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Our Platform



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A Love Letter to Vancouver

On October 17th, you will choose your leaders and the direction of our city for the next four years. **OneCity is running to earn your trust by promising to deliver you a voice, a place, and a future in Vancouver.**

Right now, Vancouver's local government **isn't living up to this city's practical progressive values** or meeting the needs of average Vancouverites. Neighbours across Vancouver depend on our city government to help them get by. **And every day, getting by gets tougher.**

Workers watch the minutes tick by as the bus is nowhere to be seen. Families get the runaround by school administration when seeking support. And all Vancouverites suffer as ABC rips basic security and opportunity away from us with cheap, cruel political stunts. This must change. **Our neighbours deserve a local government that works to deliver them a good life.**

OneCity was founded in 2014 by workers, neighbours, and advocates who believed we have the power to build vibrant communities through bold local leadership that respects our basic humanity. Since our party's inception, our elected officials have worked tirelessly to achieve material progress towards that vision. From supporting the creation and implementation of Vancouver's UNDRIP Action Plan at City Council, to free meals in public schools, and saving lives on dangerous roads, **OneCity's leaders show up and do the hard work to achieve transformational progress for all our neighbours when it matters most.**

Vancouver has suffered for years under incoherent, unambitious, and sometimes downright cruel municipal governments. Since 2022, we have borne the brunt of an ABC majority that seems to have no interest in providing the basic tenets of a good life like a secure, affordable place to live, safe and joyful spaces to spend your time, and a dignified way to make a living. The truth is, no recent local government in Vancouver has lived up to the responsibility it owes us.

This October, we can change that.

Vancouver can lead the country by creating vibrant communities for all our residents. We can make it easier, faster, and cheaper to start a small business. The School Board can open thousands of affordable childcare spots for working families. The Park Board can expand welcoming public spaces and bring nature back to neighbourhoods scarred by stumps and scorched by blacktop. **This election, we can elect a OneCity slate of candidates who will do what others have been too scared to do: govern for the material benefit of the average Vancouverite.**

Vancouver is the social, cultural, and economic engine of British Columbia. We are positioned to be the centre of prosperity in the West as Canada turns away from our neighbours to the south. **Vancouverites will succeed in this rapidly changing world when we have local leaders who believe in the brilliance and ambition of their neighbours.** And who honour your labour, family, and life in every policy we pass.

OneCity's unified, practical progressive team of candidates will work to deliver on our ambitious plan for Vancouver. They'll do their homework. They won't skip tough votes. They will hold the next Mayor accountable. And they'll collaborate with allies to get real progress over the line.

Our candidates know that Vancouver is full of good neighbours, and prosperity must be shared by all. OneCity will build a city where the buses arrive on time, where people of all ages get the support they need, and where human connection lights up safe public spaces from False Creek to the Fraser River. And we'll make sure those same good neighbours can earn a fair wage and follow their dreams.

On October 17th, you have the power to choose OneCity: the team with a plan to deliver you a voice, a place, and a future in Vancouver.

We would be honoured to earn your trust and win your vote.

In community,

Jarrett Hagglund

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Lucy Maloney

Frances Bula

Caitlin Stockwell

Tyler Petersen

John Irwin

Dominic Denofrio

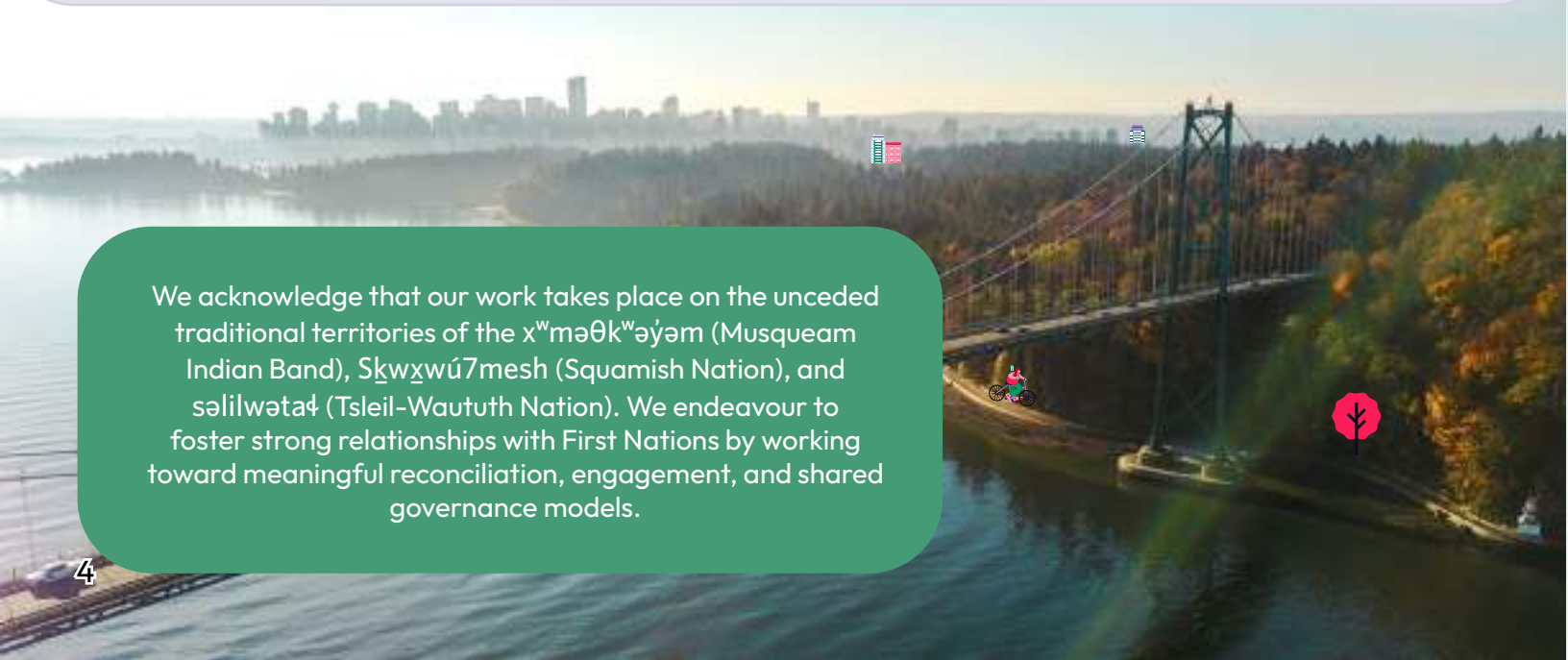
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The OneCity candidates running to deliver you a voice, a place, and a future in Vancouver.

The City Council Team

An experienced slate who will hold any Mayor accountable and build our communities up.



Lucy Maloney

The Safe Street Fighter

A former environmental lawyer and longtime road safety advocate elected to City Council in 2025, now running for a full term to advance affordable housing, safer streets, climate action, and the public services Vancouverites rely on.



Iona Bonamis 陶思穎

The Transportation Queen

A senior urban and transportation planner with 20 years of experience building communities where people can easily and safely get around by walking, biking, and using public transit.



Frances Bula

The Bullsh*t Detector

One of B.C.'s most respected civic journalists, who spent decades covering Vancouver City Hall and now brings clear-eyed pragmatism to housing and good governance.



Jarrett Hagglund

The Co-op King

A co-op housing leader, arts advocate, and queer community champion running to make Vancouver permanently affordable for the people who live and work here.



Caitlin Stockwell

The Environmental Icon

A climate advocate, Indigenous rights lawyer, and pro-bono tenants' counsel committed to standing up for people, investing in public spaces, and building a greener, more livable city.

The School Board Team

Teachers, parents, and students who've fought for public education from the inside, running to make sure every kid and educator gets what they need.



Sherry Breshears

The Inclusion Champion

An educator, education researcher, and parent advocate who has served on Vancouver DPAC and the Inclusive Education Working Group, championing inclusion for all learners.





Rory Brown

The Teachers' Teacher

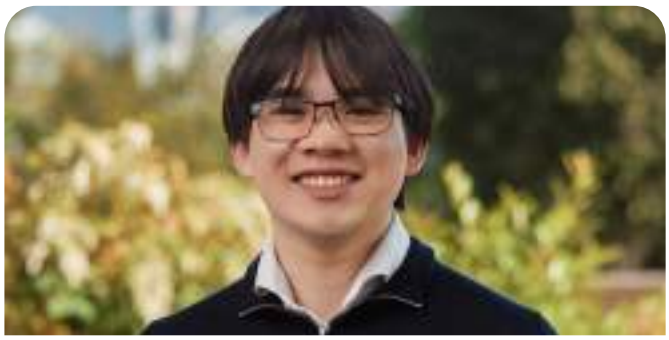
A 15-year Vancouver teacher and former Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association president who now trains new educators at BCIT and UBC, running so teachers are heard and supported.



Steve Cardwell

The Super(intendent)

A public educator of more than four decades, including five years as VSB Superintendent, running to restore stable, accountable, and transparent stewardship of our schools.



Christopher Lee 李基鵬

The Wunderkind

Founder of the Helping Hearts Youth Foundation, he has rallied thousands of students around food security and education and brings a student-focused organizing approach.



Krista Sigurdson

The PhD PAC Chair

A sociologist, Strathcona parent, and former PAC chair and Vancouver DPAC executive, running to ensure families are represented at the School Board.

The Park Board Team

A returning commissioner and experienced advocates, ready to build public spaces where we can all belong.



Tyler Petersen

The Labour Environmentalist

A biologist and union leader with a track record of negotiating, building consensus, and getting results, running to improve affordability, advance equity, and rebuild trust.



John Irwin

The Skater in Chief

A post-secondary lecturer, former Park Board commissioner, and lifelong cyclist who champions safer streets, expanded transit access, and parks that serve everyone.



Dominic Denofrio

Mister Marpole

A public servant and community advocate, running to ensure the whole city gets the parks, community centres, and recreation facilities it needs.



THE PLAN

How We Get There

Vancouverites are hurt when our local leaders are listless and distracted. Affordable housing doesn't get built. Arts and culture suffer under budget crunches. And our neighbours suffer under a local government that isn't bold enough and honest enough to present a real plan to build the future of our city.

In less than four years on City Council, Park, and School Boards, the OneCity Team will move to deliver real progress for Vancouverites. This document details the kind of city we deserve, and that OneCity has the plan to build.

Our Seven Policy Pillars:

1. A Local Economy Action Plan & A City on the Move
2. Progressive Public Safety & Safe Streets
3. ReWild Vancouver & Built to Last Climate Action Plan
4. A Vibrant City that's Hot, Fun, and Cool
5. Better Schools, Parks, Pipes & Pools
6. The Way Home & Housing for All
7. Fix The Budget & Make Your Vote Matter

These seven pillars are underpinned by our collective commitment to continue the work already unanimously adopted by the City of Vancouver to implement the UNDRIP Action Plan.

Together, they are OneCity's plan to deliver a voice, a place, and a future for all Vancouverites.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A Thriving Local Economy

It's too hard to start, scale, and sustain a business of any kind in Vancouver, because City Hall keeps getting in the way.

The OneCity Team believes good neighbours can mean good business. We'll bet on small and scaling businesses to build a thriving local economy in every neighbourhood.

OneCity's Local Economy Action Plan will create a city where you can make your dreams come true, and make it easier for you to build Vancouver's next homegrown success story.

