

Optional Activity 5: Your Vancouver Plan

So now that you know a bit more about the Vancouver Plan and the topics and issues that it will cover, you're almost through the program! Before we move onto Module 2, it's time for you to take the pen and create your own Vancouver Plan!

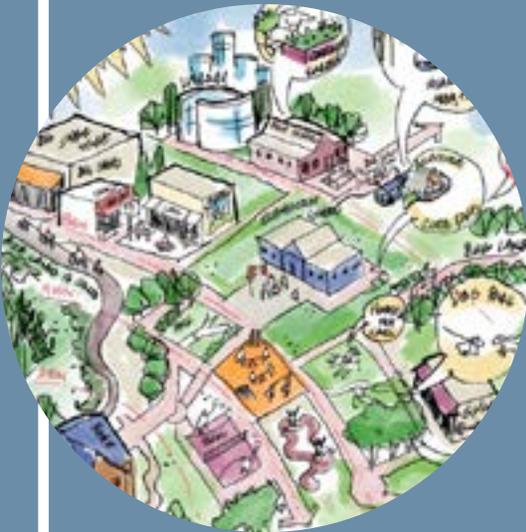
The video used one way of drawing a city. For your Vancouver Plan, you can choose to plan for the whole city, a neighbourhood, a block or something in between. You can draw each building, road and public space in 3d (like the video drawing), or you draw a birds-eye-view map with outlines of buildings or spaces and different colours to show each one like green for parks, or grey for roads.

Start by thinking about all the things you want in your future city! Think about the Three Big Ideas included in the video:

- What kind of housing will your future Vancouver need?
- What jobs, businesses, shops and services do you want?
- Will people be able to be active, play and hang out?
- Do you want spaces for nature and birds, animals and fish?



From the “What” to the “Where”....



Now that you know what you want in your future Vancouver, you need to think about where everything will go!

- Do you like the idea of “complete neighbourhoods”? or do you want to make residential-only areas?
- What kinds of shops and services do your neighbourhoods have? Where do people work and hang out?
- Where will you put the parks and spaces for nature?
- How will everyone get around? Does your Vancouver have transit? What about safe ways to bike, roll and walk?

Think about the program activities you have done: all the opportunities for people to be involved in their communities, the importance of reconciliation, the “wicked problems” the city needs to address and the communities that have been left out of planning projects in the past.

Bring it all together in your plan for the future!

Before you start drawing your plan for Vancouver's future, there's one more thing we want you to think about: you. What kind of city do you want to live in? What are your goals for the future and could the Vancouver Plan help you reach them? What challenges are you facing and how could the Vancouver Plan help? Use your ideas for the future to guide your own plan, but also keep them in mind as we move into Module 2, where we'll be asking you about what choices you think Vancouver should make for the future.