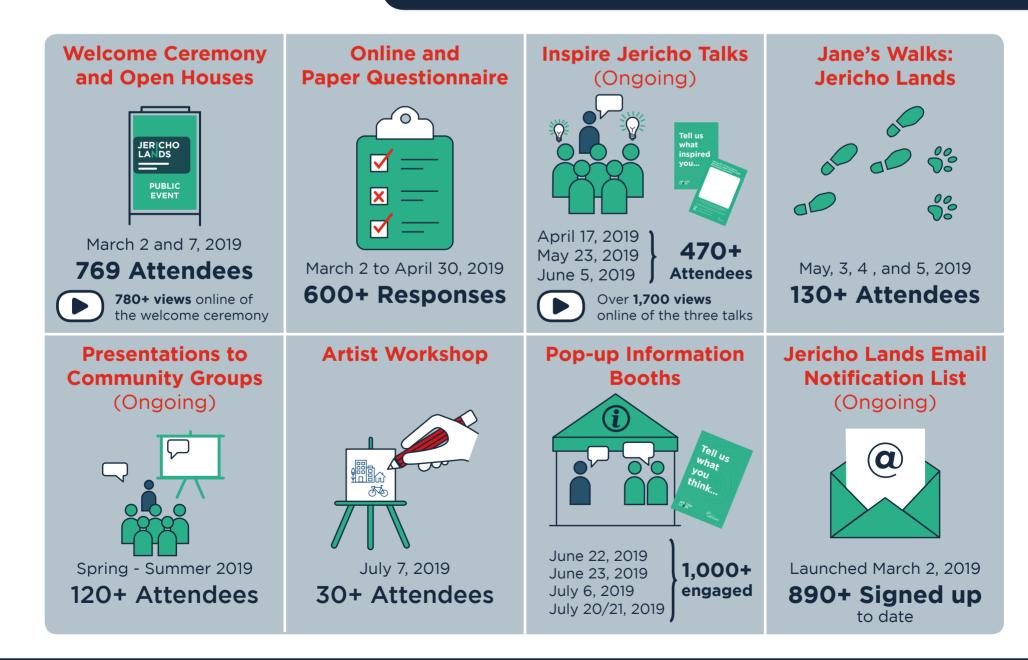
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The input collected is currently being reviewed and analysed by City staff for 'Emerging Themes'. These themes are intended to illustrate a high-level summary of feedback from the initial phase of engagement. On the reverse side of this document you will find a brief summary of the 'Emerging Themes'. A more comprehensive summary of the initial engagement process will be issued in the fall, followed by early guiding principles for the Jericho Lands policy statement.

If you are interested in signing up to our email list to receive updates on the Jericho Lands project and future events, you can do so by visiting **vancouver.ca/jericho-lands** or by contacting the City staff team at **jericholands@vancouver.ca**.

## Public Engagement by the numbers...





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### What we've heard so far...

During Phase 1 of the Jericho Lands planning process we connected with thousands of people who shared a wide variety of thoughts, hopes, and concerns relating to the future of the Jericho Lands.

As the City project team has reviewed the feedback, a number of themes have emerged. The following is a high-level summary of what we have heard so far and will be important in informing future discussions as the planning process moves forward.

The City project team will continue to review and analyse the Phase 1 feedback and will share a more detailed summary in fall 2019.

#### RECONCILIATION

A desire to support the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in their stewardship of the Jericho Lands. Support for reflecting the full history of the site, including how members of the Nations lived and continue to express their culture today. Interest in exploring opportunities to embed Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh identity and traditions, into building and design elements, site planning, sustainable practices, public spaces and names, as well as in supporting cross-cultural connections and understanding.

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#### **GREENSPACE & PUBLIC SPACE**

Strong support for retention of some of the greenspaces, mature trees, and open spaces that currently exist on the site. Interest in exploring opportunities for naturalisation, reintroduction of native plant species, introduction of pollinators, and daylighting of historical streams. Interest in creating a variety of parks and public spaces that accommodate rest and reflection, public gathering, and that are child and dog-friendly. A desire to respect the unique topography of the site and frame public views of the water, North Shore Mountains, and downtown, especially those experienced from Trimble Park.

#### CONNECTIONS

Support for improved access to and through the site by providing enhanced connections to the water, adjacent parks, and the broader city. Interest in improving the pedestrian environment along and across 4th Avenue. A desire to create a network of accessible pedestrian and bicycle-friendly routes through the site, as well as to improve the existing transportation network by enhancing bus service and exploring community shuttle options. Interest in reducing dependency on cars by creating a car-lite community. Broad interest in providing a SkyTrain station on or near the site, as part of an extension to UBC.



#### COMPLETE COMMUNITY DESIGN

Support for creating a neighbourhood with a mix of residential, commercial, and iob spaces. The provision of small-scale. locally-serving, retail and services, as well as communal spaces accessible via walking and cycling is desired. An interest in creating a fine-grained street pattern, a variety of building designs, and for construction materials to be of high-quality. Buildings with shared social spaces are supported. There is also a desire for new commercial development to complement existing local businesses in Point Grey Village and other local commercial areas. 300  $\Box$ 



#### **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**

Strong interest in creating new and/or improving community amenities, including a comprehensive community centre, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, and a library. The provision of more childcare facilities and the renewal of existing and/ or development of new schools on site is desired. Interest in continuing existing community programming and providing a range of options for children and seniors. Support for community gardens, communal

#### **HOUSING OPTIONS**

Interest in creating a variety of housing forms and types, including family-oriented and senior appropriate homes. Strong support for more housing options which are affordable to low-income residents such as social housing, as well as opportunities for purpose-built rental, student, and middleincome housing. Strong support for lowrise buildings with some interest in midrise and varied interest in high-rise forms of development. A desire for buildings to respond to the site's topography and for future development to be considerate of transitions to the surrounding community.



#### SUSTAINABILITY

Support for constructing buildings that use sustainable methods and practices. Green building techniques, energy efficiency, and conservation are seen as the primary means of reducing the environmental impact of future development. Interest in emphasizing sustainable modes of transportation to reduce dependency on cars and supporting a shift to emissions-free vehicles. A desire to utilise green infrastructure, naturalise open spaces, and support local food and agricultural production. The importance of sustainable energy systems and provision of exceptional recycling systems and/or facilities is recognised. A desire to consider the future impacts of climate change and technology advances in site design.





and/or public gathering spaces, and arts and cultural facilities.



## **Upcoming Engagement**

Moving into late 2019 and early 2020, there will be a number of opportunities to provide further input into the planning process. These include:

- An Open House accompanied by a Detailed Summary of the Phase 1 Public Engagement & Guiding Principles;
- Additional Inspire Jericho Talks; and
- A Design Charrette.