*"As a small business owner here in Vancouver, **I know how much work it takes** to turn an idea into something real, and how much harder City Hall makes it with every extra permit. Our local businesses create good jobs, keep money in our community, and give all of us a place to gather. OneCity will **clear the way for the next generation** of Vancouver dreamers, so building a small business here is a lot less complicated."*

*– **Iona Bonamis** 陶思穎, Candidate for City Council*



Legalize the Things That Should Never Have Been Illegal

Legalize Backyard Businesses – Right now, it's illegal to run a coffee shop or a bike repair out of your back alley. We're going to fix that. We'll create legal pathways for residents to run low-impact businesses from home, giving real opportunities to people who can't afford commercial rent. This means that caregivers, newcomers, residents with disabilities, artists and freelancers can get their start, and stay in business in Vancouver. We'll pair legal backyard businesses with common sense rules on noise, food and workplace safety, accessibility, and standard hours of operation, so your neighbour serving coffee out of their garage doesn't come at the cost of your health and safety.

Legalize Corner Stores – It used to be common to find small grocers, bakeries, cafés, florists, and pharmacies in regular neighbourhoods. Just go to Strathcona and you'll see what we mean. Under OneCity's plan, we'll legalize these shops across the city again, because we believe community members will create the next great generation of beloved local businesses if we give them the chance.

Legalize Pop Ups – We think the City should be in the business of letting you try something new, even if it's only for a few hours. We'll create a straightforward, easy-to-get pop-up permit so vendors, artists, and cultural and community organizations can set up temporary markets and events with less hassle and in more places.

Arts and Culture Everywhere – Opening a small cultural venue or community space can take years, even when your community would be better off with it open right now. We want to save you from the seemingly endless permit queue and give you a path to approval that takes mere weeks or months. When we speed up permitting for the community, we know our neighbours will do great things.

Make It Easier, Faster, & Cheaper to Start & Scale

*Once we've legalized the things we ****can't believe***** are still illegal, we'll make it easier, faster, and cheaper to start and scale any business in Vancouver.*

Bring Storefronts Back to Life – More than 1-in-4 vacant storefronts have been unable to find occupants for over 5 years, eroding community vitality, dragging down property values, and increasing safety risks. We'll build a website that matches prospective short-term commercial tenants with chronically vacant storefronts they can actually afford. Artists will find their next studio space more easily, and entrepreneurs find the affordable storefront they've always wanted. This will solve a major issue for the city, from Chinatown to Renfrew, and bring our neighbourhoods to life.

Change 'Change of Use' – It shouldn't take a year to open a donut shop in a storefront that used to be a toy store. OneCity will reform the City's existing Change of Use process so low-risk businesses can move into existing spaces faster. Our revamped Change of Use permitting program will bring licensing, upgrades, occupancy, zoning, and development together in one place. The reform coordinates three distinct regulatory systems:

- Zoning and development-permit requirements;
- Building code occupancy and upgrade requirements;
- Business license requirements.

We'll save small businesses money by focusing regulations on the things that matter, like genuine fire, structural, health and accessibility risks.

A New One-Stop Small Business Shop – City Hall shouldn't tie your shoelaces together before you leave the starting block. We'll create a new Entrepreneur Liaison Office at the City of Vancouver to serve as a one-stop shop where entrepreneurs can meet regulatory requirements and access programs. The Office will have dedicated staff who actively help entrepreneurs and small and medium businesses looking to start, relocate, or expand in Vancouver. They'll help you navigate permits, licensing, and funding across every level of government.

Seed Capital for Your Dreams – The people who already have easy access to startup capital don't have a monopoly on good ideas. Too often, what everyday Vancouverites lack is the seed capital to get their dreams off the page and into reality. OneCity will create a tiered micro-grant system to help start, scale, and secure built-in-Vancouver businesses. It will be administered by a non-partisan committee of business, labour, and community representatives, so its impact supports real opportunities for Vancouverites.



Invest in Vancouver's Future

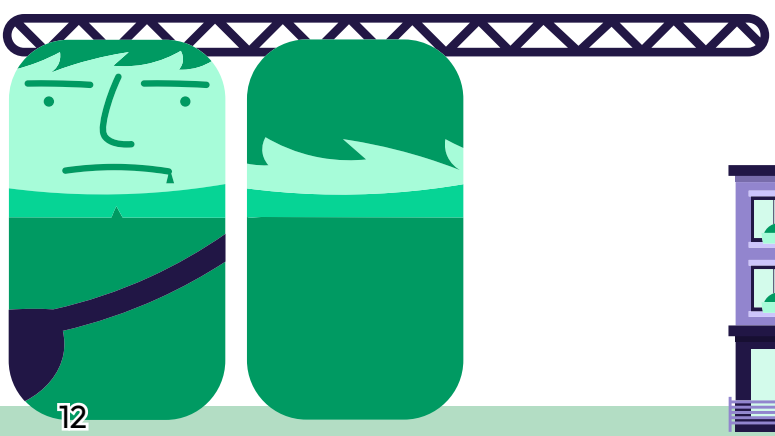
Finally, OneCity will welcome outside investment and businesses of all kinds, not just flashy conferences and corporate HQs.

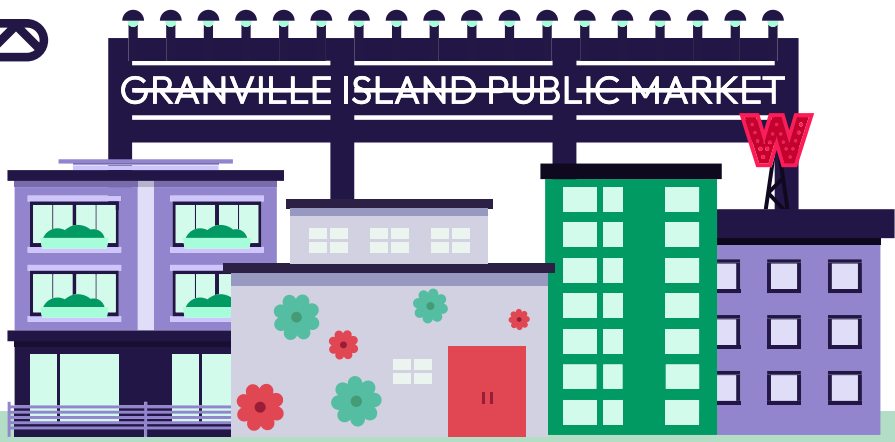
A New Business & Investment Office – Under Ken Sim, Vancouver has lost its economic leadership, along with its dedicated office to engage, support, and scale the businesses that give Vancouver its competitive advantage. OneCity will create a new Business & Investment Office (BIO), funded at $3 million. We'll also work to reform, fund, and stabilize the region's Invest Vancouver, so Vancouver's BIO has a partner it can count on.

Buy Vancouver First – In a time of economic uncertainty and trade disruption, Vancouver needs to build resiliency, and resiliency starts at home. OneCity will establish Buy Vancouver First, a three-year procurement pilot to make sure City tax dollars prioritize buying goods and services in Vancouver and supporting businesses and good jobs across British Columbia and Canada. Buy Vancouver First will drive local business growth, build stability by integrating the Canadian supply chain, and redirect dollars away from foreign multinational corporations.

Fair Contracts for Community Good – Right now, Vancouver tax dollars go to whoever bids lowest. Sometimes that means the contractors who cut corners on wages, safety, and training are raking in profits from our public dollars. Those cheap contracts often hide expensive problems, like higher contract management costs, lost institutional knowledge, and weaker accountability. We'll put our money where our values are and reward fair wages, responsible contractors, skilled apprenticeships, strong workplace safety, and local and inclusive hiring.

Bring Back the Industry Commissioner – Buried deep in the Vancouver Charter is an unsung hero of local industrial and economic development: the Vancouver Industry Commissioner. Right now, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. That's why OneCity will bring back the Industry Commissioner to attract, engage, and deliver investment on industrial lands, supporting businesses hit by the US trade war and driving broader economic growth. Reading the Charter pays off.







TRANSIT AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT

A City Where You Can Move Freely

Traffic sucks. It also sucks away your time and money. We'll get you moving faster (and safer), so you save money and get your life back.



*"People deserve **safe, convenient, affordable** alternatives to car travel. I've spent my time on Council – and before – **fighting for safer streets** because you shouldn't need to risk your life to travel around our City. We'll build a **connected, safe Vancouver** where walking, rolling, and riding are easy, safe choices for everyone."*

*– **Lucy Maloney**, City Councillor & Candidate*

Access to Good Transit

Make the Bus Go Fast – Your time matters, and public transit takes too much time from your day. Buses full of people on their morning commute are treated the same as a car with a single person in it moving across the city. We'll adopt a citywide Transit Signal Priority System, so buses get the VIP pass at stoplights they deserve. We'll also partner with TransLink to make sure every part of Vancouver has access to fast, frequent, affordable transit through bus priority corridors and transit-priority streets.

Expand Low Income & Under 19 Transit Passes – Everyone deserves fast, frequent, and affordable transit. We'll advocate to expand the Get on Board! Program from youth under 12 to youth under 19. Additionally, low-income folks use transit at higher rates than others, and we believe they deserve to have a low-cost option for getting to work and to see their friends and family. We'll advocate and bring in a low-income transit pass so that everyone, regardless of financial background, can use our transit system.

(Finally) Build the SkyTrain to UBC – We'll work with the provincial and federal governments to secure the funding needed to build the Broadway Line to UBC. The expansion will connect the new Arbutus Station to UBC's Point Grey campus and move tens of thousands of workers, students, staff, and families across town every day. Frankly, we're tired of debating this. We all know it's a good policy move.

Save Mobi – Mobi is one of Vancouver's easiest (and best) ways to get around, but it stops far short of connecting the entire city. In addition to limited service areas, the company is facing financial trouble, and the future is precarious for this important active transport option. As part of our Connect Vancouver plan, we'll look at options to save Mobi and make it belong to Vancouverites, so we can expand it citywide and make it accessible to more riders.

Create a Vibrant West End Waterfront – OneCity will establish a practical path to deliver a comprehensive West End waterfront plan so we don't have to choose between better parks and safe, sustainable transportation downtown.



Safe Active Transport Options

You shouldn't need a car to live a good life in Vancouver. You also shouldn't have to worry about getting hit by one when you walk to school, work, or the grocery store. OneCity will make sure you can get where you need to go, and arrive in one piece.

Ensure Vancouver is a Vision Zero City – We commit to the priorities of Vision Zero Vancouver so that we never lose another person to a preventable road safety death. As the party with the best record of supporting safe active transport in Vancouver, we decided to go even further.

Connected Cycling Networks – Right now, walking and cycling projects are scattered across the city and often don't connect to one another, which makes it tougher for everyone to get around. We'll fix it by building a connected, protected, all-ages-and-abilities walking, rolling, and cycling network throughout Vancouver. We'll also prioritize safe routes to schools, parks, and daily needs for everyone. Safer streets are possible, and our team has the plan to deliver them.

Direct Dollars Where They're Needed Most – Many of Vancouver's neighbourhoods have been left out of new transportation investments. That can't keep happening. We'll send new active transportation investments to the neighbourhoods that need them most, rather than wherever is politically expedient. Then we'll publish a public, neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood mobility report card, so Vancouverites can see exactly where your investments go.

Slower is Safer – Deadly collisions can be reduced in every neighbourhood if we drive just a bit slower. We'll bring back the proposed 30 km/h and 40 km/h speed reductions on major streets, starting with downtown, busy shopping streets, school and park frontages, and high-injury corridors.

Vision Zero Rapid Response Fund – No one should have to wait years for the City to fix the deadly intersection in their neighbourhood. We'll make sure dedicated dollars get out the door right away to fix our roads and save lives. The Vision Zero Rapid Response Fund will be financed through a dedicated portion of the City's year-end operating surplus and other one-time revenues. It will rapidly review every fatal and serious-injury collision and make immediate safety changes where possible. It will install interim improvements while permanent work is designed, and proactively address locations where the evidence shows someone is likely to be killed or seriously injured by cars.

What Does This Mean For You?

