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SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Responsible development that promotes livability, housing options, greenspaces, and resilient neighbourhoods while preparing Vancouver for the future.

URBAN PLANNING

Complete communities: amenities and services to meet growth and public needs.

As we add density, we make sure communities have the added amenities they need within a short walk, bike ride, or transit trip, striking a balance between developer, government partner, and taxpayer contributions.

Dynamic Zoning and Community Context Planning

Community context planning can reflect the unique cultural, architectural, environmental, and geographic features that make each of Vancouver's communities special. Planning for growth that involves community.

Dynamic zoning allows more housing to be added predictably as communities grow, using pre-agreed standardized and generalized rezonings applied case-by-case. It can support new homes near transit and services, respecting community adjacency through flexible context-based design for height, setbacks, trees, and building form.

Resolve provincial housing targets, limits on amenities, and good planning

Work with the Province on housing targets for Vancouver that aren't delivering amenities such as promised schools for growing families. Construction starts have slowed and migration patterns have changed, making the provincially-imposed 2023 housing targets impossible to meet.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Community Benefit Agreements

Restore policies removed by Sim and ABC, to support and grow local economy, buy-Canadian procurement, and employment as a condition of major developments.

Public access on re-zonings

Amend procedure by-law to consider speakers on extraordinary zoning amendments, while respecting the 2023 provincial legislation that prohibits formal public hearings.

Tools to manage speculation

Protect existing affordable housing and tenants with pace of change measures. Prevent empty buildings through by-law enforcement and tax levies. Once rezonings have been approved time limit enactment-to-construction.

Control tax-sheltered land banks

Developers that reduce taxes on vacant land by creating informal park-like uses will require permits, clear public benefit standards, and appropriate fees for privately owned lands used as tax-advantaged parks or gardens while awaiting redevelopment.

Green infrastructure urbanism

Score and integrate expanded tree canopies, rain gardens, urban forests, permeable surfaces, and cooling strategies into growth to improve climate resilience and livability.

Strong Communities Action Plan

Create an Office of Strong Communities to serve as the City's neighbourhood engagement hub, working directly with residents, community organizations, BIAs, and neighbourhood groups to identify local priorities, coordinate responses to emerging issues, and ensure community voices inform cross-departmental City planning and decisions.

From the River District and South Vancouver to Chinatown and the Downtown Eastside, our Vancouver neighbourhoods are unique, and local communities are best positioned to describe gaps in community services and amenities and opportunities to support residents, small businesses, and public realm improvements.

HOUSING GROWTH

Public land for public good

Ensure taxpayer-owned city land is used for affordable housing, co-ops, and community land trusts, in contrast to ABC's focus on dividends from for-profit housing on public land.

Best long-term public value, not highest and best use

City-owned land planning ethos will be the best long-term public value from public land, not simply the highest financial return.

Tools to build more affordable housing city-wide

Partnering with non-profits and senior government to deliver co-op, social, and supportive housing in every neighbourhood. Fast-track zoning and permitting to enable affordable housing.

Building for a changing climate

Restore interdepartmental sustainability work to ensure new and retrofit construction are built cleaner and greener, prioritizing resident health and comfort against changing climate.

Green retrofits: the greenest buildings are the ones already built

Encourage partnerships through the federal Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative and BC Retrofit Accelerator to support funding for climate smart retrofits. Simplify conditions around green retrofits by reducing triggers for extraneous upgrades.

Missing middle housing: more of the housing we need

Support and encourage a wider variety of housing types in all neighbourhoods, and near shopping streets including low-rise apartments (4-6 storeys) with wood frame construction, Single Egress Staircase (SES), and missing middle typologies like rowhomes, townhomes and infill. Permit for faster, more affordable construction, including prefab, modular, and wood frame.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Moratorium on micro-units

Reverse recent council policy that allows for micro-suites, including kitchen and bathroom as small as 250 sq ft. Permanent homes a bit larger than a typical parking stall are not an appropriate housing solution.

Simple Homes, Pre-Approved

Pre-Approved Housing Designs (PAHD): Offer city-approved designs for homes and rental buildings that can move through permitting quickly, reducing approval times and costs. Vancouver Special 2.0: Exploring "kit" designs, modular or prefab, that can be permitted and built quickly. Enable targeted investment through federal Build Canada Homes with mechanisms to enhance zoning and permits for PAHDs.

Vancouver's Building By-law working for you

Working to reduce regulatory complexity, in particular on larger Multi Unit Residential Buildings but not eliminating the VBBL altogether as contemplated by the current ABC council. Rather, use Vancouver's unique statutory powers to innovate climate, mechanical, and built form solutions like mass timber, decarbonization, egress and elevators, patios and FSR exemptions.

Streamlining permit approvals

Systemic change not slogans. Resolve department silos that add time and cost to building approvals and make construction approvals more efficient.

Building Canada Strong

Support "build Canadian" procurement policies and initiatives. Encourage mass timber, wood-frame mid-rise and public infrastructure where possible to support Canadian forestry.

Co-Op Housing

Expedite planning and lease renewals for co-ops on city owned land like South False Creek, fairly, and with intention to preserve community mix, long term affordability, and livability. Limit Capital Expenditure cost formulas that are affordability barriers to lease renewal.

TRANSPORTATION

Slower Safer Streets

Reducing speed limits on residential streets has been a signature Green Party initiative since 2018, and nearly eight years later after much work with Council, and the provincial government, **Slower, Safer Streets city wide** was approved by-law. Expand and continue with 30km/h residential streets and select arterials, in particular near parks and schools. Work must continue with education and enforcement.

Pedestrian-first priorities

Establish and prioritize meaningful targets and funding for upgrading safe crossings for pedestrians. Expand new and retrofit Leading Pedestrian Intervals and audible crossings. Review crosswalks and intersections without traffic signals as part of an ongoing pedestrian safety audit.

Permanent pedestrian zone infrastructure

Dedicate stable funding and infrastructure like retractable bollards and placemaking to support seasonal and year-round pedestrian zone initiatives in partnership with local residents and BIAs.

Add more safe routes to schools and school streets

Eliminate time and day restrictions for school zones, and prioritize safe routes to and from schools. Accessible active transportation is good for family health and wealth. Support and expand School Streets, car-free zones adjacent to schools safe for active transportation, play, and connections before and after school.

Complete active transportation infrastructure

Connect safe cycling and rolling routes with AAA bike routes and slowed streets network, with a particular focus on completing Major Bikeway Network and incomplete and under-connected parts of South and East Vancouver.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Broadway Bikeway

The new subway for Broadway will reduce road traffic and create an opportunity to add active transportation lanes to support shoppers, couriers, and commuters on a busy corridor while it is still under construction. Planners have envisioned Broadway as a great street but without active transportation it will only be a mediocre street at best.

Open streets as a celebration and connection

In the spirit of South American Ciclovía or Portland's Sunday Parkways, celebrate active transportation routes and calmed streets by fostering special events to connect neighbourhoods, encourage active transportation, and activate public spaces.

Car light, car right

Right-size neighbourhood parking by planning for actual demand, permitting access for residents, businesses and visitors, making sure valuable public space is used efficiently and fairly. Decouple parking from cost of housing and demand on-street use allowing paid off-street parkades for residents where appropriate. Reduce parking requirements near high-frequency transit and replace some parking with public plazas, cycling infrastructure, and green space.

Expand multi modal share parking and docking spaces

Expand shared mobility infrastructure including public bike share to provide more affordable and sustainable transportation choices. Ensure new facilities are thoughtfully integrated into communities, mitigating any negative impacts, and support last mile for frequent transit areas.

UBC subway expansion

Work with partners to establish a binding timeline for delivering a rapid transit extension to UBC.

Better transit

In partnership with TransLink, prioritize bus reliability, speed and connectivity, through transit-priority measures, including infrastructure like bulges, bump-outs, and installation of bus priority lanes. Expand late bus service and low income transit concessions.

Commercial curb access program

Curbside and demand management, see Economic Development section for details.

Manage congestion with smarter intersection management

Select protected left-turn signals for safety and traffic management. Queue-jump lanes for buses. Smart traffic management systems, adaptive signal timing.

Better roads, safer streets

Prioritize targeted upgrades to aging road surfaces, potholes, and pavement markings to improve safety and extend the life of critical transportation infrastructure. Deliver curb-cuts and accessibility with all new and renewed infrastructure.

