

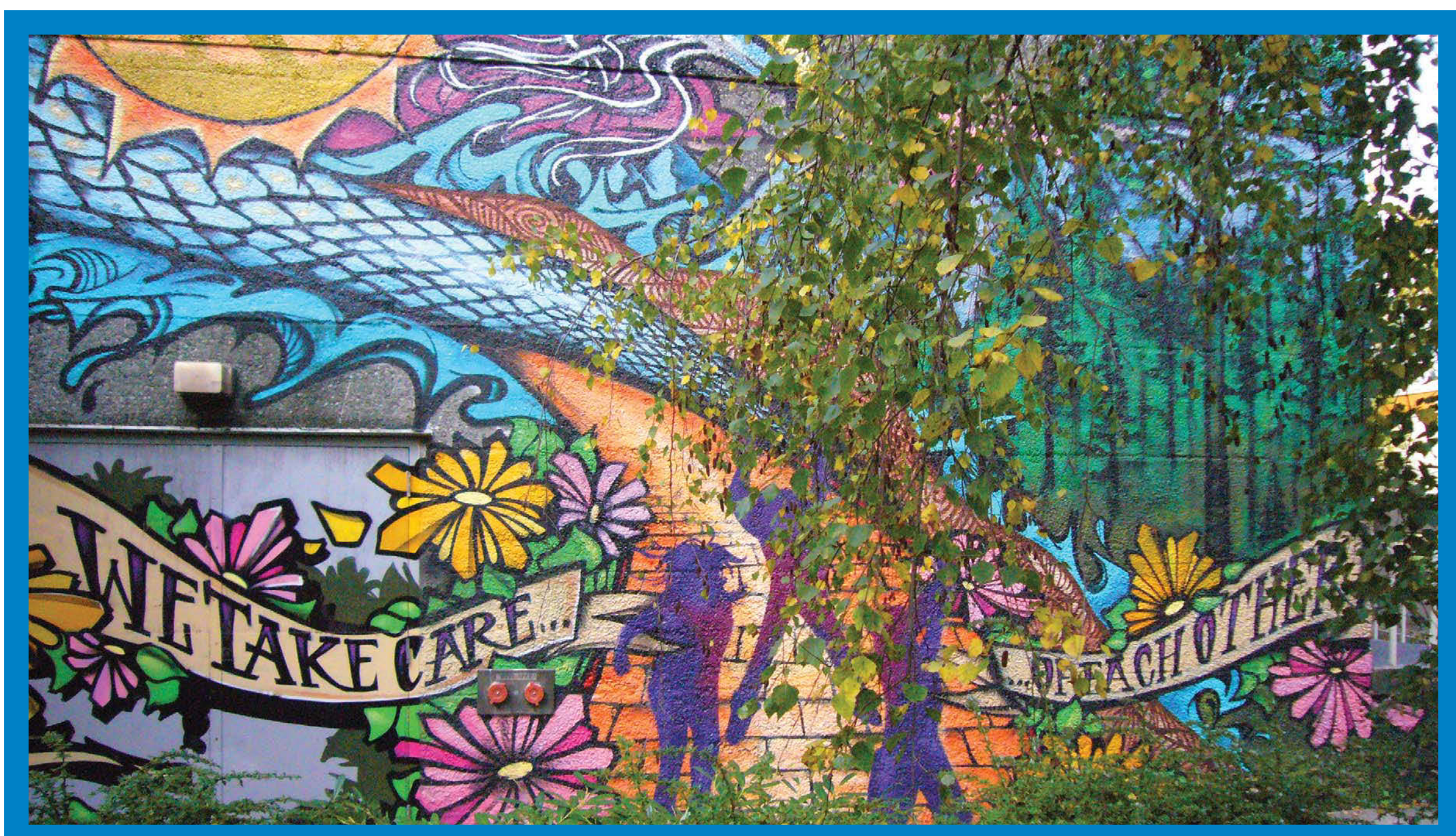
Welcome

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Background

It's been five years since the adoption of the Downtown Eastside Plan ("DTES Plan"). Implementation of the actions and directions of the 2014 Plan continues to be a collective effort between various community groups, organizations, City departments, and other levels of government.

The Plan includes direction for staff to monitor implementation progress through regular meetings with the community. Today's Community Fair gives us a chance to take stock of the Plan's impact to date and have a conversation about our priorities moving forward.



Strathcona Community Centre, *We Take Care of Each Other* - Scott Chan, Ann Marie Slater & Coleman Webb.



Share Your Thoughts

Please take a look at the information boards, ask questions of staff and fill out the questionnaire.

Your feedback today will be used to:

- Report back to Council in 2020 on Plan implementation progress;
- Help the City consider DTES project and funding priorities for the next five years;
- Understand the impact of the Plan's strategies to date, and consider any improvements moving forward.

See survey at the following link:
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Purpose of Fair


- Share updates on the implementation progress of the DTES Plan (by the City and community groups);
- Engage community groups to show their work and achievements in the DTES; and
- Seek public input on the DTES Plan funding priorities for the next five years.