With OneCity, you can make your dreams a reality without getting tied up in red tape. When your business needs a hand, the City will help you stay open instead of shutting the door. We'll create more opportunities by welcoming innovative businesses of all sizes to open an office in Vancouver, and we'll make it easier to get around the city, no matter how you move.





PUBLIC SAFETY

Safe Streets and Public Spaces for All

After four years of ABC, too many Vancouverites feel less safe. Women and gender-diverse folks don't feel safe walking home at night. Walking, biking, and rolling across town turns too often into a deadly interaction with a vehicle. That's unacceptable. Everyone should feel, and be, safe in Vancouver. That's the least our local government owes the people who make our city the incredible place it is.

OneCity will make our streets and public spaces safer, no matter who you are, where you're going, or how you get around. Our plan to build safer neighbourhoods includes three kinds of safety: Progressive Public Safety, Safe Public Spaces, and Cracking Down on Preventable Fire Hazards.



*"Public safety means **being able to walk home at night** without fear, getting help from the right person when you're in crisis, and **knowing your kid will make it to school** without being hit by a driver – because **road safety is public safety too**. OneCity will take every part of keeping Vancouverites safe seriously, so everyone can move through our city with peace of mind."*

*– **Lucy Maloney**, City Councillor & Candidate*

Progressive Public Safety

We'll put a Progressive Public Safety framework to work that delivers proven public safety solutions, investments in first responders, and support for survivors.

Housing First – We'll help get our neighbours off the streets and into safe, appropriate housing so they can get jobs and reconnect with their communities. Housing costs less than hospitals, jails, or shelters, and it improves outcomes more than any other public safety or public disorder solution. This commitment pairs with our Housing for All plan which lifts the ban on net-new supportive housing and unlocks the majority of Vancouver for new, affordable housing options for everyone.

Interrupt Violence – A community violence intervention program will put trusted community messengers to work, mediating conflict and stopping violence before it escalates. This means that calls to 911 don't always result in the police being called, instead, an integrated approach can be taken where community messengers can step in, de-escalate, and prevent situations from escalating.

Send the Right Kinds of Help – Crisis Response, Community-Led (CRCL) teams, made up of social workers, community intervention staff, and support hubs, will handle the issues where police aren't required. That allows police to focus their resources on organized and major crimes and supports our neighbours when they need help most. These teams are already operating on the North Shore, in Victoria, and in New Westminster, showing that a different model of crisis response is possible, and we can do it in Vancouver.

Repair, Don't Repeat – We'll take a Restorative Justice approach and support organizations already doing proven, meaningful work with these practices to repair and reduce community harm. We will build on the success of restorative justice programs at Vancouver's Downtown Community Court, a known and independently evaluated program that reduces re-offending. We'll pair this approach with Indigenous-led justice and community safety initiatives like the respected Bear Clan Patrol. Community led programs like these paired with independent evaluation can achieve meaningful reductions in re-offences and work to heal the harms experienced by our neighbours.



An Organizational Review of VPD - Police shouldn't be responding to everything from break-ins to mental health crises, and even the VPD has admitted they're stretched thin as-is. We'll push for an independent organizational and service review of the Vancouver Police Department.

Our police department shouldn't be held to a different standard than every other public organization. The review will look honestly at what policing in Vancouver needs, how overtime is assessed and allocated, how we can prevent cost overruns, what work officers should be doing, and whether the organization is structured for the best public safety results. It will tell us exactly where to invest, where to find efficiencies, and which calls could be handled by civil or health-led responders.

We'll make the report public, because police need operational independence with strong oversight, not political pressure from the Mayor and City Council.

One Crisis Response System – Mental health is a crisis, and we have to have the right kind of help when someone is struggling or in danger. Several crisis services exist right now, but they aren't coordinated, and the differences between them aren't always clear to community members, service providers, or referring agencies, which means that alternatives to police that already exist aren't being deployed effectively.

We'll review and redesign the City's mental health crisis response system. We'll also ensure that the new Crisis Response, Community Led (CRCL) teams in Vancouver are included in the crisis response system so we turn several services into one access and triage system with specialized response options. Trained mental health professionals and peer responders will work in coordination, and overlap will be kept to a minimum. CRCL teams will be integrated alongside police services, so we find efficiencies and everyone uses one triage and transfer pathway.



Actually Implement the Four Pillars Approach – For the past eight years, Vancouverites have been suffering, and dying while City Hall had the power to stop it. While there is no one solution that will save our neighbours' lives, there are proven solutions we can enact quickly that reduce suffering and save lives.

OneCity will actually implement Vancouver's Four Pillars approach through an evidence-based response to our drug poisoning emergency. Previous governments in Vancouver have only cherry-picked pieces of this strategy, instead of treating it with the seriousness it deserves, through an all-hands approach where every aspect is implemented at once. We will:

- Increase investment in, and approvals of, supportive and affordable housing, including deeply affordable and shelter rate housing;
- Work with health systems and community partners to expand voluntary treatment and recovery programs and facilities, crisis response, and public education about substance use;
- Increase harm reduction services where they are needed, including overdose prevention sites and the connections to care they facilitate, through close collaboration with the regional health authority and community organizations on zoning, permitting, and facility approvals; and lease agreements of public property on favourable terms;
- We promise to ensure that neighbours and businesses are meaningfully engaged in the implementation of care, so that we can find creative solutions that will save lives without harming the neighbourhoods around them;
- Provide additional grants to community organizations engaged in naloxone distribution, drug-checking services, and community outreach;
- Advocate to other levels of governments for additional mental health services, detox and patient-centred voluntary treatment, and prescribed pharmaceutical alternatives to the toxic street supply.

Survivor Safety Is Public Safety – Intimate partner violence (IPV) and gender-based violence (GBV) are violent crimes and a preventable form of violence. OneCity will create a Survivor Safety Program so the City actually acts to prevent this violence. We'll act on the BC Coroner's report on this issue, fund practical support for survivors, and coordinate local systems so no one is left to navigate fragmented services in a crisis. The program includes:

- **A Survivor Safety Fund** – Low barrier and fast support for survivors, delivered by frontline community organizations in partnership with the City to give practical support to people experiencing IPV or GBV.
- **A Community IPV and GBV Safety Table** – Indigenous, anti-violence, and sex worker safety organizations, housing providers, and lived experience advisors will be invited to meet with City officials to identify gaps in services, improve referral pathways, advise on the Survivor Safety Fund; and make sure IPV and GBV safety is built into housing, emergency, and major event planning.





Safe Public Spaces

Right now, streetlights and bus shelters across the city are drowned in darkness. People don't feel safe waiting for the bus after a long work day, walking to family dinner, or getting home after a night out. To make matters worse, most of our basic public infrastructure, like streetlights, shelters, and benches, are funded entirely through private advertising contracts, and there's no unified citywide design standard. This means that Chinatown looks different than Mount Pleasant in terms of how well lit streets are, and if you have a bus shelter to hide from the rain. To feel safe, you need to see where you're going and who's around.

We'll ReLight Vancouver with:

Safe, Seen, & Secure Surroundings – So whether you're in Kits or out by Boundary Road, you get well-lit spaces and bus shelters where you can be seen and sure of your surroundings. We'll pair this promise with a structured safety audit that prioritizes well-lit sightlines, adds mirrors on corners, and eliminates obstructed pathways.

No More Dark Bus Stops – New, well-lit bus stops, so waiting for the bus doesn't mean standing in the dark. And we'll make sure your way home is properly lit by auditing lighting coverage in parks, pathways, and streets, so your dog walks and commutes feels safer.

Dignified Design – We'll prohibit "hostile" architecture on City-owned benches and bus shelters, so Vancouverites can seek refuge when they need it most. We'll also bring Vancouver-based community and advocacy organizations to the table to develop real bus shelter standards that meet our neighbours' needs, instead of the cookie cutter versions that leave people out in the cold.

Less Trash – You shouldn't have to carry a coffee cup or dog waste bag for blocks because the public garbage can disappeared. Public waste bins are basic civic infrastructure that support clean streets, accessible public space, small businesses, parks, and anyone walking through their neighbourhood. OneCity's Clean Streets and Public Waste Bins Program will restore reliable public garbage access, expand public recycling beyond downtown, create a public bin map, and set a clear citywide service standard.

Finally, we're going to step in and regulate Big Tech where no one else has bothered or tried, because we believe that you deserve your privacy.

Ban Smart Glasses in Public Spaces – No one should be recorded in public without their consent, let alone in a change room at the community centre. OneCity's plan to ban covert recording by smart glasses in public spaces is the first in Canada. Our plan will first update the City's bylaws to ban wearable recording devices in change rooms, washrooms, and other municipal spaces.

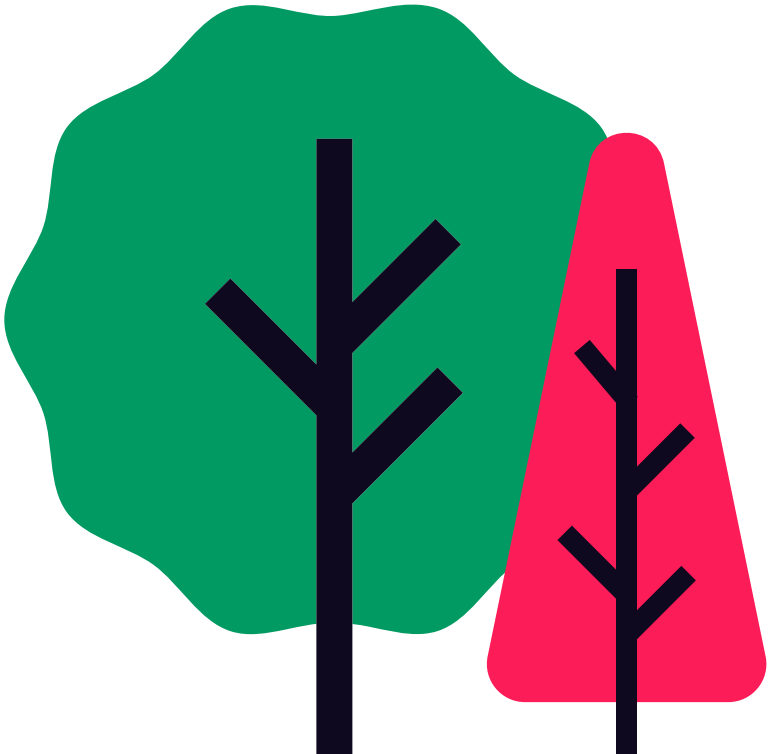
Then, our plan will set notification requirements for sensitive business licence classes. That means when you walk into a yoga studio, gym, childcare facility, or other places where minors spend time and adults might be in particularly vulnerable positions, those businesses will be required to clearly communicate to you if they permit wearable recording devices.

To support these measures, we will work with City staff to create a legal definition of a "wearable recording device." And we'll also launch a voluntary "Privacy-First Vancouver" certification for other businesses, like shops and restaurants, that commit to no covert recording and give them the tools to tell their customers so you can make informed choices about where you spend your time and money.

*"The brilliance of cities happens when people have the **freedom to move, work, learn, and create** without worrying for their safety. Leaders at City Hall can do so much more to help us get there."*

*– **Caitlin Stockwell**, Candidate for City Council*





Cracking Down on Preventable Fire Hazards

Unsafe and illegally modified e-bike batteries are causing preventable fires and injuries to people and their homes, through frayed wires and combusting battery units. We're not going to assign blame here, but we're going to take responsibility and regulate unsafe e-bikes that are modified to go faster than legal limits and as a result, are more dangerous.

Delivery workers, public transit, and multi-unit housing residents face some of the greatest risks from unsafe batteries. We've also recently seen the devastating building fires caused by batteries in the Downtown Eastside that left people without their only home.