11% Road Reclamation

Convert at least 11% of Vancouver streets from car to community use that includes more tree canopy, parklets, dog parks, active transportation, places to grow food, and green spaces for children, families, and seniors.

BUILDING GREEN

Solar ready, plug-in solar ready

Expand access to clean, affordable energy. Streamline permitting, modernize regulations, and cut red tape for rooftop and new technology direct-to-consumer plug-in solar.

EV charging island modernized curbside infrastructure

Prioritize emerging opportunities for partnership with curbside lamppost and utility-pole charging as part of Vancouver street infrastructure everywhere, in particular where older street lighting systems are replaced with LED and result in surplus electric capacity.

Decarbonizing new builds

Re-establish policies to ban fossil gas heating for heat and hot water in new construction types and return standard emission reporting and targeting.

Right to cool and clean air

Access to cool, clean air, protecting tenants from extreme heat and wildfire smoke at home by expanding cooling, shade, and clean-air infrastructure throughout Vancouver.

Return a standalone Sustainability and Climate Office to City Hall

Focused city leadership on climate action, clean energy, resilience, and environmental stewardship while improving accountability and coordination across departments.

Climate planning includes lifecycle emissions in reporting

Expand emissions reporting to include embodied and lifecycle emissions, helping the City make more informed decisions about long-term climate impacts.

Green roofs

Mandate green roofs by-law on larger new and existing buildings to reduce urban heat, manage stormwater, improve biodiversity, and create a greener, more resilient city.

ECOSYSTEMS

Trees for a Healthier City

Greens are committed to grow a larger, healthier canopy to provide more shade, cooler streets, cleaner air, and healthier neighbourhoods city-wide.

Protect and expand our urban forest by strengthening tree protection bylaws and preserving mature trees.

Reward tree retention with incentives for developments that protect significant trees on private property.

Plant more climate-resilient trees by committing dedicated funding to expand the city's canopy with species suited to a changing climate.

Reform technical tree removal rules by tightening standards for removals justified by construction logistics while creating clear, practical pathways to accommodate legitimate construction and crane access needs.

Replace more trees than we remove by requiring stronger mitigation, replacement planting, and canopy restoration when mature trees are lost to development.

Protect trees for the long term by making occupancy permits conditional on post-construction tree health reviews and remediation where construction impacts have damaged protected trees.

Create a municipal arborist office with in-house certified arborists to independently review tree assessments, improve transparency, and ensure public confidence in development-related tree decisions.

Maintain and strengthen Vancouver's **Bird Friendly City** certification.

Support a Youth Climate Corps for Urban Forestry with matching funding opportunities to plant and maintain tree canopy expansion with living wage climate work for youth.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Require rezonings to increase the urban tree canopy and green spaces

As part of broader Trees for a Healthier City strategy, and including green roofs and micro-forest understorey, with a focus on native and climate resilient plants.

Add new green spaces

In particular for areas targeted for new development and density, by buying land with a restored park acquisition developer cost levy.

Rewilding

Encourage more native plants and natural spaces including micro-forests and understorey to protect biodiversity, help pollinators, and promote a healthier environment.

Move to remove invasive species

Protect local ecosystems and biodiversity by banning the sale of prohibited invasive species plants in Vancouver, and create an incentive program to assist gardeners to identify and remove invasives from their gardens.

Develop a Community Environmental Stewardship program

With small grants to support low-cost high-impact community care for eco corridors and greenspaces.

Value nature as infrastructure

Treat trees, wetlands, waterways, and green spaces as critical infrastructure assets by incorporating Natural Asset Accounting into City decision-making and budgets.

Restore wetlands and uncover buried creeks

Improve flood protection, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen climate resilience. Natural ecosystems are some of Vancouver's most valuable infrastructure assets.

3-30-300: Access to Greenspace

3-30-300 rule for a healthier, greener city: every household should be able to see 3 trees, in a neighbourhood with a 30% tree canopy, and be 300m from a green space.

INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCE

Infrastructure maintenance

Properly fund best practice schedules for renewal of infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, sewers, buildings, and greenspaces to make up for decades of neglect.

Climate resilient infrastructure

Invest in resilience to climate change with cooling, warming, and air-quality enhancements for public facilities, rain and storm surge management, blueways, greenways, bioswales, sewer separation, and eliminating raw sewage outflows.

Pedestrian and active transportation infrastructure

Enhance walking, cycling, and rolling infrastructure city-wide by prioritizing investments in equity, safety, and comfort for active transportation. This includes repairing bike routes, enhancing sidewalks, and adding bulges and curb cuts.

Accessible infrastructure

Priority investments in accessible sidewalks, curb cuts, crosswalks, extended crosswalk times, transit connections, bus shelters, lighting, and public spaces so everyone can move safely and independently through the city.

Smart infrastructure

Integrate low-cost smart information and communication technologies into all traffic and safety system renewals. Coordinate project timing and less disruptive repair technologies (like cast-in-place pipes) to minimize public and road disruption.

Capital planning for climate change

Ensure major infrastructure investment builds for future climate conditions, including heat, flooding, drought, and sea-level rise. By prioritizing resilient infrastructure and proactive upgrades, Vancouver can reduce long-term costs while protecting residents and services.

Seismic safety and resilience

Accelerate upgrades and ensure new infrastructure and development meet modern seismic standards and prioritize investments that protect residents, essential services, heritage, and community resilience against earthquakes.

Sea level rise and flood protection

Accelerate investments in seawalls, flood defenses, drainage systems, and shoreline restoration to protect Vancouver's neighbourhoods, infrastructure, and economy from rising seas and extreme weather and reduce long-term costs for generations to come.

Electrical grid resiliency

Work with BC Hydro and regional partners on grid modernization, energy storage, solar power, and renewable energy solutions to strengthen energy security and the reliability and resilience of Vancouver's electrical system to meet growing demand for electrification.

District Energy

Continued investment in shared energy infrastructure to heat and cool multiple buildings, reduce emissions, lower long-term energy costs, and improve resilience.

ZERO WASTE

Improve access to recycling and public facilities

Expand public recycling, organics, and waste-separation infrastructure to make diversion easier and more convenient across the city. Add more convenient satellite Zero-Waste drop-off centres, distributed city-wide, supported by industrial hubs at False Creek Flats and on Kent Avenue.

Kent Avenue Circular Economy Hub

Modernize the Kent Avenue Transfer Station as part of planned long range capital upgrades to support waste and resource recovery.

Improved and expanded organics processing

Strengthen local composting and organics recovery systems, to improve service reliability, reduce emissions, and advance the City's zero-waste goals.

Divert pet waste

Divert pet waste from landfill through dedicated collection, treatment, and recovery systems.

Reuse before waste

Support reusable foodware, takeout containers, and packaging in restaurants and public venues to reduce single-use waste. Advocate for provincial expansion of extended producer responsibility for common single-use items by adding deposit and refunds.

AFFORDABLE LIVING

A city that works for everyone starts with affordability. We'll make it easier to find a home, get around, access services, and build a good life in the communities people love.

Creating an Affordability Index

Create a Vancouver Affordability Index that tracks real household costs against local incomes and uses that data to guide housing, transportation, taxation, and planning decisions. City policies should be judged by whether they improve affordability for residents, not by whether they meet outdated or market-based benchmarks.

HOMES FOR PEOPLE WHO CALL VANCOUVER HOME

Vancouver's housing crisis is a housing affordability crisis

Establish real affordability targets and reporting: 30% of median household incomes rather than the current metric based on market rents.

Recognizing the right to housing

Ensure City of Vancouver policies are informed by the right to safe, adequate, and affordable homes.

Affordable Housing Czar

Create a new role focused on housing partnerships and policies to deliver non-market and supportive housing, similar to the successful early 2000s Housing Centre.

AFFORDABLE LIVING

Close Empty Homes Tax loopholes and test compliance

Work with the province to close loopholes allowing empty apartment buildings. Audit and review compliance and evasion rates ahead of incremental rate increases.

City Land: Vancouver Public Housing Bonds

Under authority of the Vancouver Charter, create a Vancouver Public Housing Bond to build affordable city-owned housing. Retail and institutional investors accept a modest, predictable return in exchange for financing housing that remains publicly owned and affordable.

Expand tenant protections

Strengthen and enforce the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy on redevelopment of rental stock citywide, including secondary-market rentals, with fair compensation, meaningful relocation support, and strong protections against displacement.