Highlights from the Past 5 Years (2014-2019)


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APPROVED HOUSING

FROM 2015-2018
\$1.7 MILLION
~ IN ~
SRO UPGRADE GRANTS



850
UNITS OF
SOCIAL HOUSING
(WITHIN DTES)



569
UNITS AT SHELTER
RATES INCLUDING
130
**TEMPORARY
MODULAR
HOUSING
UNITS**
(WITHIN DTES)

CITYWIDE
4,566
UNITS OF
**SOCIAL
HOUSING**
INCLUDING
1,247
UNITS AT
SHELTER RATES

TRANSPORTATION

336
**CHINATOWN
DRAGON
LIGHTS**
UPGRADED FOR
ENERGY EFFICIENCY



26 NEW
**SIDEWALK
RAMPS**




3 NEW
CROSSWALKS



5 NEW
PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS


STREET & SIDEWALK UPGRADES:

**SEPARATED
BIKEWAYS
ADDED TO
CAMBIE &
BEATTY STREETS**




COMMUNITY


**NEW NÓC'A?MAT CT
STRATHCONA
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
OPENED IN 2017




\$6 MILLION+
IN COMMUNITY
SERVICE
GRANTS
TO DTES
ORGANIZATIONS



30 NEW
**CHILDCARE
SPACES**
AT
**CROSTOWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



570,000+
MEALS
SERVED
PER YEAR
TO DTES RESIDENTS



PARKS & OPEN SPACE

27
FOOT
SURVIVORS'
**TOTEM
POLE**
RAISED IN
**PIGEON
PARK**



**POND
RENEWAL
AT
DR. SUN
YAT-SEN
GARDEN**



**NEW
ANDY
LIVINGSTONE
PARK
PLAYGROUND**

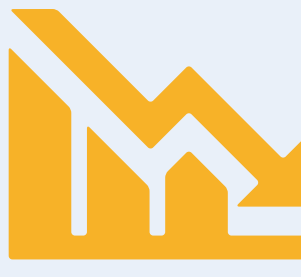


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**NEIGHBOURHOOD
BULLETIN
BOARDS**
~ IN ~
CHINATOWN,
OPPENHEIMER,
STRATHCONA,
MACLEAN PARK, &
VICTORY SQUARE



LOCAL ECONOMY


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
DOWN TO
9.2%
FROM 12.6%
IN 2011