Fire and rescue services across the country, including in Vancouver, have been asking for national action on lithium-ion battery fires, and OneCity will move decisively to address this deadly issue.

No Sketchy Batteries – We'll crack down on local businesses selling or renting uncertified, unsafe equipment prone to combustion. If you're an e-bike user who plays by the rules and uses your bike to move around the city safely, this doesn't apply to you. It applies to those who are selling unsafe equipment that puts everyone at risk.

Trade Up, Stay Safe – We'll work with the province to create a trade-in program for workers using unsafe bikes and batteries. We'll get dangerous batteries out of homes and off Vancouver's streets without punishing the workers who depend on e-bikes to earn a living.

Plug In Safely – We'll expand access to secure charging facilities that feature right-sized voltage amounts so charging your e-bike doesn't put you, or your family, at risk.

What Does This Mean For You?

The OneCity team will take every aspect of public safety seriously, not just policing. You should feel safe from the Downtown Eastside to Kerrisdale to Renfrew, from early morning to late at night. Whether you're walking, biking, or driving, you should feel protected from preventable harm. Your city will use every available tool to address poverty- and drug-related crime and disorder, so that you can be better protected from organized and major crimes.



"You shouldn't have to live looking over your shoulder. ***City Hall should make it easy to look out for each other*** *and be good neighbours."*

– ***Jarrett Hagglund****, Candidate for City Council*



CLIMATE

A Resilient City

Vancouver is a beautiful city, built between the Salish Sea and the Coast Mountains. Yet more than a third of our city is covered in blacktop, and too many of our trees, parks, and public spaces are undercared for.

City Hall's decisions shape whether Vancouver is ready for major climate events, whether residents are protected from fluctuating energy costs, and whether people have clean air and water. We need a city government that tackles the climate crisis head on, embraces our responsibilities, and stewards our ecosystem alongside a growing, flourishing city.

The OneCity Team will ReWild Vancouver and make Vancouver Built to Last in the face of mounting climate and ecological crises.



*"Our parks are some of the last spaces where Vancouverites can **truly just belong**. I want to see a Park Board that invests in natural infrastructure, tree canopy, pollinator gardens, and planting more indigenous species. We can be **green and resilient** at the same time."*

*– **Tyler Petersen**, Candidate for Park Board*

ReWild Vancouver: Nature Everywhere, for Everyone

Under our streets, creeks still run in the dark, and more than a third of our city is paved over where meadows, forests, and wildlife once thrived. It's time to return some of that land to nature, and to give every Vancouverite a wilder, greener city just outside their front door.

The OneCity Park Board Team will ReWild Vancouver, with a 30-year vision and a 10-year plan to:

- Grow the Urban Meadows Program;
- Take park land from 11% to 12% of city land;
- Daylight up to three of the creek systems still buried under Vancouver's streets;
- Build those spaces into a real citywide wildlife corridor.

These changes will mean Vancouver becomes more resilient to flooding and severe climate events. We'll do all of it in formal partnership with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

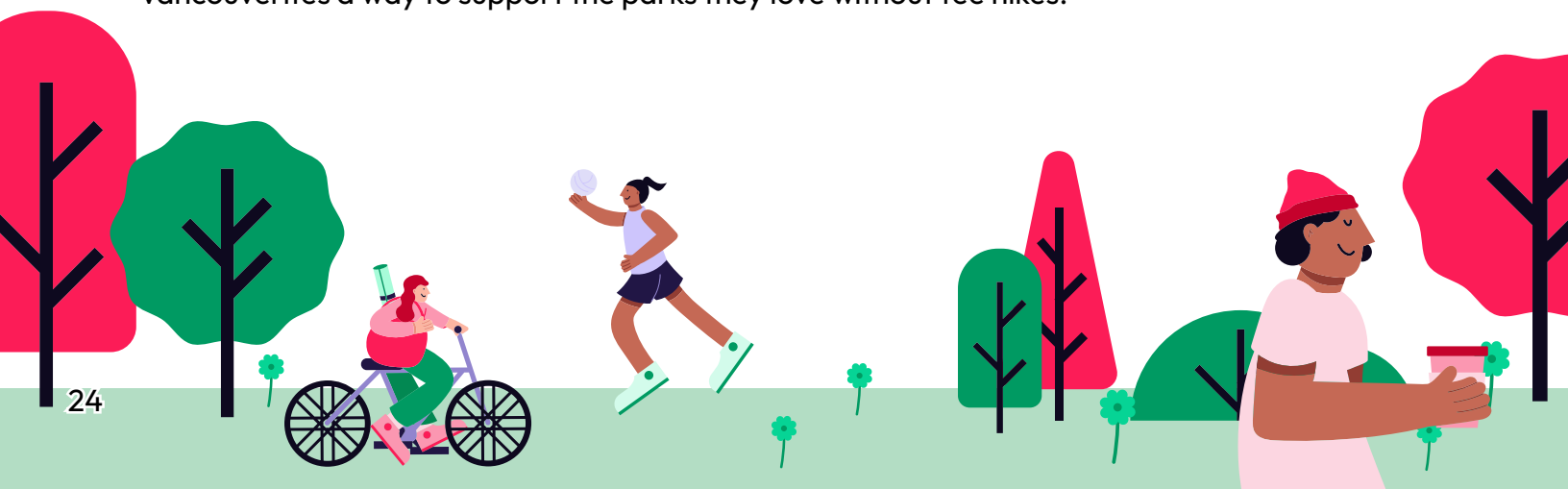
Grow the Canopy, Cool the City – We'll bring urban heat down by updating the Urban Forest Strategy with an ambitious goal: tree canopy covering at least 40% of the city by 2050 or sooner. Canopy coverage above 40% offers greater cooling certainty, climate adaptation, and ecological resiliency and protects more communities from the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Evergreen Funding for Parks – For four years, Vancouver's democratically-elected Park Board has endured unprecedented attacks on its authority. OneCity supports our democratic Park Board and will move to empower it with Evergreen Funding, so it can be more insulated from the political whims of City Hall. With our Evergreen Park Board Funding Plan, Park Board revenue will be set up for long-term stability.

We'll start with changes that cost nothing and need no new fees, like letting the Park Board keep the revenue it already earns, instead of losing it to general city coffers; and pursuing the federal and provincial grants that are already available and yet unclaimed.

Then, the OneCity Park Board Team will advocate for longer-term tools, including a sponsorship policy consistent with Vancouverites' values, and durable revenue mechanisms built for the long run.

As an early, low-cost proof point, OneCity will explore a pilot of Park Board-run gift shops in select parks and community spaces. The shops will create jobs, keep revenue in-house, and give Vancouverites a way to support the parks they love without fee hikes.



Built to Last: A Climate Resiliency Action Plan

You shouldn't have to pay more to make a sustainable energy choice.

Vancouverites want to take care of our communities, and we need local leaders at City Council, Park, and School Boards who put our values into action.

*"We need to build a Vancouver that **stands strong** against the worst impacts of the climate crisis. We don't have to wait for someone else to **build the future we want and need**. We can build it together and make sure none of our neighbours are left behind."*

*– **Caitlin Stockwell**, Candidate for City Council*



More Affordable Heat Pumps – Under the City's current 2026 fee schedule, replacing a gas appliance with another gas appliance costs as little as $67 in permit fees. Switching to a low-carbon, efficient heat pump costs roughly $767 once the mechanical and electrical permits are combined. OneCity will introduce a flat, low-cost, streamlined heat pump permitting pathway for homeowners, so choosing clean energy never costs more than sticking with gas.

Cool Homes, Directly Delivered – Through a Direct Install Cooling Program, we'll make sure the City will install cooling, air filtration, and heat pumps directly in the homes of Vancouver's highest-risk residents. We won't rely on cooling centres and onerous rebate paperwork. OneCity will reach the roughly 500 high-risk homes at an estimated gross cost of $4 to $7.5 million. We'll bring the City's net cost down by stacking BC Hydro, provincial, federal, and non-profit funding.

A Solar-Powered City – OneCity will launch a Public Rooftop Solar and Community Energy Program that puts solar panels on schools, libraries, and community centres. Community subscription models, based on New Westminster's Urban Solar Garden, will let renters, co-op residents, and non-profits without a roof of their own share in the power of clean energy. This means that our public buildings can help power the grid and give back energy to the rest of Vancouver. The City already owns these rooftops, and they should be used to their fullest potential.

Undo ABC's Climate Policy Disasters – OneCity will restore Vancouver's climate leadership by identifying and reversing ABC's rollbacks to our world-class climate policies so we can reduce carbon emissions citywide and make progress toward the goals laid out in the Climate Action Emergency Plan. This includes eliminating gas in new buildings so everyone has access to sustainable energy.

Cleaner, Greener Buildings – Too many Vancouver homes and buildings are still running on aging gas equipment, and the families who would benefit most from cleaner, cheaper energy are often the ones least able to afford the upgrade.

We will initiate a comprehensive program including topped-up solar and battery incentives, restored replacement requirements for aging gas equipment, a low-income retrofit program, and expanded thermal energy networks so everyone has access to cheaper, greener energy.

In addition to restoring the ban on gas in new buildings, we'll restore the zero-emissions heating requirement for new low-rise buildings that was in place from January 2022 until ABC rolled it back. We'll make our buildings more future-proof and energy-efficient by adopting the highest levels of the Zero Carbon Step Code.

We'll create Cleaner, Greener Buildings through:

- Topped-up BC Hydro solar and battery incentives;
- Restored replacement requirements for aging gas equipment;
- A low-income retrofit program modelled on Edmonton's success;
- Expanded thermal energy networks like the City's own False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility

Clean, Cool Air & Safe Spaces – Our children and neighbours deserve clean air in every season. OneCity's Clean, Cool Air & Safe Spaces Strategy is a four-year plan to bring every City, Park Board, and school facility in Vancouver up to one shared standard for air quality and temperature control, protecting residents from wildfire smoke and seasonal illness. To put it simply, we'll ensure you and your family don't get sick as often in the winter, or breathe in smoke in the summer if you're in a public building.

Council, Park Board, and the VSB will jointly adopt one assessment methodology, one technical standard with a minimum of MERV-13 filtration, and one public reporting process. Upgrades will happen in two stages: low-cost bridge measures like Corsi-Rosenthal box filters will be distributed right away, followed by permanent fixes like heat pumps, filtration, shading, and tree canopy improvements.

This work will be coordinated through a new Tri-Board Facilities Coordination Table, and every facility will be tested to ensure cleaner air is actually achieved, and the results will be reported publicly.



Hold Big Land Users Accountable – Right now, a handful of the city's biggest land and energy users place outsized strain on the water, stormwater, and energy systems we all share, while everyday Vancouverites are left to pick up the tab.

OneCity will require resource-intensive land users and major energy users to disclose and then mitigate their impacts on public infrastructure. That includes companies and land users that have large impervious surface parking lots, gas stations, individuals who own very large luxury homes, and others that put disproportionate pressure on land, energy, water, heat, stormwater systems, and infrastructure.

When everyone pays their fair share for the energy and infrastructure they use, we can keep costs down for working families and invest in a city that's Built to Last for all of us.

Ready for the 'Big One' – OneCity will prioritize creating a building risk inventory, as well as seismic retrofits of community centres, and consider upgrading the seismic standards for post-disaster infrastructure. This builds on Councillor Lucy Maloney's work on Council to ensure that if the Big One strikes, our community centres can stay standing, and keep us safe until help arrives.

Public Purpose Parking Standard – We'll adopt a Public Purpose Parking Standard to ensure that all EasyPark managed parking spaces, especially surface lots, are used for greater public value. We'll review parking lots for conversion to affordable housing, childcare, cultural space, public washrooms and mobility hubs. The City will keep the land, revenue, data, and operating value public, but it's time for us to ditch parking lots that aren't working and make them useful for the City.