Inclusionary zoning either on-site or in-lieu

Require large developments to provide affordable homes on-site or contribute land, units, or cash toward the construction of city-owned and non-profit affordable housing.

Leverage city fees and permitting to build the housing we need

Prioritise fee and levy reductions and fast tracked permitting for truly affordable housing.

Protect affordable rentals before they're lost

Create a Rental Housing Acquisition and Preservation program to preserve at-risk rental housing. Using a dedicated rapid acquisition fund, and partnerships to protect existing affordable homes before they are lost to speculation or redevelopment.

Advocate to senior government partners

Reverse Sim's supportive housing ban and renew work with the province to build housing with supports appropriate to Vancouver's needs. Urge for replacement of BC Community Housing Fund, and promote and return of Canada's RRAP (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program) and lobby federal government for $2 billion in funding for very-low-to-low-income homes.

Remove barriers to faith, community, and non-profit housing development

Working with relevant partners and communities to develop a toolkit that could fast track the delivery of affordable and non-profit housing on non-market lands.

A City Hall That Works For Renters

Restore Vancouver's Renter's Office (a Green policy eliminated by ABC) as a dedicated front door for tenants seeking information, support, and protection from displacement:

- Help renters navigate City processes;
- Track renter density, rental housing loss and tenant displacement;
- Maintain a landlord registry oversight, identify repeat offenders and problem properties;
- Link fair tenant practices as a condition of purpose built rental incentives;
- Improve coordination with tenant advocates and housing providers; and
- Provide staff and Council with better data to strengthen policies and tenant protections.

Funded by the Empty Homes Tax, the office could help renters overcome barriers to housing by underwriting security deposits and supporting access to stable rental accommodation.

AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION

Transportation You Can Afford

Vancouver residents should not have to own a car to fully participate in city life. Work to expand low-income transit fares and connectivity, improve walking and cycling infrastructure, public bike share, and support affordable alternatives to car ownership.

Affordable transit for folks who need it most

Work with Translink, the TransLink Mayor's Council, and senior governments to expand low-income transit programs to deliver more affordable fares for people who need them.

Safer streets

Invest in sidewalks, curb cuts, pedestrian crossings, lighting, and protected cycling routes. Ensure transit stops, sidewalks, crossings, and transportation infrastructure are accessible for seniors, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and anyone with mobility challenges.

CHILDCARE, FAMILIES & PUBLIC RECREATION

Childcare everywhere

Make it faster and easier to create childcare spaces in every community, allowing childcare wherever appropriate and streamlining approvals. Make it easier and more affordable to open childcare centres, allowing families to find quality childcare close to where they live, work, and learn, and during the times of day and night that they are needed.

Reduce childcare costs by cutting red tape

Reduce permit fees, streamline approvals, and remove unnecessary regulatory barriers for licensed childcare providers, lowering the cost of opening and expanding childcare.

Childcare in City-owned facilities

Lease or support suitable City-owned spaces at below-market rates to licensed childcare providers. Work with Park Board to expand childcare in community centres across Vancouver.

Recreation everyone can afford

Expand affordable recreation opportunities by increasing fee assistance, adding more low-cost programs, and ensuring budgets for community centres remain properly funded.

Community equipment libraries

Support equipment lending libraries that give residents affordable access to tools, sports equipment, recreational gear, gardening supplies, repair equipment, and other shared resources, to reduce household costs and build community connections.

FOOD SECURITY

Local food security

Strengthen local food networks wherever possible. Expand support for community gardens, urban agriculture, farmers markets, and local food producers to increase access to healthy, affordable food. Reinstate and expand food planning roles cut by Ken Sim and ABC.

Neighbourhood food hubs

Support community food hubs that bring together food distribution, meal programs, community kitchens, gardening, nutrition education, and local food services under one roof, especially in food desert areas, with affordable markets, food education, cultural food programming, kitchen access, food recovery, and distribution.

Food recovery

Expand food recovery programs that redirect surplus food from businesses, institutions, and events to people who need it most. Vancouver already has one of the most robust and effective food recovery systems in North America.

Food system resilience

Strengthen Vancouver's food system by supporting local production, processing, distribution, storage, and emergency food networks.

Community food gardens

Improve food security by creating locations for community food gardens and food production in every neighbourhood.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

People are worried about safety and disorder. ABC had four years, with little to show for it. Safety isn't a slogan. It's a system. That means places for people to go, care people can actually reach, and public spaces that are maintained and managed, clean and vibrant, so they stay usable and welcoming for everyone.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Office of Community Safety

Interdepartmental collaboration focused on a centralized approach and informed by the universal rights of Vancouverites and visitors to feel and be safe. This office would break down silos by integrating neighbourhood services like fire, police, licensing, property use, and planning into a proactive systemic approach.

Street Disorder and Places to Go

People need somewhere to go, not just somewhere to leave. By respecting the basic rights and dignity of unhoused and marginalized people by providing safe and appropriate places to gather, rest, access support, and connect, we can reduce encampments and street disorder while more fairly managing shared public spaces.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

Overdose prevention, harm reduction, and community standards

Develop a legally-workable set of City-mandated license, zoning, and permit conditions to support health and shelter facilities that minimize public substance use and risk of overdose, ensure recovery from intoxication and engagement with health care and community supports, and reduce impacts on surrounding communities. Ensure that service delivery, cleanliness, public safety, accountability and good neighbour conditions are met.

Compassionate and consistent public space management

Support an approach that prioritizes diversion, outreach, and connection to services before enforcement. Public spaces must remain safe and accessible for everyone, and interventions should focus on helping people move toward better choices while protecting the public realm.

Safer communities through de-escalation

Invest in crisis intervention and de-escalation programs to help residents, businesses, and communities respond confidently and safely to challenging situations. Best practices demonstrate that prevention, understanding, and early intervention are effective public safety tools.

CROW (Community Response Outreach Workers) Team

We will create a 24/7 non-police, non-medical mobile response team that reduces strain on emergency services by handling non-emergency calls for individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction or other vulnerabilities. A dedicated service and number available to the concerned neighbours, businesses, emergency services, and partner agencies that is less disruptive, less expensive and a compassionate response to neighbours in need.

Restorative Vancouver

Unlock stalled resourcing for emerging made-in-Vancouver restorative justice programs that help repair harm, resolve conflict, build stronger communities, and break the cycle of reoffending. Vancouver can become a restorative city by embedding restorative practices into schools, community organizations, public institutions, and community life.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice and sex worker safety

2026 has been one of the deadliest years for sex workers in Vancouver in recent memory. This year, ABC cut funding for Sex Worker Safety Coordinators, a role recommended by Justice Wally Oppal's Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. Greens will restore this funding and continue supporting the safety measures we fought to protect earlier this year, as well as MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice and Red Women Rising recommendations.

Intimate partner violence prevention strategy

Create a comprehensive municipal strategy and task force to prevent intimate partner violence by coordinating services, expanding support for survivors, improving data and prevention education, and ensuring accountable leadership.

Public safety accountability

Police services account for a substantial share of City’s budget at 24%, and should be subject to regular independent performance reviews to ensure resourcing is evidence-based, accountable, transparent, and achieving the best outcomes for residents and frontline emergency responders.

Transparent and non-partisan police governance

Strengthen public reporting from the Vancouver Police Board through regular updates to Council on budgets, performance, strategic priorities, and community safety outcomes. Independent policing requires strong civilian oversight and freedom from political interference, while maintaining accountability to the public and the high standards Vancouver residents expect.

CLEAN & GREEN

Commitment to our shared public realm

Cleaner streets, greener neighbourhoods. A clean city is a safe city, a welcoming city, and a city we're proud to call home. A tidy city starts with the small stuff. By addressing litter, debris, and minor maintenance issues early, we create cleaner, safer, and more welcoming public spaces.

Clean streets

Faster response to litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and overflowing bins. More garbage, recycling, and cigarette receptacles in high-traffic areas. Enhanced street cleaning around business districts, transit hubs, parks, and schools.

Holding polluters accountable

Stronger enforcement against illegal dumping and chronic offenders. Better reporting tools to identify and address problem areas quickly. Work with businesses and property owners to keep public spaces clean and attractive.

Green neighbourhoods

Expand tree planting and neighbourhood greening projects. Support community gardens, pollinator spaces, and local stewardship initiatives.

