Public Realm Plan

How will the Public Realm Plan be implemented?
The Public Realm Plan document will set out a vision for the next 30 years. Over time, Plan elements and aspects can be implemented as opportunities arise through:

- **Site Specific Redevelopment:**
  As sites redevelop, improvements to the public realm occur such as sidewalk restoration, additional street trees and new pedestrian connections.

- **City Funds and Capital Investment**
  Strategically the City may purchase or repurpose land to achieve public realm priorities. E.g., Street-to-Park, Plaza-to-Pavement

- **Community Initiatives:**
  E.g. enhanced boulevards, street and laneway animation (art walks, Livable Laneways), art projects

The Importance of the Public Realm and a Public Realm Plan
The public realm has a major role to play in defining the unique character, attractiveness, walkability and success of any neighbourhood. It can improve connections to destinations and encourage sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and use of public transit.

A Public Realm Plan outlines a comprehensive, strategic approach to how the public realm is developed and enhanced.

**QUESTION 8:**
What are your Public Realm priorities for implementation? What would you like to see happen first?

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

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PUBLIC REALM: EMERGING CONCEPTS
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - PARKS / POCKET PARKS / PLAZAS / BOULEVARD PARKS

RECOMMENDATIONS:
- Add plazas along both Main Street and Broadway at strategic locations.
- Reinforce St George as a “raineway”/artway street connecting Great Northernway campus to Kingsway. Make a rainwater / stormwater feature.
- Incorporate an off leash dog park into neighbourhood open space.
- Look for opportunities to use streets as community recreational space at strategic locations.
- Enhance boulevards along Broadway and Main to reinforce connections to the lanes.
- Increase the biodiversity of planting in parks.
- Enhance seating opportunities along Broadway and Main.
- Jonathan Rogers Park: Incorporate features for both programmed and passive activities.

DESIGN IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES:
- Pocket Park
- Street to Park/Plaza
- Neighbourhood Plaza
- Special Event on Lane
- Enhanced Boulevard / Parkette

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PUBLIC REALM: EMERGING CONCEPTS
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Create Main Street lane route with mid block crossings where appropriate.
- Create Broadway lane route with mid block crossings where appropriate.
- Enhance lane character to be more pedestrian friendly while keeping them funky and gritty.
- Provide strong pedestrian connections to future Great Northernway campus.
- Make St. George a rainway/artway from 2nd Ave to Kingsway.
- Improve crossings at Main Street and Broadway at strategic locations.
- Provide mid block connections from Broadway and Main Street to lanes where appropriate.
- Keep streetscapes eclectic, edgy, and diverse.

DESIGN IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Laneway Activation
- Enhanced Boulevard
- Green Laneway
- Enhanced Boulevard
- Mid Block Crossing
- Enhanced Streetscape

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PUBLIC REALM: EMERGING CONCEPTS
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - PUBLIC ART / COMMUNITY / CULTURE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Existing community and cultural institutions:
The neighbourhood of Mount Pleasant is already home to several important community and cultural institutions in the city such as Heritage Hall, Oly Ball, the Sarah McLachlan Music School, the community centre on Main and Kingsway (to name a few) as well as numerous galleries and cultural centres. These spaces and institutions are major contributors to the life of the community and distinguish the neighbourhood from other areas of the city.

Potential public events road and Laneway closures:
These are seen as the natural extensions to events that are already beginning to occur within the community of Mount Pleasant, where temporary closures of roads and laneway provide for festival and art uses. These spaces can be returned to their everyday use after such events, but can be augmented by the necessary infrastructure to help facilitate those events.

Potential temporary public art and performance spaces:
These are seen as spaces which can provide opportunities for community and artists-driven projects such as theatre, music and interdisciplinary performances, as well as art installations and festivals. They should be viewed as ‘easel’ spaces, which provide the necessary infrastructural and institutional support for the robust creativity within Mount Pleasant to be made public.

Potential public art - iconic and permanent:
These are proposed in key locations to provide for large-scale permanent public artworks which are meant to serve as major landmarks for the area. These artworks should be able to reinforce the identity of Mount Pleasant as a community of creators, thinkers and makers.

Potential public art - heart of the community ‘mosaic’:
This is suggested as a way to reinforce the triangle between Kingsway, Main and Broadway as the epicentre of a vital and imaginative community, where temporary painting of the sidewalks and streets ushers in an ever-changing environmental experience for visitors, commuters, and those who live here. The ‘mosaic’ will allow these three key streets to work together to create these temporary masterpieces, in a spirit of renewable excitement and empowerment.

Potential public art as signage: relaxing the signage bylaws to encourage imaginative building face elements at night:
This is proposed to encourage businesses to work with artists to create imaginative and extraordinary commercial signage which will simultaneously add to the night-time experience and allow the development of a vital and exciting exploration of that media.

DESIGN IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Community Gathering - Movie in the Park

Potential temporary public art and performance

Public Art as Signage

Thoughts or Ideas?
Please Comment on Draft Plan Work

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PUBLIC REALM: EMERGING CONCEPTS

CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY OF MOUNT PLEASANT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Celebrate and reinforce original creek environments by
  - Public Art
  - Rain Gardens
  - Water / drinking fountains
  - Interpretive panels

- Celebrate original Mount Pleasant Car Barn heritage at future Main / 13th and 14th development sites.

- Reinforce Sidewalk Paving Patterns to Reflect Small Scale lots and Historic Patterns.

- Celebrate and reinforce original streetcar locations in new/existing public realm with
  - Public Art
  - Paving
  - Interpretive Panels
  - Lighting

HISTORICAL REFERENCES:

- Cedar Cottage Brewery
- Street Car
- Creeks
- Mount Pleasant Car Barn
- Heritage Hall
- Welcome Mount Pleasant Clock

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**PUBLIC REALM: EMERGING CONCEPTS**

**PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - CYCLING NETWORK**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**
- Upgrade and expand the cycling network to efficiently connect people to destinations.
- Build bike routes that feel comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.
- Embrace the bike by increasing bike parking in plazas, parks, laneways etc.

**DESIGN IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Bikeway
- Separated Bike Lane
- Bike Rack
- Bike Repair Station
- Public Bike Share System

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Preserve, plant all existing mature street trees throughout as new development occurs.
- Plant street trees along Main St. and Broadway where possible and appropriate.
- Encourage planting street trees in a healthy and sustainable manner.

STREET TREE NETWORK

Thoughts or Ideas?
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