What this means for you:

Vancouver can be the greenest city again, and you can trust that when you're in a public building, you'll be protected from adverse effects of extreme weather, smoke, and even earthquakes. With OneCity, you won't have to choose between finances and sustainability when you make your energy choices.





ART, CULTURE, AND ENTERTAINMENT

A Vibrant City that is Hot, Fun, and Cool

Cities are about access to opportunity: the opportunity to work, to build community, and to live a full and vibrant life. Under ABC's austerity, those opportunities have been smothered.

OneCity is committed to a Vibrant City where you have the opportunity to have fun, do cool things, and find your people. Because belonging shouldn't be a luxury.

*"Vancouver is full of people with **big ideas**, whether that's a band looking for its first stage, neighbours planning a block party, or a young person chasing their first job. It's also home to communities like Chinatown and Hogan's Alley that have **waited far too long** for this city to right its wrongs and **invest in their future**. For four years, ABC has told all of them no, that they can't dream of better, but OneCity knows a city this full of talent, history, and heart deserves a local government that **finally says yes**."*

*– **Jarrett Hagglund**, Candidate for City Council*

Bringing Back Cultural Centres

Revitalize Chinatown Plaza as a Cultural Hub

Chinatown Plaza sits in the National Historic Site of Vancouver's Chinatown and is one of our city's most treasured cultural assets. It is also owned by the City of Vancouver and has been left woefully underused. As of May 2025, 15 of the Plaza's 22 ground-floor retail units were unleased, holding back Chinatown's economic and cultural vitality. The City already has the tools to fix this, but hasn't actually supported the community in building something better for Chinatown.

OneCity will give the City's existing Chinatown Advisory Committee a dated, funded, and measurable mandate to breathe new life into the Plaza. That will come with meaningful cultural programming, baseline dignity and safety for neighbours, and a direct link to City Council's storefront activation pilot. It will be paired with public annual reporting with real numbers, so Chinatown residents and small businesses can hold us accountable.

Finally, OneCity will connect Chinatown Plaza's investment to the City's broader Chinatown efforts, like the 2012 Chinatown neighbourhood plan and revitalization strategy, the Chinatown Heritage and Asset Mapping Study, and other programs. This will ensure that revitalizing the Plaza will reinforce work already being done, not duplicate it.





Rebuild & Revitalize Hogan's Alley

The City promised to redevelop Hogan's Alley as part of its cultural redress efforts with Vancouver's Black and African diaspora communities, and didn't deliver. OneCity will follow through on that promise.

This transformational project must start with demolishing the deteriorating Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts, which still stand today because of a lack of federal and provincial funding and extensive environmental remediation requirements.

OneCity will make it a priority to secure funding from the Provincial and Federal governments to finally remove the unsafe viaducts that no longer serve the communities. Knocking down the viaducts will clear the way for new community-led housing, culturally appropriate spaces, and community benefits for a neighbourhood that should not be forced to wait for justice any longer.

We'll also rezone and streamline permitting so the Northeast False Creek area can actually be built on. This prime land, close to jobs, services, and frequent transit, shouldn't sit vacant because a giant developer would rather sit on its hands than come to the table.

We will look to establish a Northeast False Creek Task Force with community members, the City, and other partners. The task force will keep the plan's implementation public, community led, and accountable for delivering the homes and public spaces people deserve.

Bring the Fun to the City

Play Streets & Block Party in a Box – The best days in any neighbourhood often happen right on the block, with a folding table bent under the weight of snacks, kids playing without worrying about traffic, and neighbours spending time together outside of a passing 'hello'. Vancouver already gives residents a fast, free block party permit and free liability insurance, but then tells them to rent their own barricades at personal cost. That hassle and extra cost stops too many people from (responsibly) partying on their block.

OneCity will launch a 3-year 'Block Party in a Box' pilot featuring five city-owned, fully stocked shipping-container kits with barricades and materials like games, BBQs, and folding tables to bring your street alive. For a reasonable price, you'll be able to book a Block Party Kit with a single checkbox on your permit and have it delivered and picked up by city workers. This will all be in line with the Park board's own existing fee-setting policy.

We'll also add a Play Street designation so your kids can play for a few hours on your street and your family can safely celebrate occasions like Diwali and Halloween.

Vancouver Library Card Plus+ – Being part of Vancouver's culture shouldn't depend on how much money you make. Your free library card already opens the doors to the library and its services, in person and online. But what if it was your passport to more of our city?

OneCity will create Vancouver Library Card Plus+, a relaunch and expansion of the former Vancouver Inspiration Pass. With it, you'll be able to access free or low-cost cultural events, recreation opportunities, public programs, digital tools, and community spaces.

Whether it's an art show you're dying to see or a community centre class you've always wanted to take, the City's best experiences should be open to everyone who calls Vancouver home – and all it should take is the library card you've already got in your wallet.



A Third Spaces Revival with Libraries at the Centre – Libraries are where we meet, check out books, learn new things, and ultimately, be part of a community. It's time we funded them like we care about the neighbours who depend on them.

OneCity will make Vancouver Public Library the anchor of a citywide third-space revival.

- **Welcome Everyone Through the Door** – We'll work to embed trained Community Access Workers across ten branches system-wide. This will be directly modelled on the proven social worker in library programs already running in places like Toronto and Edmonton, with actual support behind it for workers. This means that library workers won't have to handle crises or disruptions alone, but have trained staff there to support them.
- **Build New Branches** – We'll expand the system over ten years at the two sites VPL has already identified, Joyce Collingwood and East Fraser Lands. These areas have been unable to move forward because of funding, and as a result, key areas of our city don't have access to a local library.
- **Renew the Branches we Already Love** – We'll revitalize three more branches that VPL's own staff have already flagged for renewal: Carnegie, Britannia, and Joe Fortes. These spaces are critical to our community, and in the case of the Britannia VPL branch, we'll expand and build around it according to our One Britannia plan, so it's not just a library, but a community hub.
- **Expand Branch-Level Community Programming** – We'll expand programming like maker spaces, ESL, Indigenous storytelling and reconciliation programming, and seed libraries. This builds directly on VPL's existing branch programming model that can be scaled system-wide, rather than left to individual branch fundraising.
- **Lock in Long-Term Funding** – We'll turn VPL's Facilities Master Plan into a public, funded, 10-year capital commitment. It's time we funded libraries purposely and with intention. We'll work with unions, city staff, and other partners in order to lock in long-term funding and a plan so that libraries aren't left to fall apart under our noses.

Community Choice Fund – Nobody knows what a neighbourhood needs better than the people who live there. Think of the community garden that needs a new shed or the cultural group planning its first festival. Too many local organizations and neighbours are shut out from critical funding because their needs don't fit neatly into a line item budget.

OneCity will create a Community Choice Fund that gives residents, neighbourhoods, and community organizations direct access to funding for the local projects they want to see. This standing municipal fund will combine small neighbourhood grants, matching funds, and participatory budgeting.

Residents will be able to propose ideas, work with trusted local organizations to shape them, and vote on larger neighbourhood projects. City staff will then back up the distribution of this funding with feasibility reviews, accessibility guidance, and permitting and implementation support.

OneCity's Community Choice Fund will empower our neighbours and democratize the way Vancouver funds the things that foster belonging.

Your Backstage Pass to Vancouver

Every great Vancouver band, gallery, and comedy night started somewhere small: a basement, a warehouse, a street corner. But too many creatives are leaving Vancouver because the City makes it too damn hard to play a gig, to open and run a venue, and to get the predictable funding they need. OneCity's Backstage Pass will revitalize our arts and culture in four ways:

- **Create a Legal Pathway for DIY Arts and Culture Venues** – We'll create a new small cultural venue licence category with risk-based safety requirements and a compliance-first approach that helps operators collaboratively fix problems instead of forcing them to shut down. A dedicated venue navigator will work with small operators to meet those requirements.
- **Cultural Space Security Program** – We'll protect the spaces we already have through an annual cultural space inventory to track what's being lost. We will introduce a no-net-loss test requiring replacement or relocation support when redevelopment displaces cultural and queer spaces. It will also expand grants for accessibility and safety upgrades, and require that major rezonings and public land projects actively consider cultural production spaces.
- **An Independent Vancouver Arts and Culture Council** – We'll create an independent, sector-led agency governed by a board with arts, culture, equity, and Indigenous expertise. The agency will adjudicate civic arts grants through peer assessment, while City Council will continue to set the overall funding envelope and policy direction. The difference is that the Arts and Culture sector, not politicians, will make individual grant decisions.
- **Make Vancouver a Busker-Friendly City** – We'll simplify performance rules and expand permit-free locations so more artists can get their start and more spaces have access to local live performers.

Open Later: Extend Hours for our Nighttime Economy – Vancouver has great bars and restaurants. It's a shame the City makes them close early.

OneCity will simplify Vancouver's late night rules and trust responsible businesses to stay open later, even as late as 3 or 4 AM, by application across the city. Businesses will still need to meet standards for noise, safety, and responsible operation.

But a livelier night can't come at the cost of a whole neighbourhood's sleep. Later hours will depend on factors such as noise, public safety, compliance history, and neighbourhood impacts. Businesses that operate responsibly will be rewarded, and businesses that keep creating problems will face additional conditions or reduced hours.

*"Some of the most fun I've had in this city are **parties I've had in my community**, on a side street by my house. During Covid, the city funded people to play music on their porches and have block parties. The kind of events that make you feel like **you're actually a part of this city**. We can and should make sure that those kinds of possibilities are available in every neighbourhood in Vancouver."*

*– **Frances Bula**, Candidate for City Council*



Well Behaved Dogs on Transit – You shouldn't need a car to get around town with your best friend. OneCity will use our relationships with TransLink to champion an off-peak, leashed dog ridership pilot on the SkyTrain and SeaBus. The pilot will include clear behaviour rules, designated boarding areas, and retained operator discretion, the same way Toronto and European cities already do it on their transit systems. If it works well for dogs and humans, we'll expand it.

Legalize Bodega Cats – New York City's famous bodega cats are a vital part of pest control and a beloved part of neighbourhood life. Here in Vancouver, they're illegal.

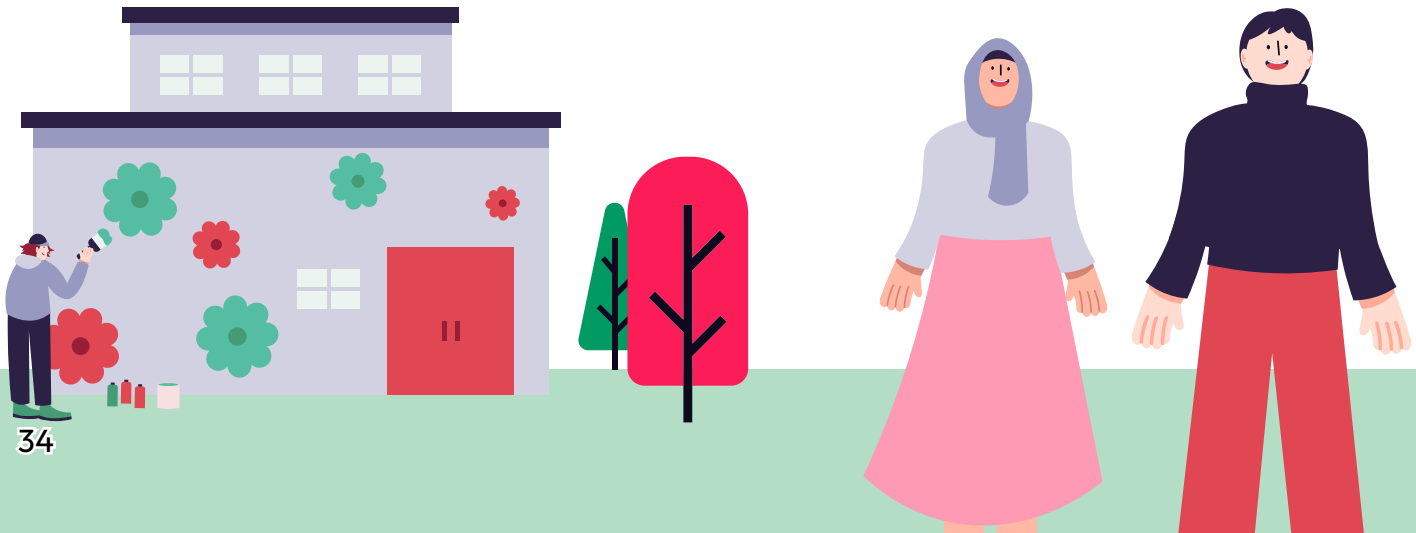
OneCity will start a certified "Working Cat Program" and work with Vancouver Coastal Health to model Chicago's and New York's approach to bodega cats in small shops across the city. Under the program, cats will be vaccinated and kept away from open food preparation. They'll provide a chemical-free means of pest control, and a genuine piece of neighbourhood life for our small shops.