WELLBEING

Wellbeing Index

A wellbeing index is a tool that measures how people are doing overall, using indicators such as housing, health, income, safety, social connection, environmental quality, and life satisfaction rather than relying solely on economic measures like GDP. It helps governments assess whether policies are improving residents' quality of life and community wellbeing.

We will bring in a wellbeing index to The City of Vancouver to measure how Vancouverites are doing on core issues.

A city of equity

Greens will champion policies and strategies that centre equity and inclusion, ensuring marginalized, racialized, and underrepresented communities have meaningful access to opportunity, services, and decision-making.

Celebrate cultural communities

Support community-led cultural development projects, festivals, gathering spaces, and initiatives that strengthen Vancouver's Indigenous, immigrant, and cultural communities.

Equity office

In September 2025, The City of Vancouver shut down its standalone Equity Office, which had been created to coordinate equity, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, and reconciliation work across city departments. Greens will re-embed this core policy.

Inclusive communities

Support city-led and community-based anti-racism work, cultural redress, reconciliation, education, and partnerships that help address discrimination, ableism, and ageism.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

Social isolation

Invest in community-building programs, gathering spaces, recreation, arts, and volunteer opportunities that bring people together and combat social isolation. A healthier city is one where everyone feels connected, welcomed, and included.

Mental health

Advocate for expanded mental health services, support community-based wellness programs, and strengthen partnerships with health authorities, non-profits, and community organizations to help people get the care they need. Greens are committed to completing means prevention infrastructure as part of the Granville Bridge upgrades.

HEALTHY CITY

Climate justice and equity

Ensure every neighbourhood and resident has access to climate-safe public spaces and buildings during extreme heat, smoke, flooding, and other climate emergencies, while investing in cooling, shade, and community resilience for those most at risk.

Healthy city, healthy communities

Align to UN Sustainable Development Goals to improve wellbeing, reduce poverty, strengthen food security, build climate resilience, and create healthier communities, so Vancouver can attract funding opportunities while delivering better outcomes for residents.

Fitness for life

Make fitness and active living more accessible by funding affordable recreation programs and access to community facilities, while supporting active transportation options that help residents stay healthy, connected, and active at every stage of life.

Standards of maintenance for healthy homes

Update Vancouver's Standards of Maintenance By-law to require timely remediation of mold, moisture, water damage, and indoor air quality issues, while strengthening enforcement and tenant protections. No renter should have to live in unhealthy housing conditions.

Sustainable school food funding

No child should go hungry at school. Advocate for a universal, senior government-funded school food program and ensure Vancouver fills funding gaps when provincial and federal funding falls short, building on Pete Fry's successful efforts to restore support for VSB school meal programs.

ACCESSIBLE CITY

People-First Streets

Vision Zero, by investing in active transportation, accessible sidewalks, curb cuts, pedestrian bulges and calming vehicular traffic. Expand the Green-initiated 30 km/hr slower safer streets program, and hasten work to eliminate traffic-related fatalities.

Public washrooms as essential infrastructure

Public washrooms are essential civic infrastructure. Expand access to clean, safe, and accessible washrooms through a coordinated citywide strategy, identifying underserved areas, extending hours where needed, and integrating washrooms into plazas, community facilities, and major public spaces, working with the elected board to properly fund washrooms in parks.

Age-friendly city for every stage of life

We will make Vancouver an age-friendly city that supports residents at every stage of life, from childhood to older adulthood, by incorporating universal design, accessibility, safety, social connection, and healthy aging into City planning and services.

Older Persons Planner

Re-instate the Older Persons Planner position that was eliminated in recent budget cuts, to champion seniors' needs across City policies and services, helping make Vancouver a more accessible, connected, and age-friendly city.

A city that works for kids is a city that works for everyone

Make Vancouver a city that works for children and families by prioritizing safe routes to school, accessible parks and playgrounds, affordable recreation, childcare, family-friendly public spaces, and access to nature.

Curb cuts, tactile surfaces and audible crossings

Expand curb cuts, tactile surfaces, audible crossings, and barrier-free infrastructure across every neighbourhood. Vancouver's streets and public spaces should be accessible to everyone, regardless of age or ability.

UNHOUSED NEIGHBOURS

Meeting people where they are

People experiencing homelessness are among the city's most vulnerable residents. We support compassionate, evidence-based responses that connect people to shelter, services, and housing while treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Daytime shelters and places to be

Solutions focused on helping people move from crisis to stability: expand low-barrier daytime spaces where people experiencing homelessness can access services, connect with housing supports, store belongings, and find respite during the day.

Secure storage solutions for folks without

Expand secure storage facilities and community lockers for people experiencing homelessness, ensuring personal belongings are protected while individuals access services, seek employment, and work toward permanent housing.

Reverse ban on supportive housing

Reverse Sim’s housing ban that has led to more unhoused people on streets, and use occupancy permit requirements to ensure that housing is adequately staffed and serviced to ensure good living conditions and good community relations.

Rapid shelter villages

Deploy small-scale shelter villages with private and locking micro-cabins, storage, sanitation, and on-site supports as a safe alternative to street homelessness. Use best practices to ensure these communities serve as a bridge to permanent housing, with clear pathways, case management, and housing placement goals for every resident.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amidst global economic disruptions, Vancouver leads in creativity, innovation, resilience, and quality of life. Our job is to protect our businesses and industries, our arts and culture, and grow the next generation of local opportunity.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Strengthen the Business and Economy Office

Expand the mandate and capacity of the City's Business and Economy Office to champion local business growth, retention, and economic development by creating a user-friendly digital business portal, improving coordination across departments, and providing stronger support for entrepreneurs and job creation in Vancouver.

Compete for investment

Position Vancouver as the best city in Canada to start, grow, and invest in a business by improving approval timelines, modernizing regulations, and actively attracting good job-creating investment. We will focus on certainty, responsiveness, infrastructure, and efficient government so businesses can invest and grow with confidence.

Benchmark Vancouver

Regularly compare Vancouver's permitting timelines, fees, regulations, and business climate against leading North American cities.

Make it easier for small business to do business

Small businesses should spend their time focused on customers and creating jobs, not fighting bureaucracy. Cut red tape, lower permit costs, speed up approvals, and create a single point of contact for business owners navigating City Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Navigator Service

Create a Business Navigator Service, providing small businesses with a dedicated point of contact to help guide applications through the City's permitting and licensing process, coordinate across departments, identify issues early, and keep applicants informed from start to finish.

Change is hard. A change of use shouldn't be

Simplify and fast-track change-of-use permits for existing commercial spaces, making it easier to convert vacant storefronts and underused buildings into the businesses, services, and community spaces. Add flexibility for multiple uses, and open data to identify approved uses ahead of time. Entrepreneurs should build businesses, not battle bureaucracy.

Elbows Up: Buy Vancouver, Build Canada

In 2025 Pete Fry introduced one of Canada's first municipal Trump tariff responses. Greens will use City purchasing power to support local business, social enterprises, and community enterprises whenever possible and reinstate community benefit agreements cut by ABC. Public dollars should help build a stronger, more resilient local and Canadian economy.

MAIN STREETS FIRST

Progressive Property Tax Relief

Work with the Province to give Vancouver greater flexibility to protect small businesses from disproportionate tax increases while sustaining the services and infrastructure that keep our city prosperous, livable, and economically competitive.

Empowered and responsive Business Improvement Areas

Strengthen partnerships with BIAs, to provide greater flexibility and support for local initiatives, and empower them to develop collaborative, place-based solutions that improve safety, economic vitality, public spaces, and communities.

Commercial rent protection advocacy and local retention strategies

Many independent businesses, social enterprises, and arts and cultural organizations are being displaced by rising rents and redevelopment pressures. Greens will advocate to the province for commercial tenant protections. Using tax incentives, land-use policies, transition supports, and targeted financial assistance, preserve affordable commercial space for local businesses.

Protect local businesses from displacement

"No net loss" policy for affordable commercial space in major redevelopments. Require major redevelopment projects to replace affordable commercial space that would otherwise be lost. Vancouver's independent businesses, cultural organizations, and community-serving retailers deserve a place in the city's future.

Human-scale mixed use

Support fine-grained development patterns with narrow storefronts, small spaces, and flexible mixed-use that allow homes, shops, studios, offices, and services to coexist. By modernizing zoning to support active ground floors, small commercial frontages, and business uses on upper storeys, we can create more vibrant, walkable, affordable, and resilient neighbourhoods.

