

The Future We Want
Conversation Kit

Host Guide



**Planning
Vancouver
Together**

Thank you for joining us in Planning Vancouver Together!

The City of Vancouver is working to create a clear and actionable city-wide plan - the Vancouver Plan - that addresses the needs of the present and ensures that future generations can thrive.

With your help, talent and inspiration, we can build an actionable roadmap for our city's future that meets our present and likely future challenges and is worthy of the people that make up this great community

The journey will not always be easy, but no journey worth taking is. We can't do this without you.

Change is inevitable. How we change is up to us.

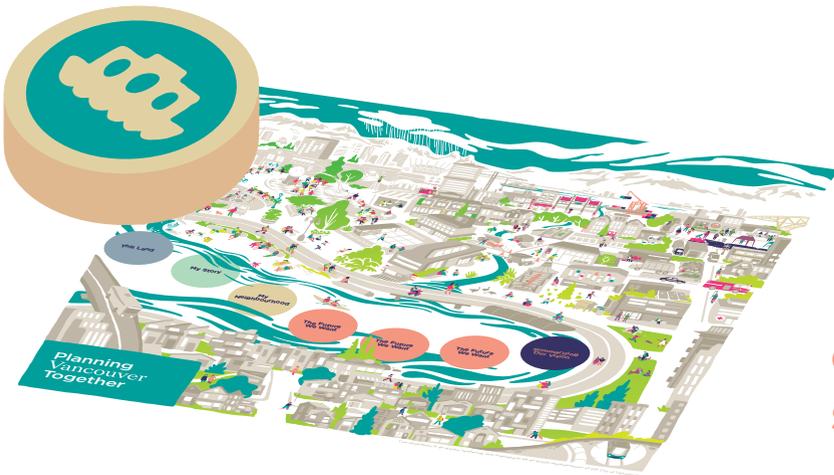
Vancouver is a dynamic place, and over the years our city has seen dramatic and continual change. While we have much to be proud of, the benefits and impacts of this change have not been shared by all.

As our city continues to evolve, many forces beyond our control influence that evolution: increased migration, population growth, climate change and sea level rise to name a few. Global, political, economic and technological changes are continually challenging our understanding of what the future might hold. Federal and Provincial government decisions on how much to fund infrastructure, public services and affordable housing also have a major impact on the city as we know it.

However, while we may not be able to control all of these factors, our choices, actions and local investments can significantly alter the shape and experience of our future city.

By Planning Vancouver Together we can collectively tackle some of our most pressing problems and in doing so perhaps inspire others to drive positive change at a much larger scale.

Let's imagine a Vancouver where future generations are thriving, and think together about the changes needed to ensure The Future We Want.



How will your conversation shape the plan?



The Gameboard: What makes up a city? What's in a plan?

Building a vision for the future means we will need to think about the various building blocks that make up a great city.

Well-designed cities are complex places. They are made up of a mixture of building types, neighbourhood and public spaces (including community centres and libraries) and include many jobs and homes. With all the building blocks in place, it is often the spaces between the buildings in the city where it truly comes to life. This includes the streets, parks, sidewalks and plazas.

Cities are also made up of a system of taken for granted service elements like the pipes that carry water, and the wires that bring us power. How these various parts and others are composed leads to the place that the city becomes.

This game board is an illustration of many of these various components of the city. While evocative of Vancouver, it is not intended to be an illustration of any one neighbourhood or location. It highlights the various components that will go into the Vancouver Plan and is intended to inspire conversation on The Future We Want.

In November 2019, Planning Vancouver Together launched with a survey asking you to share your hopes, fears, and current day experience of Vancouver.

From early results it is clear that you love your city and its spectacular natural setting, however the vast majority report their lives in Vancouver are getting worse.

Concerns about housing and general affordability have dominated early responses, including struggles with work-life balance and a perceived disparity in the quality of life and opportunities based on wealth and homeownership. Our changing climate, and the impact that this will have on our city and future generations is also top of mind. While many highlighted a sense of social disconnection and isolation, an increasing level of grief and sadness was also connected to the visible population experiencing homelessness, severe mental health struggles and or addiction in our city.

