Proposed Broadway Plan Guiding Principles

Support Reconciliation with First Nations and Urban Indigenous Peoples
The Broadway Plan area is within the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. It is also home to diverse Urban Indigenous communities. Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh voices and visibility on the land should be supported, along with opportunities to support Indigenous peoples’ cultures and art.

Foster a Robust and Diverse Economy
The amount and diversity of job space should be increased to strengthen Central Broadway as the Province’s second largest jobs centre, particularly in the Uptown area. Industrial and mixed employment lands should be retained and foster an evolving creative economy. Key shopping villages and opportunities for small and local businesses should be enhanced, including new neighbourhood-serving shops and services.

Demonstrate Leadership in Sustainability and Resilience
New development, streets, parks and public spaces should enhance neighbourhood environmental systems, reduce carbon emissions, and be sustainable and resilient to climate change. An integrated water management approach including green infrastructure should be used to capture, clean and reuse rainwater within watersheds, enhance the natural environment, and provide long term resilience as well as co-benefits such as public space or active transportation improvements. Innovative approaches to reduce carbon emissions in building operation and construction should be introduced, and zero emissions vehicles should be supported.

Support Affordable, Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Complete Neighbourhoods
Leveraging the investment in the Broadway Subway, new housing opportunities (particularly purpose built market and below-market rental and social and supportive housing) close to transit should be expanded for a diversity of household types and backgrounds, while retaining and reinvesting in existing older rental housing, where possible, and minimizing displacement of existing residents. Neighbourhoods should be liveable and meet the needs of all ages and abilities, and include amenities, jobs, shops, services, and community facilities and services (e.g. childcare and neighbourhood houses), as well as opportunities for arts and cultural activities. Residents should live within an easy walk or roll of their daily needs.
Encourage Contextual Design
New development should include architecture and building forms that respond to the evolving local context, including topography and elements of neighbourhood character (i.e. terracing, access to views and light, green and leafy streetscapes, variety of building materials, gardens, etc.), as well as the new Broadway Subway.

Recognize and Enhance the Area’s Distinctive Neighbourhoods and Places
The distinctive qualities of neighbourhoods, such as green and leafy residential streets, shopping villages, and heritage and cultural resources, should be retained and enhanced, while integrating new housing and job space.

Enhance Broadway as a Great Street
Broadway should be enhanced as a street of special significance—a Great Street—with a series of unique and vibrant places to live, work, visit and play. Street design, new development, public spaces, and businesses should contribute to a delightful experience for everyone and lively gathering places, and help create distinct character areas along Broadway that also serve the local neighbourhoods.

Provide and Support Healthy Transportation Options
A network of Complete Streets should be created to provide people of all ages and abilities with high quality walking, cycling, transit and other shared mobility options, including strong connections to the Broadway Subway stations. Connections within and between neighbourhoods should be enhanced to provide direct access to shops and services, amenities, jobs and transit. Goods movement, loading and servicing needs should be supported.

Create and Enhance Parks and Public Spaces
Diverse places for public life should be integrated along key shopping streets and throughout neighbourhoods to foster walkability and human health, and create opportunities for social connection, cultural expression (e.g. public art), recreation and play, and access to nature. Parks and public spaces should respond to local context, such as unique views or adjacent businesses.