Downtown reinvention

Remote work is not going away, and Vancouver's downtown must evolve to meet new realities. Embracing a more diverse, mixed-use downtown by encouraging office-to-housing conversions, attracting educational institutions, expanding arts and cultural programming, supporting family-friendly amenities, and modernizing zoning to allow greater flexibility.

Fair Curbside Contributions

Local businesses contribute to the vitality of our commercial districts and main streets. As delivery volumes grow, we will explore fair contributions from high-volume e-commerce delivery and logistics operations to help maintain the public infrastructure that supports them.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eastside Arts District

Strengthen the Eastside's identity as a neighbourhood that nurtures arts, culture, and creativity. Preserve affordable creative space, support artists and cultural organizations through zoning and land use conditions and incentives.

Support arts, culture, and creative economies

Support for artists, cultural organizations, creative businesses, and arts districts. A thriving creative sector makes Vancouver more vibrant, resilient, and connected.

Restore City arts funding and a new strategy

Restore and expand arts and culture staffing and grants cut by ABC, and implement a new city-wide strategy to support arts economic development and employment.

Making space for arts

Protect and create affordable studios, live-work spaces, workshops, and cultural venues through adaptive reuse, flexible land-use policies, and creative building conversions.

Making it easier for creative-use spaces and venues to operate

Reduce red tape around event licensing and occupancy requirements while maintaining safety standards. Create a new licensing category for qualified venues and, in the interim, raise thresholds to allow up to eight events per month and occupancy of up to 60 people.

Cultural Land Trusts

Support Cultural Land Trusts to acquire and preserve creative spaces, cultural venues, artist studios, and live-work buildings as non-profit community assets.

Stable funding for festivals

Faced with growing funding and sponsorship gaps, support a dedicated City-funded Festival Fund that provides reliable support for arts, cultural, and community events.

EMPLOYMENT LAND PROTECTION

Protect employment lands

Protect employment lands and cultural spaces from speculative conversion and ensure they continue to prioritize job creation, production, and manufacturing.

Protect industrial jobs and production

Preserve industrial lands for manufacturing, logistics, marine industries, food processing, and other employment-generating industrial uses where appropriate.

Canada's gateway to the Pacific

Leverage Vancouver's strategic location as a port city and regional capital to attract investment, support local industry, strengthen supply chains, and grow family-supporting jobs in trade, manufacturing, logistics, marine industries, and value-added production.

Grow the climate resilience economy

Create jobs through building retrofits, clean technology, green infrastructure, and climate adaptation projects. With smart policies, Vancouver can reduce emissions, and strengthen resilience by investing in the industries of the future.

Clean technology leadership

Support Vancouver's leadership in green buildings, energy systems, climate adaptation, and clean transportation by helping local companies, workers, and innovators grow and succeed in the global clean economy.

Waste less, build more

Support a circular economy where materials are reused, repaired, recovered, and remanufactured instead of thrown away. The cheapest, cleanest, and most resilient resource is the one we already have.

NEW ECONOMIES

Responsible AI and Hyperscale Data Facilities

Vancouver welcomes innovation and investment in digital infrastructure where projects deliver community benefits, responsible resource use, and high-quality jobs.

The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence raises important questions about energy use, land use, resource allocation, and the broader ethical and social impacts of emerging technologies. While many of these issues fall beyond municipal jurisdiction, Vancouver has a responsibility to ensure that land use and development aligns with public interest.

When it comes to hyperscale data centres, the issue is the scale of its impacts on our community. Facilities with extraordinary demands on power, water, and local infrastructure will require new land use and zoning rules and conditions that must meet higher standards and deliver greater benefits to residents.

Digital and creative economy

Create, build, innovate: Grow Vancouver's film, gaming, VFX, XR, and creative sectors through affordable workspaces, creative hubs, and cluster development. The future economy will be driven by creativity, technology, and talent.

24 hour economy

Empower a night-time strategy of increasing night transit, expanding live music venue zoning, 24 hour industrial/creative land uses, extended permits, and hospitality.

Health and longevity economy

Position Vancouver as a leader in healthy aging, health technology, accessibility innovation, and seniors services. By supporting industries that help people age well and live independently, we can create jobs, and attract investment.

Childcare where people work

Collaborate with health authority and building use departments to create new conditions and opportunities for childcare in otherwise constrained atypical locations and hours of operation.

FOOD SYSTEMS & AGRITECH

Support and grow food recovery network

Strengthen and expand Vancouver's food recovery network by supporting organizations that rescue surplus food from grocery stores, restaurants, farms, institutions, and events and redirect it to people in need. By reducing food waste and improving access to healthy food, we can build a more resilient and compassionate city.

Growing a food/farmers market strategy

Farmers markets help to support local food systems, small businesses, and neighbourhood gathering spaces. In times of trade and economic turmoil, they also support a network for food sovereignty and resilience. Re-instate food policy planning at the City and develop a new strategy for distributing independent food/farmer markets and production city-wide.

Support permanent, regularized farmers markets

Farmers markets support local food systems, small businesses, and neighbourhood gathering spaces. Rather than relying on ad hoc approvals and temporary licensing, we support a clear, streamlined framework that allows recurring farmers markets to operate with greater certainty.

Urban food production

Encourage better use of limited space with vertical gardens, rooftop farms, energy-efficient indoor hydroponics and innovative urban agriculture in public and private developments.

Food innovation and commissary kitchens

Create more shared commercial kitchen space to support local food manufacturing, food innovation, catering businesses, and emerging food enterprises. A stronger food economy starts with affordable places to produce, process, and distribute food locally.

Plant-based food economy

Support Vancouver's leadership in plant-based foods, sustainable food production, and food innovation while growing local businesses and creating green jobs.

Healthy food, healthy planet

Encourage climate-friendly food systems and support initiatives that improve access to affordable, sustainable, and nutritious food for all residents.

Future Food Hub

Plan for the replacement and modernization of aging regional food distribution infrastructure through a co-located food hub that supports wholesale distribution, local food processing, food recovery, innovation, and food security. A resilient city needs resilient food infrastructure.

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

Grow local wealth

Support micro-entrepreneurs, co-ops, social enterprises, and small businesses with affordable space, shared infrastructure, mentorship, and streamlined approvals. A stronger local economy is built from the ground up, one entrepreneur at a time.

Home-based businesses

It shouldn't be easier to host strangers in a short term rental than have clients visit your home-based business. Support home-based businesses, market vendors, makers, artists, food entrepreneurs, and proprietors with reasonable rules, affordable permits, and business support.

Neighbourhood enterprise hubs

Create low-cost spaces for start-ups, makers, non-profits, social enterprises, and small businesses to access shared equipment, mentorship, and collaborative workspaces.

Buy local, build local

Prioritize local businesses, social enterprises, and community-benefit organizations in City procurement to keep public dollars circulating in the local economy.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

A City Hall that's transparent, accountable, and works for the people it serves, not political interests, so every dollar and every decision earns the public's trust.

A CITY THAT WORKS FOR YOU

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We will prioritize a well-organized public service that runs efficiently and transparently, that prioritizes customer service and satisfaction in all activities.

People first

Prioritize delivery of public amenities that put people first, from active transportation infrastructure, to street furniture and benches, slow streets, parklets, and plazas.

Public spaces

Invest in third spaces like libraries, community centres, and other public gathering spaces as essential civic infrastructure where people can gather, learn, work, create, and connect. Strong communities need strong public spaces that are clean, vibrant, and welcoming to all.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

City services as customer service

The government isn’t a business, but can still deliver good customer service. We will make City Hall more transparent, responsive, and user-friendly, with clearer processes, better communication, and a culture focused on helping people solve problems. Your local government shouldn't be intimidating, confusing, or frustrating.

A living wage for every city worker

Require the City and its major contractors to pay a Living Wage so the people who deliver public services can earn enough to live in the city they serve.

Vancouver’s reputation as a top employer

Vancouver is already recognized as one of BC's Top Employers. We will build on that reputation through stable leadership, workplace respect, and public service excellence.

Integrity and Transparency

Pete Fry opposed ABC's attempts to suspend and undermine Vancouver's Integrity Commissioner and has consistently defended independent accountability at City Hall. Greens will support stronger provincial integrity legislation, safeguard the independence of ethics oversight, and ensure elected officials remain accountable to the public they serve with transparency and beyond ethical reproach.