In this conversation, we would like to move our thinking from the individual experience of the city today and begin to dream together about the city we desire tomorrow.

By sharing the key takeaways from your conversation, your input will help shape a vision of the Vancouver we desire. This will help assess and weigh trade-offs on possible scenarios for Vancouver's future.

1. Plan Your Event

How To Host a Conversation

Helping to shape a vision for our ideal city is fun, inspiring, and easy to do. This conversation kit is optimized for 2-8 people, and is intended to take around 90 minutes.

We know that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact and shape people's day to day lives in the City. The majority of this material was developed before the pandemic. Please stay up to date on public health orders to make sure your conversations are safe. We encourage you to reflect on how your experience of the past few months might shape the future you want!

Feel free to get the whole family involved! Children and youth can submit their ideas and contributions with sketches and drawings.

There are three key steps involved in being a great host for this event:

- Plan your event.
- Facilitate the conversation.
- Document and report out the key takeaways.



Before event day, go through this checklist to make sure you've got everything you need for a successful event:

- Ensure that you've received or downloaded the conversation kit.
- Decide what snacks or beverages you might want to have - Is there a local restaurant or shop your household likes to support?
- Print any parts of the Conversation Kit you want: Copies of the question cards for everyone? Maybe the Board Game poster for the table? or Maybe the Land Acknowledgment Guide or the Submission Poster?
- Decide how you want to submit your results: Do you want to take a photo of printed forms? Do you want to send through a filled in PDF? Get your submission form ready to document your results!
- For additional information on Planning Vancouver Together please take a look at *A Guide to the Vancouver Plan* which outlines the process to create a new Vancouver Plan, or *City at a Glance* for background information on Vancouver today. These documents are available where you picked up your conversation kit or alternatively can be found online at vancouverplan.ca.

2. Facilitating the Conversation

We recommend you read this section out loud to participants as you go through the game.

The primary goal of this Conversation Kit is to encourage dialogue about The Future We Want in Vancouver.

Game play is split between three steps:

- Introductory discussion questions.
- Specific questions around The Future We Want.
- Capturing and submitting your ideas.

The questions cards build off of the City's early listening results and the 10 Provisional Goals that emerged from Phase 1 and are intended to support dialogue. They are not intended to be reported out with specific answers per question.

To encourage a conversation where everyone feels involved, let's discuss some suggested ground rules for the discussion:

- All ideas are valid.
- Listen actively to each other.
- Let everyone have a chance to express their point of view.
- Respect each other's point of view.
- There are no right and wrong ideas, just different perspectives.
- If there are other ground rules you'd like to add to this list, please discuss them with your group now.





Starting the Conversation: This Land

Vancouver is fortunate to be located in a remarkable natural setting. This amazing place that has drawn diverse and creative people from around the globe sits on the unceded ancestral homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and sə́lil'wətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples, and has been traditionally stewarded by them since time immemorial.

Recognizing the lives, cultures, languages, and peoples of this land, the process of Planning Vancouver Together seeks to build on our commitment as a City of Reconciliation. Through the Vancouver Plan, the City hopes to establish collaborative partnerships with each of the three host Nations and the urban Indigenous community to ensure we move forward together toward a city truly worthy of this place.

To kick off the discussion, we encourage you to take a few moments to orient participants with the Territorial Acknowledgement Guide and do a territorial acknowledgement with their group.