Give Young People Their First Good Job – Youth unemployment in Canada is at 14.3%, and Vancouver is one of the most expensive places anywhere to start your career. We'll help by creating up to 375 youth-only positions a year, paid a living wage, giving young people a chance and a strong foundation for work in the future. These jobs will be supported by the City and designed to complement the adult workforce, not undercut it.

The program would have three streams: direct youth hiring in areas it already controls like parks, community centres, summer camps, and administrative or digital support roles. Second, we will create a living-wage top-up fund for community employers that hire young people with federal Canada Summer Jobs funding. Finally, we will create youth employment grants for organizations that can provide meaningful paid work but cannot absorb the full cost of hiring, including non-profits, BIAs, neighbourhood houses, food security organizations, childcare providers, and community groups.

What Does This Mean For You?

You'll be able to find something fun to do on a Tuesday at 10:30pm, and there will be more cool, creative places to explore citywide. You'll be able to build and find community where you live, and access arts and culture in this city at low-to-no cost. You'll be able to move around the city with ease, and envision a future built in Vancouver.





SCHOOLS

Protecting Vancouver's Future

Every student deserves a strong foundation for finding their voice, their place, and their future. For too many families, that foundation is cracking after four years of an ABC-dominated School Board.

OneCity's School Board Team has a plan to make every VSB school safe, welcoming, and fully supported, so every student in every neighbourhood has the chance to thrive.

*"Public education is one of the **most powerful ideas we have**. It's where kids from every background, every language, and every neighbourhood sit side by side, learn from one another, and **grow up understanding that their differences make us stronger**. When we invest in our public schools, we're not just investing in students; we're building a **fairer, more democratic society** for all of us."*

*– **Rory Brown**, Candidate for School Board Trustee*



Childcare for All

We've been facing a prolonged childcare crisis, and the City hasn't done enough to support childcare workers as the need for spaces grows. OneCity's School Board Team will put neighbourhood schools at the centre of a coordinated public and non-profit childcare system, so we can expand affordable childcare across our city and give working families the support they need.

Our team will adopt a four-year Schools at the Centre of Universal Childcare Plan, built on eight commitments. We will:

- Make the VSB the lead local planner and coordinator for school-age childcare;
- Launch a VSB-operated out-of-school care pilot;
- Expand public and non-profit childcare in existing schools;
- Build childcare automatically into every new or renewed school;
- Create and co-locate other services in new and renewed schools, like Indigenous-led programs, food services, and post secondary partnerships, where appropriate;
- Grow and retain a qualified childcare workforce by advocating for provincial compensation and a workforce strategy;
- Align the City, Provincial, and Federal governments on issues like zoning restrictions for childcare and advocacy for new funding.



*"Our schools are already the **heart of neighbourhoods**, so let's make them the place where families can count on safe, affordable childcare, delivered by workers who are **valued and paid fairly**. When we expand childcare in schools, we can close the gap that working families experience across Vancouver."*

*– **Krista Sigurdson**, Candidate for School Board Trustee*



Create New Community Hubs

Kingsgate Mall – Our beloved Kingsgate Mall is VSB-owned property and sits on one of the busiest transit corridors in the country. It's time it was built for the future as the publicly owned, mixed-use education and community hub the neighbourhood needs.

The OneCity School Board Team will work with City Council and Park Board, along with public and private partners, to keep the land in public ownership and build a new public school with a vertical flex space.

OneCity will work with public and private partners to:

- Keep the land in public ownership;
- Build a public school with a vertical flex space;
- Co-locate a complete set of public services so Kingsgate can be a community hub for a new community centre, Indigenous childcare and public childcare, and before and after school care;
- Build affordable and subsidized rental housing for School Board employees;
- Explore the feasibility of a long promised pool in Mount Pleasant;
- Partner with Host Nations from the outset;
- Build it to last, with a focus on climate resilience.

Kingsgate is located in one of the busiest corridors for transit in the country, and needs to be used to its fullest potential. Since Kingsgate is a VSB-owned property, renovating it will create lasting and transparent revenue for the VSB through rents and compensation for easements, air rights, and other interests. This means that the VSB will be able to have a lasting revenue stream that is reinvested in our schools.

"The current School Board has treated Kingsgate and Britannia as problems to deal with on a rainy day instead of opportunities to seize. ***OneCity is ready to think bigger****. Revenue from this school district-owned project that will include a school will* ***help the VSB flourish long-term****."*

*– **Steve Cardwell**, Candidate for School Board Trustee*



One Britannia: Reimagining the Britannia Campus – Britannia is East Vancouver's hub, and it's falling apart. OneCity's School Board Team will initiate a renewed One Britannia project with Council, Park Board, and other public and community partners to rebuild the entire 18-acre site, including the schools, as one integrated public campus.

Our School Board Team will invite the City and Britannia to establish a joint mandate so this community hub can be revitalized for East Vancouver. The new campus will bring together a rebuilt elementary and secondary school, a community centre, an ice rink, and fitness and recreation spaces. It will also include childcare, food and social development programs, and non-market housing.

We also believe any deal with the Canucks should have enforceable public benefits, expand ice time for youth, and keep the site in public control. We recognize the enormous opportunity that building One Britannia offers our city. We'll take what we learn from this project, and use it as the pilot for shared services across the city.

Safe, Complete School Campuses for All

Staffed & Funded Supports for Kids with Disabilities – For too long, inconsistent funding and support have put up barriers that keep students with disabilities from fully participating in our schools. OneCity's School Board Team will focus provincial advocacy on improving staffing, funding allocation, and professional development for educators with experience supporting students with disabilities.



"Too many students with disabilities have been left behind because the staff, resources, and funding they need simply haven't been there. ***True inclusion takes awareness*** *of ableism and School Trustees who will bring the voices of the kids and educators impacted to the table."*

– ***Sherry Breshears****, Candidate for School Board Trustee*

Transparent & Accountable Governance at the Board Table – Public education belongs to the public, but Vancouver's families, community members, and even VSB employees have been physically barred from committee meetings and have faced reduced opportunities to speak out.

We will restore meaningful public participation, transparency, and democratic accountability at the VSB through building on OneCity Trustee Jennifer Reddy's 2024 motions to reform engagement. We'll open board and committee meetings to the public, provide meaningful opportunities for input like oral question and comment periods at meetings, and publish information early and publicly.

First Nations will be recognized as inherent rights holders, not ordinary interest holders. We'll also review governance policies to distribute authority fairly among trustees and strengthen committee partnership.

Universal, Nutritious Meals – No kid should have to learn on an empty stomach. Consistent with federal action, OneCity's School Board Team will build a universal, nutritious school food program so every VSB student, regardless of financial background, can access healthy food during the school day.

We'll restore and equip school kitchens so VSB workers can expand meal production and use local and culturally diverse foods. We'll phase in meal access without students or families ever needing to show their wallet to the VSB.



*"School meals are not radical, it's about making sure that students have the **fuel to learn and grow** in school. OneCity will make sure that no kid is ever stuck without a lunch."*

*– **Christopher Lee** 李基鵬, Candidate for School Board Trustee*

Stop the Cuts & Protect School Programs – Arts, music, physical education, and school libraries are where so many kids first discover what they love. OneCity's School Board Team will protect them as integral parts of public education, not discretionary programs that disappear when budgets tighten. Every student should have regular access to qualified music, arts, and physical education teachers, and to a fully functioning school library supported by a teacher-librarian.

We'll reverse recent program losses where possible, establish district-wide minimum service standards, improve public reporting, and press the Province for stable, dedicated funding.

Indigenous Student Success Through Language & Culture – OneCity's School Board Team will work in respectful partnership with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation). Together, we'll strengthen Indigenous language learning, Indigenous-led land-based education, culturally safe student supports, and accountability for Indigenous student success.

Reconciliation must show up in relationships, resources, learning opportunities, student belonging, and measurable improvements in educational outcomes.

Expand Mental Health & Substance Use Prevention – Every student deserves access to timely, relationship-based mental health and substance use support. OneCity's School Board Team will expand school-based mental health and substance use services, strengthen prevention and early-intervention programs, and improve partnerships with families, health providers, and community organizations. That includes bringing back substance use education, like the Supporting and Connecting Youth (SACY) Substance Use Prevention Initiative, so students can have honest conversations about substance use and how to support their mental health.

We'll also push for a district-wide review of existing services and the development of a comprehensive Mental Health & Substance Use Strategy, so every student across the VSB gets consistent, equitable support.

A Nuanced and Cautious Approach to AI in Schools – OneCity's School Board Team will adopt a learner-centred harm reduction approach to artificial intelligence (AI) in schools, one that recognizes both the opportunities and the real risks of using AI at a young age. The research on AI in schools is abundantly clear, and it tells us that we need to prioritize the well-being, equity, and privacy of our children.

We commit to new safeguards, AI literacy education, privacy protections, and age-appropriate limits on AI access in schools. We'll also seek to limit AI chatbot access to Grades 10 to 12, while making sure human relationships and supervision are available at all times.

Safe Schools, Healthy Classrooms – OneCity's School Board Team will make sure every student can learn in a school that is seismically safe, accessible, well-ventilated, and appropriately cooled. Clean air helps keep kids from getting sick every fall and winter, and it will help keep kids safe during smoke season. We'll take seriously the risks an earthquake could cause for our schools, and prioritize structural improvements to prevent the worst outcomes if an earthquake hits. Our commitments to these vital upgrades work with OneCity's Cool Air & Safe Spaces strategy, and our Ready for the 'Big One' plan in our A Resilient City section.

Protect Schools Lands – We will press the Province for predictable capital funding, integrate school planning with neighbourhood growth, and protect school lands for future generations. We'll unlock the chain link gates and keep school grounds available for responsible public use outside school hours. We'll also use seismic renewal and carefully structured public-led development to improve accessibility, childcare, health and community services, affordable housing, food facilities, libraries, arts and recreation spaces, and climate resilience.



*"Public schools are **where we build the future**, one student, one classroom, and one neighbourhood at a time. We know every child in this city can thrive when their school has what it needs, and we know that **together, we can make that happen**."*

*– **Krista Sigurdson, Rory Brown, Sherry Breshears, Christopher Lee** 李基鵬, and **Steve Cardwell**, the OneCity School Board Team*

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Parks, Pipes, and Pools

When a pool closes or a beach goes without a lifeguard, it's Vancouverites who pay the price. OneCity will make sure the public spaces and services you rely on are open, staffed, and fixed before it's too late.