PUBLIC INTEREST FIRST

Evidence-based decision making

Vancouverites deserve decision-making built on evidence, not on political ideology or guesswork. Evidence-based decision-making means local governments use objective data, community feedback, and proven research to draft policies and pass bylaws.

Independent civil service

A strong city depends on a professional public service that can provide independent advice and administer programs fairly. Greens will champion transparent, merit-based public administration, and clear separation between political direction and professional decision-making to ensure City Hall works for residents, not partisan interests.

Lobbyist registry

Residents deserve to know who is influencing public decisions and what issues are being discussed. In the absence of provincial legislation, the Greens support a voluntary lobbyist registry, building on Pete Fry's work to improve transparency at City Hall.

Open government by default

Closed meetings should be the exception, not the rule. Greens will strengthen transparency around in-camera discussions, improve public reporting, and support the timely disclosure of decisions and records once confidentiality is no longer necessary. This builds on best practices elsewhere, and Pete Fry's work to make City Hall more open, accountable, and accessible.

Ranked ballots for Mayoral elections

Vancouver voters deserve a meaningful choice without worrying about vote-splitting. Greens will work with our partners to bring ranked ballots to future Mayoral elections, so results reflect what voters actually want rather than the limitations of first-past-the-post. This builds on best practices elsewhere and our shared commitment to a more democratic, representative City Hall.

Restore access at city hall

Despite expanded opportunities to engage with City Hall, ABC limited access, creating procedural barriers and limits. Greens will ensure members of the public have more, not less, access and Council has the opportunity to ask follow up questions of speakers.

Public performance dashboards

Expand the use of public performance dashboards so residents can track progress on major initiatives, monitor service standards, and hold City Hall accountable for delivering results. What gets measured gets managed, and what gets reported builds public trust.

SPENDING YOUR MONEY

Transparent and Accountable Budgets

Make City spending easier to understand with greater budget transparency through clear, accessible line-item budgets that allow residents to see how public funds are allocated and spent. Better visibility into spending promotes accountability, strengthens public trust, and helps ensure taxpayer dollars are directed to community priorities. Under Ken Sim, formerly detailed budget documents in the hundreds of pages have been reduced to two dozen.

Prudent stewardship of the public purse

Fiscal responsibility with public accountability, responsible financial management, transparent budgeting, and evidence-based spending decisions. Protect essential services while ensuring taxpayers receive the greatest benefit from every public dollar.

Asset management framework

Plan ahead, save money, and deliver better services with evidence-based asset management to guide infrastructure investment, reduce deferred maintenance, and ensure public assets are maintained in a state of good repair. Proactive planning protects public investments, improves resilience, and delivers better value for taxpayers.

Participatory budgeting for community priorities

Give residents a direct role in deciding how a portion of City funding is invested in neighbourhood projects, community amenities, and local improvements.

FIFA cost accountability

Unlike Toronto, Vancouver has not released the detailed spending categories for FIFA. Greens will push to reveal final costs and revenues upon assuming office.

GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT

Protect the autonomy of Vancouver's elected Park Board

Maintain an independent, elected Park Board with clear authority over parks, beaches, recreation, urban forestry, and community facilities. Ensure major governance changes are subject to public consultation and transparent decision-making that respects Vancouver voters' choice of an elected board.

Work with Vancouver School Board in planning

Proactive and integrated board to board planning to align Council land use decisions and urban development with school needs and projections.

Respectful relations with senior government

Working with senior government partners collaboratively and in good faith. No more finger pointing or defying provincial mandates or Charter rights as we have seen with Sim.

Police Board accountability

Under ABC, the board has operated less like an independent civilian check on police power and more like an extension of the mayor’s public-safety agenda. Concerns about political interference, transparency, and procedural fairness have been amplified by the Board’s handling of complaints and high-profile resignations in protest of political interference. We will work to restore confidence in transparent and accountable board operations.

Reconciliation In Action

Greens are committed to ongoing reconciliation and working relationship with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations on whose traditional unceded lands Vancouver is located. We support the inherent rights of all Indigenous peoples and affirm support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and advancing recommendation from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

Advancing reconciliation by improving outcomes for urban Indigenous people while respecting the unique rights, priorities, and leadership of the local First Nations.

PARK BOARD PLATFORM

ENHANCE URBAN ECOSYSTEMS

- Continue progress towards 30% tree canopy cover city-wide by removing 5,000 existing stumps and replacing them with new trees
- Increase tree canopy cover in the most underserved neighbourhoods starting with Strathcona
  - As of 2022, Strathcona has only 9% tree canopy cover
- Protect community gardens and pollinator corridors
- Support artificial turf sports fields only when paired with rainwater retention and biodiversity initiatives
- Promote native shoreline improvements to enhance Vancouver's natural beauty while providing accessible waterfront recreation areas like Tatlow Park
- Open up park land and facilities for community food systems
- Continue to convert historic fountains to circulating or low volume naturalized water features
- Pilot three Miyawaki forests
- Work with City Council to actualize the 3-30-300 rule for every home
  - Three trees visible, 30 per cent neighbourhood canopy, and green space within 300 metres

NO ONE PRICED OUT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Subsidize fees for core activities like swimming lessons, field permits and ice rentals to stay within reach of Vancouver families
- Expand and promote the Leisure Access Program (LAP) for subsidized access to recreation for seniors and low income families

PROGRAMMING FOR ALL GENERATIONS AND ALL ABILITIES

- Prioritize youth and equity-seeking communities in the sports field booking system
- Implement SafeSport standards
  - Everyone has the right to train and compete in safe, respectful, and supportive environments
- Support childcare initiatives at Community Centres and connected schools
- Support pop-up events and services at parks and beaches where consistent with neighbourhood values
- Ensure park design and programming meets inclusivity standards for all abilities, neurodiversity and senior communities
- Keep parks free of encampments by investing in community safety and peer stewardship programs for people with lived experience of homelessness, poverty, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders
- Increase the number of dog parks, especially in Mount Pleasant, Grandview, and Kitsilano
- Expand, improve, and connect safe cycling networks and greenways
  - Work with City Council and School Board to build a safe and green active transportation network in Vancouver that connects cycling routes to schools, community centres, parks, transit, and employment areas

ADVANCE MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION

- Prioritize collaboration with the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations to explore opportunities for co-management of parklands
- Seek guidance and amplify the voices of traditional knowledge keepers on ways to support stewardship of our park ecosystems
- Work with urban Indigenous organizations and community members to ensure they are included in the planning and initiatives of the Park Board
- Incorporate Indigenous naming, values, art, and healing gardens by centering cultural recognition in the design of our facilities and outdoor spaces

FACILITIES FOR THE FUTURE

- Prioritize renewal of Hastings, Kensington, and Renfrew Community centres as per Community Centre Strategy 2022
  - Maintain focus on Britannia renewal
- Enhance swimming pool infrastructure in Vancouver with renewal of Vancouver Aquatic Centre, Kitsilano Pool, Kerrisdale, and Britannia Pools, and a new 50m pool at Hastings or Kensington
- Build all new infrastructure to climate-resilient gold standards; Minimize carbon emissions
- Continue to invest in new safety enhanced gender neutral washrooms in parks and public spaces
- Establish a plant-based food mandate for all restaurants and concessions

PARK BOARD INDEPENDENCE AND BUDGET

- Celebrate and honour the independent elected Park Board and its 136 year role in Vancouver's local democracy
- Eliminate excessive dependence on user fee revenue (currently 56% under ABC)
- Restore city funded portion of park budget to historical level of 50%, return $6m back into Park Board budget
- Increase microactivations of parks and public spaces, permit small businesses to offer valuable in-park services

SCHOOL BOARD PLATFORM

PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT WORKS FOR EVERY STUDENT

Vancouver's public schools should give every student the opportunity to learn, belong and succeed.

That requires classrooms with the people and resources students need, schools that are healthy and safe, stronger connections between schools and their communities, and trustees who are transparent about the decisions they make and the money they spend.

Our approach is guided by four principles:

1. Student success,
2. Equity,
3. Reconciliation, and
4. Environmental stewardship

We will focus on what the Vancouver School Board can deliver directly, work in partnership where responsibilities are shared, and be clear when provincial action and funding are required. We know that bold solutions, greater collaboration and systems thinking are needed to solve critical funding gaps and cuts to key services.