My History (5-10 minutes)



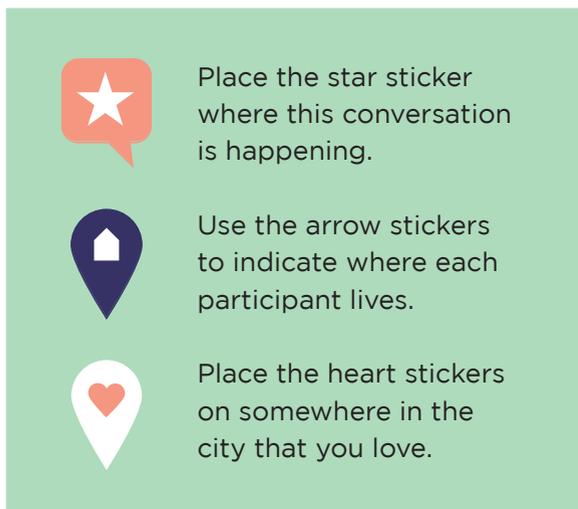
Let's continue by bringing ourselves into the conversation. **Take 5-10 minutes as a group to go around the circle and answer one of the following questions.** We are focusing on our own stories, before we discuss our ideal futures with the group.



My Neighbourhood

(15-20 minutes)

Let's take a look at the Submission Poster. **On the map, use whatever format works best for you (printing and drawing on a map, marking up the pdf) to show us the following:**



- Place the star sticker where this conversation is happening.
- Use the arrow stickers to indicate where each participant lives.
- Place the heart stickers on somewhere in the city that you love.

Once complete, continue with the discussion. Since we have already shared some of our individual stories about what brought us here, we would now like to discuss what keeps us here.

Choose one of the following questions to discuss what you love about your current neighbourhood and your city.



The Future We Want

(30-45 minutes)

Now that we have touched on what makes our city great today, we want to turn our focus to what an ideal city of tomorrow could be like. What would you and your community need to be in place to ensure that future generations can thrive?

Choose three questions and begin to imagine what the Future We Want could be like. You can read through all the questions as a group and choose your discussion topics or randomly select three questions, it's entirely up to you.



These questions have been crafted from the 10 Provisional Goals that emerged from our Phase 1 listening.

What do these Provisional Goals mean to you? How could they be achieved? How do they relate to the kind of City you want Vancouver to become?

In thinking through these questions, consider how we will be living in this future. Will we all have access to the places and services you are describing? How do we move? What will we see as we move through the city? How do we ensure that everyone benefits from the growth we encounter and the changes we make?

See the Submission Poster over to review the key takeaways we'd like you to share through this exercise. Please keep these items in mind as you continue through this conversation. Take notes on the field guides (provided) as needed.

3. Document and report out the key takeaways

Now that you've completed the questions, go to the submission poster and ask the group to summarize the conversation. This step is important as we want to better understand your discussion.

As a group, we'd like you to share:

- A headline from The Future We Want.
- Three words to describe Vancouver in The Future We Want.
- Three key ideas or takeaways to inform the Vancouver Plan

Also, It is important that we hear from a diversity of people and perspectives from across the city. Please have each member of your group fill out the Player Profile Page included.

Submit the Submission Poster and Player Profile Page to the City of Vancouver. This can be done one of the following ways:

- Take a photograph of both sides of the Submission Poster and Player Profile Page and email to planningtogether@vancouver.ca. Please include any additional notes, sketches, children's drawings, or photographs you'd like to share. We value your feedback and will review all materials sent.
- Fill out a digital submission at vancouverplan.ca.
- Mail to:
City of Vancouver - Vancouver Plan
1100 - 450 SW Marine Drive
Vancouver, BC
V5X 0C3
- **Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2020**

Grand Prize:

All completed submissions will be entered into a prize draw for your group (up to 8).

Social Media Prize:

Additional prizes will be drawn for individuals who share photos of your conversation with your team on social media using the #VancouverPlan hashtag.

The Future We Want Planning Vancouver Together

News headline for The Future We Want:

Three words to describe Vancouver in The Future We Want:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Three key ideas or takeaways that should inform the Vancouver Plan:

1 | 2 | 3

Keep Engaged

**Please stay connected to this process!
You can do so the following ways:**

- Post a photo of your submission poster with your group and snap a photo on social media using the hashtag #VancouverPlan.
- Visit our website at vancouverplan.ca and sign up for email notifications.
- Follow the City of Vancouver on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Get out and start exploring your city!

Thanks for participating in Planning Vancouver Together!

We greatly appreciate your time and input.

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