*"Our parks, pools, and beaches are places that **belong to all of us**, and they deserve a Park Board that takes care of them now and **long into our future**."*

*– **Dominic Denofrio**, Candidate for Park Board Commissioner*



Every Beach Guarded & Every Pool Opened

After a decade of underinvestment and mismanagement by the City, young people and adults have gone without safe places to swim. Free swimming lessons only go so far if there's not enough space for everyone to learn. OneCity will fix the governance failure that has kept children from learning to swim and kept lifeguards from getting jobs in the first place.

- **Restore a Commissioner-Level Review** – We'll restore mandatory commissioner review before any major service-level change at beaches or pools affecting public access, closing the exact governance gap that let the beach cuts happen without Park Board oversight.
- **Create a Free Lifeguard Certification** – We'll adopt the model from West Vancouver and extend it to swim instructor certifications, and we'll formalize the Vancouver Aquatics Academy as a pipeline to paid lifeguard and swim instructor jobs so we're never short of staff at pools and beaches.
- **Audit Certification Requirements** – We'll separate what's actually necessary to be a lifeguard or swim instructor from what creates unnecessary barriers, so more people have access to certification and good jobs.
- **Establish an Equity Requirement** – Modelled after LA County Fire Department's Chief Diversity Officer role, we'll establish a dedicated equity recruitment function within the Park Board, covering off hiring for both lifeguard and swim instructor pipelines. Additionally, we'll bring aquatic staffing into joint asset management and capital planning for Park Board facilities, so staffing shortfalls will be forecast years ahead and people will be hired early. This work will integrate with our Evergreen Park Board Funding Plan, so the program can run without the City worrying about the funding running out.



"Learning to swim is a basic right for every Vancouver kid, and nobody should miss out because their family can't afford lessons or because there's no pool close to home. OneCity has a plan to make sure ***every neighbourhood has a pool, every beach has a lifeguard, and every child gets the chance to learn to swim*** *safely."*

– ***John Irwin****, Candidate for Park Board Commissioner*

Build Three New Pools

City Council and Park Board have long known that Mount Pleasant, Hastings Community Centre, and Marpole are ideal places for pools, yet... nothing.

OneCity will solve Vancouver's 50-metre pool problem by exploring new options for Mount Pleasant, Hastings Community Centre, and Marpole as locations for new pools to serve the community. If those sites are no longer suitable, we'll focus on locations near transit lines where community needs can be met.

This work pairs with our One Britannia plan, which helps solve our pool problem right out of the gate with a major project on land that can be adapted seismically and safely for an aquatic centre. In the meantime, OneCity will explore the feasibility of converting existing outdoor pools into year-round facilities, so our neighbours can enjoy a swim right away instead of waiting years for the problem to be solved.

What Does This Mean For You?

You know that your child will have access to good food, programming, and supports in Vancouver. You'll be able to access two brand new community hubs with essential services, infrastructure, and facilities for you and your family.





HOUSING

Housing For All

It costs too much to live in Vancouver, and every dollar scraped together just to keep a roof over your head is a dollar taken away from building a vibrant life.

In addition to having the ability to advocate for housing funding, local governments are entirely responsible for land use, permitting, and zoning, which enable housing of all kinds. We need to use every tool in our toolkit to build and maintain affordable homes, not just throw up our hands until the Federal Government steps in.

OneCity is the only team with a plan to build affordable housing for all our neighbours at the scale and ambition Vancouver's crushing housing crisis demands.

*"I am so eager to see **new housing types built in this city** that can provide homes for the many young people in my life who feel shut out, or who are living in sh*tboxes and can't find something better for raising children. Our families deserve a place in Vancouver."*

*– **Frances Bula**, Candidate for City Council*



4,000 New Affordable Homes with the People's Builder

A city should be responsible for building housing, not just asking the provincial or federal government to do it. OneCity will launch a People's Builder, powered by the City, to build 4,000 affordable homes on land the City already owns.

The City will guarantee loans, leverage federal funds, and provide capital injections to build on City-owned land faster. The work will run through a reinvigorated Vancouver Public Housing Corporation that focuses on finding efficiencies and using technology to deliver quality homes at the lowest possible cost. The Corporation will recover its capital by reinvesting in itself, so every dollar returned to it finances more projects and makes it possible to build more housing. This model has worked in Calgary, and it can work in Vancouver.

How the People's Builder works:

1. **Stand up the People's Builder through a motion at City Council**. The remit of the People's Builder will be to develop and run homes on City land on long-term leases. It will operate at break-even, unencumbered by private developers' profit margins, so revenues and savings go into lower rents for Vancouverites.
2. **Start with sites the City has already picked, and then find more**. City staff have already identified six City-owned sites as suitable for about 4,000 homes, and several are in rezoning now. We'll direct staff to find more sites across the City's land portfolio, which is assessed at more than $6 billion, so the People's Builder can build homes on the most suitable public land.
3. **Partner with builders who have strong track records of delivering for the public good**. We'll work with non-profit housing builders and operators that have a proven track record of building and running affordable homes in Vancouver.
4. **Secure Provincial and Federal money and that Vancouver has been losing out on**. That includes BC Builds ($2 billion in low-cost financing, $950 million in funding), Build Canada Homes ($13 billion for non-market housing on public land), CMHC's low-cost construction loans, and the new Canada–BC development charge relief of up to $40,000 per home.
5. **Work with every level of government to get money on the table and shovels in the ground**. That means the Province, Ottawa, TransLink, Metro Vancouver, BC Housing, and the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations if they choose to partner with us.
6. **Affordable rentals first, and deeply affordable homes next**. We'll use low-cost financing and direct funding wherever we can get it. Affordable rentals will come on line first and pay for themselves under BC Builds rules. As the buildings stabilize, we move more units into deeply affordable rents, alongside Provincial and Federal operating programs.
7. **Build an inheritance for all Vancouverites**. Once the homes are stable, every dollar of margin goes back into upkeep and building more homes. These homes will stay public and the portfolio will keep growing, for the good of every Vancouverite to come.



Housing is expensive, and people want to know exactly how we'll do it, so we did our homework. The People's Builder will get most of its funding from Build Canada Homes and CMHC's low-cost rental construction loans, and the City's portion will be done through land and waived fees, not a large cash outlay. The Government of Canada wants to build, and Vancouver needs to leverage that into affordable homes. There have been deals in cities like Ottawa, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and OneCity will create the conditions where these funds can be allocated here in Vancouver.

Source	Amount	How it Works
Total investment	$2.1B–$3.3B	4,000 homes, about $525,000–$825,000 each
Land	$0 new spending	The City already owns the six sites (assessed at $411.6M in 2025). It keeps them and leases them long term to the People's Builder as land equity.
CMHC low-cost construction loans	The majority of the cost	These cover up to 100% of the residential cost of rental projects. Break-even rents repay them over time, like a mortgage.
Build Canada Homes	About $125,000–$165,000 per affordable home	Based on federal investment in affordable homes on city land in Toronto ($310M for 1,885 homes) and Winnipeg ($104.7M for 820 homes).
City's own contribution	About $90M–$230M over 7 years	Mostly waived fees and City incentives, in line with what the City gives non-market projects today.

Expanding Housing Choice Citywide

Four Floors and Corner Stores – OneCity will end Vancouver's apartment ban and allow four floors and corner stores in every neighbourhood, and 6 floors near city centres and where local neighbourhood conditions support it. This means that we will end the practice of forcing some areas to grow and preventing any change in others, and we will allow every neighbourhood to become vibrant, thriving, unique neighbourhoods according to what actually makes sense. Permissive zoning gives folks the flexibility to actually build, and it empowers our neighbours to choose how, whether, and when their property is built up.



Clear, Simple Rules – Instead of forcibly upzoning entire neighbourhoods with required height limits, OneCity is going to change the rules so that each lot can be adapted to the following.

- **Legalized narrow lot subdivision down to 25 feet**. Vancouver's standard 33 foot lot is already hard to build a family sized rowhouse on, but allowing this subdivision down to 25 feet instead matches similar cities (i.e. Austin, TX), to allow narrow lot townhouses and rowhouses.
- **Cut frontage setback requirements to five feet.** Currently, deep setbacks are built for detached houses but waste land that should be for housing. A five foot frontage allows for narrow lot rowhouses to sit at human scale on the street, like in many walkable neighbourhoods.
- **Allow larger courtyard buildings** up to four storeys between two structures on a single lot. This is the direct, buildable version of the "Four/Five" typology that Vancouver's own housing advocates have designed for the city. Two buildings, shared court between them, more daylight and a cross breeze, with greenspace preserved for neighbours.
- **Building on the single stair code Council already passed.** Vancouver's new Space Efficient Scissor Stair and Single Exterior Exit Stair rules make four to six storey buildings possible on narrow lots for the first time. It's our job to make sure that everything can allow people to leverage this change for good.
- **Protect traditional commercial streets** like West 4th and Main Street, while legalizing corner stores and backyard businesses across the city, as laid out in our Local Economy Action Plan. This will allow side streets just off these commercial streets to also be leveraged for more business, housing, and other zoning changes.

To be clear, this is what "permissive zoning" is. It's changing the rules so that individual lots can be built differently so that neighbourhoods can gradually be reformed over time, rather than forced to do so. If you build it, they will come, and we want to make building as easy as possible by making it clear what we can do for small to medium builders to build better housing in this city.

This is the third chapter of a platform OneCity has run on since 2018: rental buildings up to six storeys and ownership buildings up to four storeys, corner stores and small-scale retail in every neighbourhood, land value captured and reinvested in affordable housing. What's different now is precise direction, instead of asking Council to upzone whole neighbourhoods at once and watching it collapse under organized opposition, OneCity is asking Council to fix the specific lot-level rules, width, setback, court configuration, FSR treatment of green roofs, that quietly block the housing types most families actually want, one buildable lot at a time.

Finish the Vancouver Plan – OneCity will finish the job of actually planning for our city that ABC couldn't. We'll fix problem areas and bring our neighbours along with solutions instead of throwing it out and starting again. When we update the zoning bylaws, we'll keep the best parts of the work staff and City Council have already done, and find creative ways to solve the parts that don't work.



Protecting Renters and Affordability

More than half of all Vancouverites rent, which means most of our neighbours could face an eviction at any time and be forced out of the home where they've built their life. OneCity will ensure that renters are protected from eviction where possible, and supported to find suitable and affordable housing in the city where it's not. Here's how we'll get there:

Expand the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy (TRPP) – We'll extend enhanced protections that currently only apply to the Broadway Plan citywide, and cut the time you must live in a home to qualify from one year to six months. We'll shorten displacement times by accelerating shovel-ready projects, not by weakening tenant protections or building standards.

Restore and Strengthen the Renters Office – We'll bolster it with proper funding, and direct teams to proactively monitor and defend renters. The Office's goals will be the following:

- Provide clear information and referrals to renters;
- Coordinate with tenant-serving organizations and legal advocates;
- Monitor compliance with tenant relocation plans;
- Identify policy and enforcement gaps;
- Maintain citywide data on redevelopment and displacement;
- Coordinate and provide advice to planning and housing staff on how proposed policies affect renters.

The Office will provide clear information, coordinate with tenant-serving organizations and legal advocates, and monitor compliance with tenant relocation plans.

*"Co-ops and non-market homes are proof that **housing can be about building community**, not speculating on land and raking in profits. We should take care of our co-ops with predictable leases and build even more. My husband and I have made a life in this city because we found our home in a co-op. More Vancouverites should have the chance to do the same."*

*– **Jarrett Hagglund**, Candidate for City Council*



Put Land Into Community Trusts – We need to use the land we've got left for the most public good possible. OneCity will direct staff to develop a Community Land Trust Support Strategy, so when affordable buildings and land come up for sale, speculators aren't the only ones ready to buy. The strategy would support local community land trusts (CLTs), like the False Creek Community Housing Trust, the DTES Community Land Trust, and others. They would get the right of first refusal, access to land to build on, and financial support through existing financial instruments.