The priorities below are based on extensive consultation and research over many years. The Green Party of Vancouver School Board Candidates are committed to working tirelessly on behalf of the school community and will do everything in their power to improve Vancouver’s schools.

SUMMARY OF KEY PRIORITIES

- **Fully fund public education and spend it responsibly.** Advocate for stable, multi-year funding that reflects the real cost of running Vancouver's schools, while strengthening budget transparency, long-term financial planning, and accountability to ensure spending decisions actually deliver results.

- **Protect and support the people who make schools work.** Prioritize teachers, educational assistants, counsellors and other student-facing staff in budget decisions, build multi-year staffing plans to get ahead of enrollment and retirement pressures, and strengthen recruitment, retention and labour relations.

- **Remove barriers so every student can fully participate and thrive.** Review school-related fees and costs that shut students out, expand inclusive-education supports, food security programs, and mental/physical health resources, and give students a real, structured voice in decisions that affect them. Pause AI Chatbots in schools to undertake a review.

- **Make schools safe, healthy and climate-resilient.** Keep seismic safety at the top of capital priorities, improve air quality and indoor comfort, and prepare every school for extreme heat, wildfire smoke and other climate impacts while pursuing provincial capital funding.

- **Turn schools into community resilience hubs.** Expand childcare, after-school care and shared community use of school spaces, improve safe routes to school, and deepen partnerships with the City, Park Board, and local organizations.

- **Govern transparently and advance reconciliation.** Make Board decisions and reporting easier for the public to follow, strengthen consultation with students, parents and staff, and embed reconciliation commitments, including relationships with the Nations, into measurable, publicly reported action.

FULLY FUNDED PUBLIC EDUCATION

Strong public education requires stable funding, enough qualified people to support students, and responsible stewardship of every education dollar.

Vancouver's schools cannot be expected to continually do more with less. Trustees have a responsibility both to make responsible decisions with the resources available to the district and to make the consequences of provincial underfunding impossible to ignore.

FAIR AND STABLE ONGOING FUNDING

- Work with other school districts, education partners, unions, parents and community organizations to advocate for stable, multi-year provincial funding model that reflects inflation and the real cost of delivering public education in Vancouver
- Publish clear estimates showing the difference between available provincial funding and the cost of maintaining existing services
- Advocate for stronger targeted funding for inclusive education, student mental health, food programs, and other areas where student needs are increasing
- Make the impact of funding shortfalls clear to educators, parents and the public during budget consultations
- Request that the Province provide predictable capital funding so school upgrades and renewals can be planned over the long term rather than dealt with per project
- Given the limited provincial funding, seek creative ways to generate additional capital and operational funds, including: pursuing grants, partnerships, donations, activating capital assets and other supplementary funding opportunities where they strengthen public education without compromising universal access or public accountability

- Continue to advocate on Ministry Area Standards to ensure there is funding for new schools to have adequate space to provide an excellent learning environment, and they are designed to be climate-resilient, especially as the climate crisis worsens

- Advocate for increased funding for students with diverse learning needs. The current Ministry allocation, which is supplemented by the VSB, is inadequate

- Seek provincial commitment to funding Living Wage commitments for all BC school district employees and contracts

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

Every dollar should serve a clear public purpose

- Maintain strong financial oversight and independent auditing

- Make audited financial information easier for the public to understand

- Track major initiatives against clear objectives and strengthen long-term asset-management planning

- Use evidence to identify programs that should be expanded, improved or reconsidered

- Protect public school property for long-term educational and community benefit

- Improve reporting on implementation so announcements are followed by measurable results

- Regularly review Board policies for relevance, effectiveness and accessibility

Protect classrooms while planning for the long term

- Put student learning and frontline supports at the centre of budget decisions. Protect targeted funding for the students and services the funding is intended to support
- Publish budgets in clear, accessible language so families can understand where education dollars are going and provide clear explanations when programs are expanded, reduced, or changed
- Conduct a review for middle and upper management school board salaries. Improve long-term forecasting for enrolment, staffing, facilities and other major cost pressures
- Track whether major spending decisions are producing the outcomes trustees were told to expect
- Avoid short-term financial decisions that create larger costs or service gaps in future years

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE SCHOOLS WORK

Students succeed when the people supporting them have the time and resources to do their jobs well

- Prioritize teachers, educational assistants, counsellors, support workers and other student-facing positions when making budget decisions
- Advocate for provincial funding that reflects the actual cost of adequate staffing
- Develop multi-year staffing plans to anticipate enrolment changes, retirement pressures and hard-to-fill positions
- Strengthen recruitment partnerships with universities, colleges and training institutions
- Ensure educators are provided with a variety of professional development opportunities, mentorship and career pathways that help retain experienced staff and attract new staff

- Maintain a robust teacher/support staff on-call list so that classroom absences will be fully covered
- Work constructively and regularly with employee groups to identify recruitment, retention, workload and workplace-safety challenges before they become crises
- Examine opportunities to expand practicum and student-teacher partnerships that help build the next generation of educators

REMOVE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO LEARNING

Public education should be genuinely accessible to every student

- Review school-related fees and costs to identify barriers that prevent students from fully participating
- Strengthen awareness and accessibility of financial-hardship policies
- Protect access to required educational resources without additional cost to families
- Explore expanded equipment-lending programs for items students need to participate in school activities
- Support bursaries and other assistance for students
- Work to ensure curricular, arts, trades and enrichment opportunities are accessible regardless of household income

EVERY STUDENT EQUIPPED TO LEARN

Every student should have the support, opportunity and sense of belonging they need to succeed.

Education is about more than what happens during a lesson. Many factors, including hunger, accessibility, mental health, safety, belonging and access to appropriate support all affect a student's ability to learn.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING FOR EVERY STUDENT

Meet students where they are

- Prioritize adequate supports for students with diverse learning needs and assess decisions that led to reductions in VPs, music teachers and librarians
- Advocate for provincial funding that reflects the real cost of inclusive education
- Address the five-year downward trend in literacy and numeracy proficiency across every student population, particularly with grade 10 students
- Strengthen access to educational assistants and other support staff based on student need
- Improve accessibility of school facilities, programs, communications and learning materials
- Identify gaps that prevent students with accessibility or diverse learning needs from participating fully in school life
- Include accessibility considerations earlier in facility, program and policy decisions
- Work with families, students, educators and specialists to improve continuity of support as students move between grades and schools

FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTHY STUDENTS

No student should struggle to learn because they are hungry

- Expand access to nutritious school food programs
- Advocate for stable provincial and federal funding for school food
- Work with community organizations and other partners to expand food programming and cooking opportunities
- Prioritize fresh, nutritious and locally produced food where practical and affordable
- Reduce avoidable food waste through food recovery and composting
- Support school gardens and other hands-on opportunities for students to learn about food literacy

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND BELONGING

Healthy students learn better

- Advocate for more school-based mental-health resources, including counsellors and appropriate support staff to improve pathways for students and families seeking support
- Strengthen partnerships with health authorities, community organizations and service providers
- Support prevention and early intervention rather than waiting until students are in crisis
- Expand programs that strengthen equity, anti-oppression, belonging, social connection and resilience
- Continue support for SOGI123 and ensure students of all sexual orientation and gender identities feel safe, supported and welcomed in Vancouver schools

- Continue the implementation of the Accessibility Act supporting the Accessibility Plan, Accessibility Committee and actioning the feedback received

- Support English language learners, Multicultural Liaison and Settlement Workers in schools (SWIS), and family support programs through advocacy to all levels of government. Ensure our district works collaboratively to support new immigrant and refugee families

- Improve coordination between educational, health and social supports where responsibilities overlap

- Ensure school safety policies reflect both physical safety and student wellbeing

FUTURE-READY LEARNING

Prepare students for the world they are entering and for the future climate.

