

# Optional Activity 1:

## Your City Needs You!

While we heard from the Mayor in our first video, being an elected official (like the Mayor, or a City Councillor) is just one way to get involved in your city! You can share ideas for projects like the Vancouver Plan, or join a City Committee and advise Council on important issues (there's even one for Children, Youth and Families!). You can have a career working for the City doing everything from designing parks and playgrounds, to fixing traffic lights, to acting as the City's lawyer or accountant. There's even volunteering by coaching a sports team or helping out a community kitchen!



How you get involved in your community is up to you! Think about what you are interested in:

- Do you like arts, or sports, or nature and the environment or business and technology?
- Do you have ideas for how the City solve issues like housing, transportation or climate change?
- Do you like working in groups or on your own?

Whether you want to get into politics, find a career or volunteer, there are opportunities with the City that will match your interests!

Today you're going to get involved by giving your input on the Vancouver Plan! Sharing your ideas with the city is something everyone can do, no matter how young or old you are. Your input will help shape the future of Vancouver!

While today is a great start, let's take some time to think about other ways you could be active in your community today or in the future. With your class (or in small groups) answer the discussion questions below and think about what you might want to do in the future. Remember: your city needs you and there are lots of ways to get involved!

Discussion Questions:

- How are you involved in your community today?
- How might you want to be active in your community in the future?
- What skills do you have, or want to develop, that might be needed by the city?
- What issues are you most interested in? (Hint: remember these as you move through the program!)