Reduce Displacement by Accelerating Housing Delivery - Our housing plan's focus on permissive zoning and changes to lot regulations means that development won't be focused into places where tenants already live. This means that over time, we'll see a reduction in concentrated displacement patterns, like we've seen with the Broadway plan. This plan works hand in hand with our Housing for All strategy by prioritizing development on vacant lots and in low-density areas.

Make Developers Pay for Delays – We'll develop a Tenant Delay Guarantee for renters displaced by redevelopment who have a right to return. Where the replacement housing is not ready by the approved and reasonable deadline, each eligible tenant must automatically receive a delayed-return payment in addition to any continuing interim rent top-up. The obligation should apply regardless of whether a tenant originally selected monthly or lump-sum relocation assistance. Extensions should be permitted only for narrowly defined circumstances genuinely outside the owner's control and should not be available because of financing difficulties, changing market conditions, project redesigns or a decision to delay construction by the developer to maximize future profits.

Every Pet Gets to Come Home – OneCity will push to end 'no pet' clauses in stratas and leases and make it easier to find a home for you and your four-legged friend. We'll also make pet-friendly housing the standard in City-owned and City-supported rental housing, while keeping reasonable rules for damage, safety, and responsible pet ownership.



The Way Home

It is unacceptable that in a wealthy city like Vancouver, people are sleeping rough. ABC has chosen to vilify our most vulnerable neighbours instead of helping them. OneCity will enact proven strategies to reduce homelessness and care for our neighbours

End the Supportive Housing Ban – Supportive housing helps everyone, not just people at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, and homelessness has exploded under Ken Sim and ABC. OneCity will end the pause on net new supportive housing, and direct staff to work with BC Housing on a new public engagement protocol so residents and businesses are meaningfully involved early in the conversation about how this housing fits into their neighbourhoods.

Housing First – Housing is less expensive than shelters, hospitals, or jails, and OneCity will work toward a future where everyone has a space to sleep inside. This is closely connected to the work that will be implemented through our Progressive Public Safety Plan to reduce addictions-related crime and disorder, and provide more voluntary care options for people facing addiction.

Vancouver Shelter Standard – Before Housing First, we must ensure that our existing shelter system is not preventing people from finding a safe and warm place to sleep. A citywide shelter standard will apply to all City-funded, owned, or leased accommodations, with cultural and safety supports for Indigenous, Two Spirit, trans, and gender-diverse people. The standard will ensure that sleeping rough isn't easier or more comfortable than sleeping indoors, no matter where you are.

"Ken Sim and ABC banned net-new supportive housing, slowrolled new family housing, and killed the Renters' Office. When I talk to neighbours, they feel like ***no one at City Hall is looking out for them****. We have the power to change that. And I know our team will."*

*– **Iona Bonamis** 陶思穎, Candidate for City Council*



What Does This Mean For You?

You don't have to move to Burnaby to afford a home big enough for your new baby, you don't have to leave your community to downsize into a smaller home, and you don't have to leave the city to find an apartment that you can afford. You won't be forced out of your neighbourhood if your building is being redeveloped, and you'll have real support at the city to navigate laws around tenancy and eviction. If you fall on hard times, there will be a path for you to get back up in Vancouver.



RESPONSIBLE FINANCE

A Plan to Fix the Budget

If you got to this point in the Platform, you really care about our city. Kudos. Let's tell you how we're going to fix the budget.

The City budget is a reflection of how we care for one another and invest in the next generation. ABC's "Zero Means Zero" budget is nothing more than austere service cuts dressed up as a political gimmick. It's not just cruel – it's bad leadership on the basic services Vancouverites expect.

The OneCity Team will make the budget something you can read, something you help write, and something that reflects what you actually believe our city owes its people.

Participatory Budgeting – OneCity will revive participatory budgeting and scale it citywide. For the first time, residents will have real spending power and key information.

In 2021, West End residents decided how to spend $100,000 in a pilot that was deemed a success but never expanded. We'll make it easier for successful pilots to become longstanding practice and use our Office of Community Engagement to engage directly with residents on what they want to see in their community.

We'll publish the budget in plain language, with line-by-line accountability, ending ABC's opaque budget strategy and ensuring that residents can see and understand how public funds are being allocated.

When neighbours get a real say in how their money is spent, we get a budget that reflects what our communities actually need and a City Hall that answers to all of us.

Make Waterhogs Pay – A mansion with flower beds, five bathrooms, and eight faucets uses more water than a Vancouver Special, but gets charged the same amount. Water is our most precious resource and both our City and our region have ignored the looming water crisis for decades while letting rich property owners use as much as they want and not pay their fair share.

OneCity will create a citywide plan to monitor water and stormwater use. It will save money for the average Vancouverite and make big water users pay their fair share.

Here's how it will work:

- **Introduce Water Meters** – We'll introduce water meters to measure water use and show which areas need more infrastructure.
- **Change Lot-Based Stormwater Fees** – We'll base stormwater fees on the size of your lot, which means that as a renter, you'll pay less, not more.
- **A Vancouver Special Guarantee** – The owner of a typical Vancouver Special will pay no more under the plan.
- **Stormwater Upgrades** – We'll invest in stormwater upgrades, so we all save money over time.

Exploring a Fairer Property Tax System – Right now, a senior on a fixed income in a modest home and the owner of a multimillion-dollar mansion pay the same property tax rate, leaving working families to carry more than their fair share of what it takes to run our city. A fairer system would ask those with the most to contribute their share. We'll explore the feasibility of a progressive property tax, including amending the Vancouver Charter, in partnership with the Province. Balancing revenues with progressive revenue options can make budget planning fairer, as wealthy property owners pay more and everyone else gets a better deal.

Crack Down on Tax Dodgers – Vacant housing lots should be used for housing. Major projects designed and promised to deliver thousands of homes have sat vacant so their owners can get a tax break, instead of helping to fight the housing crisis. OneCity will introduce additional City-level requirements to stop approved development lands from dodging taxes by doing nothing with it.

We'll direct staff to report back on new measures, including an evaluation process for these properties and a time limit on vacant land. Owners who don't build will pay a fee.



*"A City's budget is the **clearest way of seeing where its true priorities lie**. We owe it to Vancouverites to make it as easy as possible to understand where their money is being directed. Vancouver's residents should have access to **a detailed budget with clear comparisons with previous years** so they can see at a glance what's being cut and what's being invested in."*

*– **Lucy Maloney**, City Councillor & Candidate*

Fix Pipes & Potholes Before They Break

Infrastructure Liability Audit – Vancouverites deserve to know the status of their streets, parks, pipes, and pools, and if they need fixing. Currently, the City can skirt by without telling Vancouverites just how much money it'll cost to fix streets, parks, pipes, and pools. OneCity will make it public so we know the cost and strain on our infrastructure that's taking place.

Fix It Before It Breaks – OneCity will use our audit of aging infrastructure to carry out preventative maintenance, and schedule renewal, so repairs happen before manageable problems become expensive disasters. It's a simple idea: spend money fixing things at the right time instead of paying more money to replace them when they fail.

Protecting Against Service Cuts – Running a city like a business doesn't work. Cutting costs inevitably cuts programs and services. Kids don't get ice time, garbage doesn't get picked up, and permits and approvals slow to a crawl.

OneCity will adopt a Public Services Protection Test before the City cuts, contracts out, privatizes, or reduces any municipal service. The test will require an analysis of service, workforce, and equity impacts, along with the long-term costs to the City.

We'll put it in place through a Council motion amending budget and procurement reporting requirements, so every proposal includes this analysis and in-house delivery is prioritized.

Align City Council, Park, & School Boards to Deliver Services – Every four years, Vancouverites go to the polls to elect their local governments on a promise of cooperation and coordination to deliver results.

But some of the biggest obstacles to improving everyday life in Vancouver come from overlap and conflict over jurisdiction and responsibility. People don't care whose job it is. They care that the job gets done.

OneCity is committed to being good neighbours, and that includes between City Council, Park Board, and School Board. We'll work to align Shared Services Agreements so parks, public spaces, and other key services can be supported by each level of government and available to as many Vancouverites as possible.

Restore the Living Wage – Workers who serve our city should be able to live in it. Vancouver can't credibly call itself a city for workers if the people who serve our neighbours can't afford to live here.

OneCity will recertify Vancouver as a living wage employer so that working for the City means you can afford to live in the City. Through a City Council motion or budget direction, we'll focus on how recertification can happen, and apply it to new contracts and renewals in the next budget year. We'll also encourage staff to create a compliance report and a plain-language process, so workers can raise concerns without needing a lawyer.

DEMOCRATIC REFORM

Make Your Vote Matter

Office of Direct Community Engagement – Community engagement in Vancouver isn't working. In order to undertake major projects, service changes, and effectively plan for our City, we need to consult the communities where it all happens. Ken Sim and ABC have repeatedly steamrolled over the public through rushed plans, late-stage notifications, and disastrous public hearings. They've made no effort to actually connect with community members and co-create the city we all want to see.

OneCity will create a new Office of Direct Community Engagement that deploys city staff directly into communities for policy, planning, and resourcing decisions. Engagement will shape outcomes, rather than rubber-stamp outcomes already decided. Staff will go to residents, not the other way around. They'll do proactive outreach in areas underrepresented at City Hall, so engagement goes beyond light consultation and chaotic public hearings. OneCity has already proposed this fix, and it was voted down by ABC. When elected, we'll get it done.

City Hall on Wheels – We will launch a pilot for mobile 3-1-1 Service Vans meant to bridge the gap between City Hall and folks who for too long have been deprived of basic city services. Our new 3-1-1 service vans will bring City Hall right to you. You'll be able to talk to city workers, (and your elected officials), to tell them directly about that pothole that needs fixing and get a response right away. You shouldn't have to go to Cambie to feel like someone heard you. This is an easy way to bring City Hall to you, so that you can make your complaints, comments, and questions heard.

Democratic Reform – Our current electoral system privileges political machines with massive amounts of money to win across the city leading to neighbourhoods like Chinatown and South Vancouver being used for their vote and ignored in the halls of power.

OneCity commits to an instant run off ranked ballot for mayor and the use of new voting methods, like proportional representation, to ensure that your ballot actually reflects who your neighbourhood wants to lead the City, not just who has the best funded campaign.

We'll get there by supporting a Citizen's Assembly on Electoral Reform that will recommend either a proportional, ward, or hybrid system to improve diversity and representation, ahead of the 2030 election.

What Does This Mean For You?

OneCity believes that we can do things like community consultation better, and we'll work with you to build the city we all dream of. We can fix the way we elect our government, so you can trust that you have someone who cares about the things you care about in City Hall. We also believe City Hall shouldn't be a labyrinth of bureaucracy: we can and should meet you where you're at, not the other way around.

Where You Come In

No matter who you vote for Mayor, OneCity will be a champion for these policies in Council, Park, and School Boards.

If you want to see OneCity hold the balance of power in Vancouver, ***volunteer, donate, and vote*** *for all 13 candidates by October 17.*

City Council - Vote for up to 10

- #100 – **HAGGLUND, Jarrett**
- #113 – **BONAMIS, Iona 陶思穎**
- #131 – **MALONEY, Lucy**
- #146 – **BULA, Frances**
- #149 – **STOCKWELL, Caitlin**

School Board – Vote for up to 9

- #301 – **SIGURDSON, Krista**
- #302 – **BROWN, Rory**
- #321 – **BRESHEARS, Sherry**
- #325 – **LEE, Christopher 李基鵬**
- #328 – **CARDWELL, Steve**

Park Board – Vote for up to 7

- #214 – **PETERSEN, Tyler**
- #217 – **IRWIN, John**
- #230 – **DENOFRIO, Dominic**

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