- Expand opportunities for climate and sustainability learning consistent with provincial curriculum requirements

- Support hands-on learning through school gardens, habitat restoration and other environmental projects

- Partner with trades organizations and expand skilled-trades opportunities and connections to apprenticeship programs

- Build stronger pathways into careers in clean energy, construction, electrification and other key sectors, and expose students to a wider range of career options

- Partner with post-secondary institutions, employers and community groups to expand experiential learning and encourage local educational programs that respond to the needs of Vancouver students

- Strive to provide a continuum of lifelong learning by supporting preschool programs such as Strong Start, Ready Set Learn, and Welcome to Kindergarten, as well as adult education

STUDENT VOICE AND OPPORTUNITY

Students should have a meaningful voice in their education

- Seek student input, especially from students from underrepresented communities, before major decisions affecting school experience, facilities or programs
- Expand opportunities for students to speak directly to the Board on policies affecting them
- Encourage schools to strengthen student leadership and democratic participation
- Expand equitable access to extracurricular, leadership, arts, athletic and enrichment opportunities

SAFE, HEALTHY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT SCHOOLS

Students and staff deserve schools that are safe, comfortable and ready for a changing climate

- Keep seismic safety at the top of Vancouver's capital priorities. 43 of 106 VSB buildings remain seismically high-risk, at an estimated $1.63 billion
- Advocate for provincial approval and funding of outstanding seismic projects
- Ensure accessibility improvements are delivered alongside major school renewals
- Prioritize maintenance that prevents small building problems from becoming costly failures
- Improve long-term public reporting on the condition of school facilities
- Coordinate capital planning with expected neighbourhood growth and enrolment changes. Prioritizing King George Secondary, which is at 166% capacity and Carr Elementary which is over capacity and using portables
- Work with the City and Province to ensure new neighbourhood growth is matched with sufficient school capacity

CLIMATE RESILIENT SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

Prepare every school for extreme weather, emergencies and climate adaptation.

- Prepare for extreme heat, wildfire smoke, flooding and power outages, and other risks
- Reduce energy use and emissions from VSB buildings where technically and financially feasible
- Incorporate naturalized areas, water retention, shade and biodiversity into school-ground planning
- Consider climate risk in long-term capital and maintenance decisions
- Pursue dedicated provincial capital funding for adaptation and energy-efficiency upgrades, including heat pumps and ventilation during facility renewal
- Prioritize the most vulnerable schools when allocating limited retrofit resources, including those most most at risk to extreme heat and therefore require cooling and improved air quality
- Create a shade inventory for key schools, and use this to prioritize tree planting. Develop miyawaki pilots to accelerate forest growth in partnership with the Parks Board.
- Ensure sufficient emergency planning is established by the City of Vancouver, health authorities, surrounding community facilities, and other partners.

PREVENTION AND SCHOOL SAFETY

Safety begins with prevention, relationships, and early support.

- Request a pause on the use of AI Chatbots in schools to ensure proper consultation with students, parents and educators, and conduct a full review of policy and procedures, including consideration of ethics and cognitive impacts
- Strengthen evidence-based prevention and early-intervention programs so that students feel safe asking for help before problems escalate
- Support and evaluate programs addressing substance use and other risks facing young people
- Review opportunities to strengthen the Supporting and Connecting Youth (SACY) program and similar prevention initiatives
- Maintain, and ensure that clear safety approaches and emergency procedures respect the needs and experiences of students from diverse communities
- Evaluate the role and structure of any school liaison or police partnership based on student safety, evidence, community input and the educational mandate of the Board

SCHOOLS AT THE CENTRE OF COMMUNITY

Schools should strengthen the neighbourhoods around them before, during and after the school day.

Public school buildings are among the most important public assets in Vancouver. Where it does not interfere with education, we should make better use of them for childcare, recreation, learning, emergency resilience and community connection.

CHILDCARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

- Expand opportunities for licensed childcare on school property
- Identify schools and sites where additional childcare capacity can be accommodated
- Work with governments and licensed providers to increase before-school and after-school care
- Include childcare opportunities in major school-renewal and new-school planning
- Reduce unnecessary barriers to community childcare providers using appropriate school spaces
- Coordinate with the City, Province and community partners to match childcare growth with neighbourhood needs

SHARED COMMUNITY SPACES

- Expand appropriate community use of gyms, fields, libraries, kitchens and other school spaces outside instructional hours
- Review barriers that prevent community organizations from accessing suitable school facilities
- Build stronger partnerships with neighbourhood houses, arts organizations, recreation providers and nonprofits
- Explore joint-use agreements with the City, Park Board and other public bodies
- Improve public information about what school facilities are available for community use
- Protect student learning, safety and school operations as the first priority when sharing facilities

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- Work with Vancouver City Council and Park Board to improve walking, rolling and cycling connections to schools to support active transportation and school travel planning
- Advocate for traffic-calming measures around schools where warranted
- Improve secure bicycle and mobility-device parking on school sites where feasible
- Coordinate school-site improvements with the City's transportation network that address dangerous intersections, missing sidewalks, unsafe crossings and cycling-network gaps affecting students

STRONGER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Build stronger relationships with neighbourhood houses, nonprofits, community centres and cultural organizations
- Expand partnerships with post-secondary institutions and employers
- Work with arts and recreation organizations to increase student opportunities
- Strengthen connections between schools and community-based health and social services
- Make it easier for appropriate community partners to contribute to student learning and wellbeing
- Coordinate more closely with representatives elected to City Council and Park Board on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Invite City Council to meet with the school board to discuss common issues

GOOD GOVERNANCE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND RECONCILIATION

Responsible stewardship, meaningful participation and accountable relationships.

Trustees are responsible not only for the decisions they make, but for how those decisions are made. Reconciliation must also shape governance, education, spending, partnerships and institutional relationships rather than exist only as a symbolic statement.

TRANSPARENT DECISIONS

- Make public meetings accessible and easier to follow
- Publish major reports and recommendations early enough for meaningful public review wherever possible
- Provide plain-language summaries of major decisions
- Clearly explain the rationale for significant policy and budget choices
- Improve public reporting on implementation after the Board approves major initiatives
- Publish easily accessible performance indicators to track progress and corrective actions for major Board priorities
- Improve transparency concerning matters discussed in closed meetings while respecting legal privacy and confidentiality requirements
- Make it easier for members of the public to understand how and when they can participate, and expand opportunities for them to participate in more meaningful ways

SCHOOL BOARD PLATFORM

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

- Build respectful, ongoing relationships with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations
- Work closely with the Indigenous Education Council and respect its statutory responsibilities
- Support improved educational outcomes for Indigenous students. VSB's FESL data shows a declining five-year Indigenous graduation rate (~49%), which is now below the provincial average and diverging from improving trends in other BC districts
- Strengthen the inclusion of Indigenous worldviews, histories and perspectives in learning environments consistent with provincial curriculum and local partnerships
- Review procurement and partnership opportunities that can support Indigenous businesses and organizations as appropriate
- Ensure reconciliation commitments are reflected in measurable actions and reported publicly
- Recognize that reconciliation is an ongoing institutional responsibility rather than a one-time initiative

STUDENT, PARENT, AND STAFF VOICE

- Strengthen meaningful consultation with students before major decisions affecting their education or school experience
- Improve engagement with parents and caregivers
- Respect and strengthen the role of Parent Advisory Councils and the District Parent Advisory Council
- Create predictable opportunities for employee groups to raise systemic issues with trustees

- Improve engagement before major catchment, program or school changes.
- Explain how public and stakeholder input influenced the final decision.
- Use new and multiple forms of engagement so participation is not limited to those able to attend traditional evening meetings.

CONSTRUCTIVE LABOUR RELATIONS

Strong schools depend on strong relationships with the people who work in them.

- Establish regular, predictable dialogue between trustees and employee representatives
- Listen earlier when staffing, workload, safety or implementation problems emerge
- Respect collective bargaining processes and existing agreements
- Encourage collaborative working groups where district-wide operational problems can be addressed constructively
- Improve transparency around non-confidential workforce trends such as vacancies, recruitment and retention
- Develop longer-term workforce planning rather than relying on recurring short-term fixes

OUR COMMITMENT TO VANCOUVER STUDENTS

A strong public education system does more than prepare students for graduation. It gives young people the support to discover who they are, the skills to build their future, and the confidence that their community believes in them.

The Vancouver Greens will bring a practical and bold approach to the School Board:

- Fund the classrooms
- Support the students
- Take care of our schools
- Connect schools to the community
- Govern openly and responsibly

And when the solution sits outside the School Board's authority, we will say so clearly, build the partnerships required, and fight for the action Vancouver students, parents and educators need.



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LAST UPDATED

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- Page 7 - Updated “Moratorium on micro-units” for clarity
- Page 11 - Updated “Decarbonizing new builds” for typo
  - Originally read as “keep fossil gas heating”
  - Now reads as “ban fossil gas heating”