

Module 4: You are the Planner!



Imagine you are a City Planner and you have the chance to make a recommendation to Council to make your perfect neighbourhood. Think about what problems your neighbourhood could solve and the kinds of things, places and activities that could make up the neighbourhood of your dreams! For this activity you don't have to consult the community, but think about how other people might find a place in your neighbourhood or the kinds of places or services others might need.

1. Take a sheet of paper (any size will do) and draw a small square in the middle of it (about the size of a nickel). That's your home and it can be the centre of your neighbourhood!
2. Now begin drawing out your perfect neighbourhood around it. Look back at the previous modules about all the various things that a neighbourhood can have!
 - a. What goes where? What do you think a neighbourhood needs? Schools? Shops? Parks? What else?
 - b. How close are things together? What things, places or services should be grouped together?
 - c. What can you walk to? Bus to? Drive to?
3. Now think about your real neighbourhood - what is similar and what is different? If you could propose some changes to the City Planner who worked on your neighbourhood, what would they be? (If you've done a Neighbourhood Assessment Walk, think about the things in your current neighbourhood and how they compare to your ideal).
4. Send a picture of your perfect neighbourhood to the City of Vancouver's Vancouver Plan Team! You can email it (and any questions you may have) to stina.hanson@vancouver.ca

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