5.3%
INCREASE IN JOBS
SINCE 2011



21,105
PEOPLE WORKING
IN THE DTES




**\$3.7
MILLION**
~ IN ~
**GRANTS FOR
SOCIAL, ECONOMIC &
ENVIRONMENTAL
OBJECTIVES**
OF DTES PLAN



HERITAGE

\$300,000
IN
**HERITAGE FAÇADE
REHABILITATION
GRANTS**

**\$2.1
MILLION**
IN
**CHINESE
SOCIETY
BUILDINGS**
GRANTS FOR CRITICAL
BUILDING UPGRADES



ARTS & CULTURE

**\$5.9
MILLION**
~ IN ~
**ARTS &
CULTURE
GRANTS**



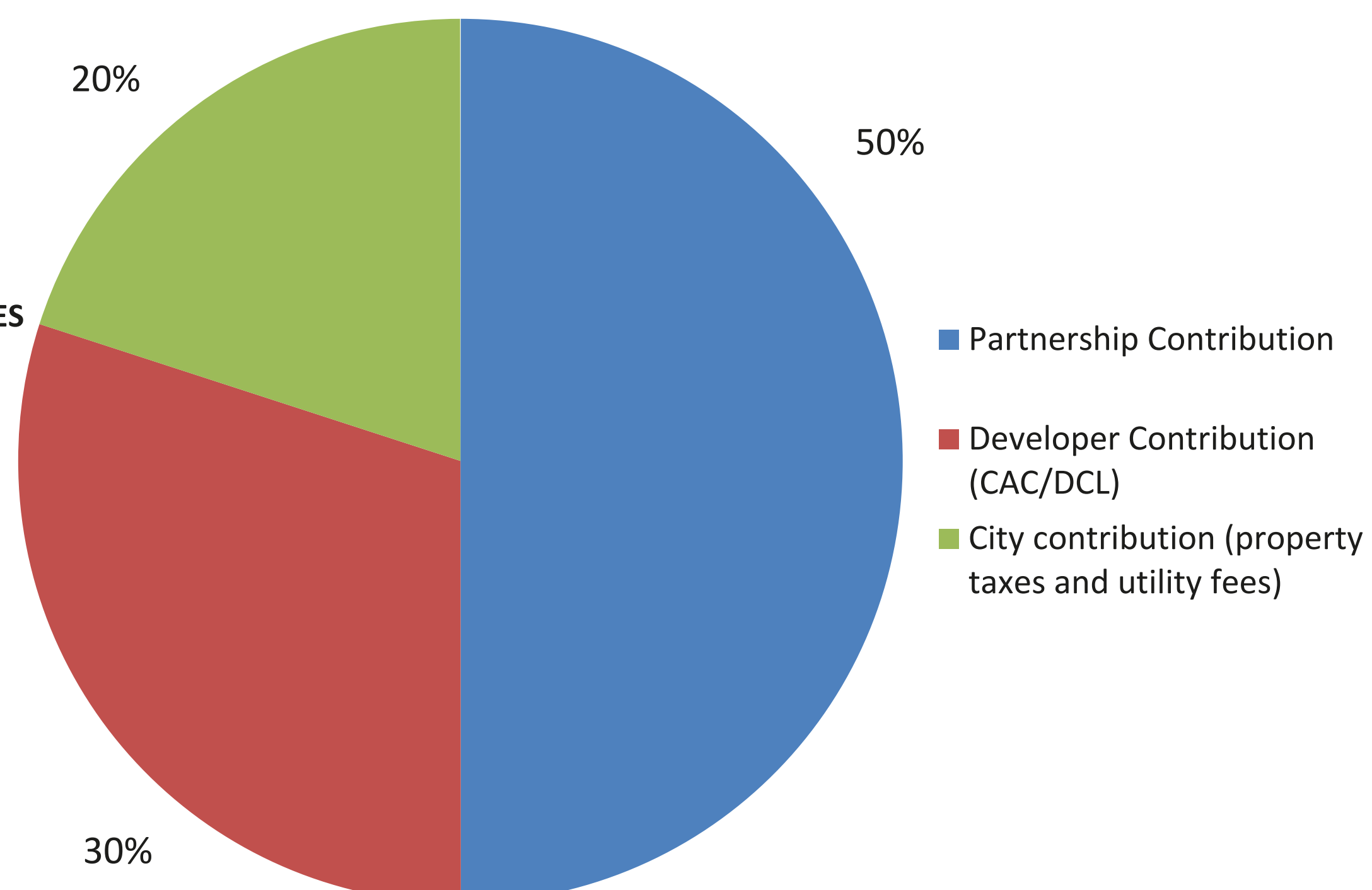
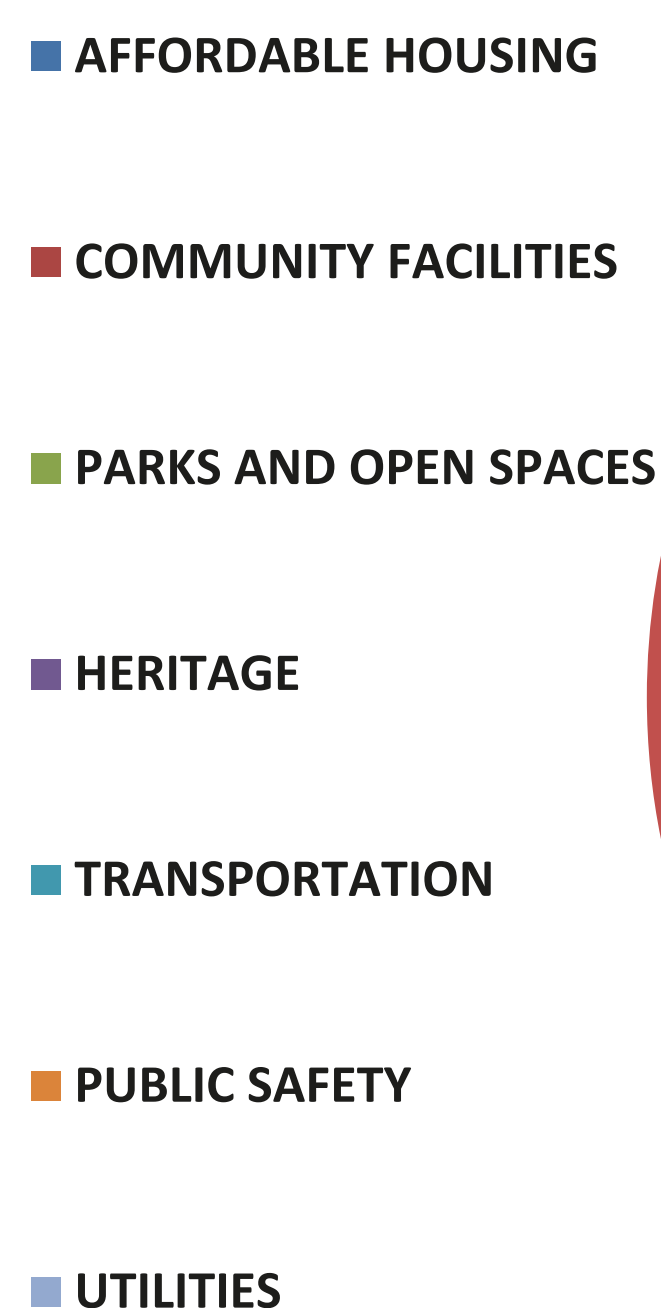
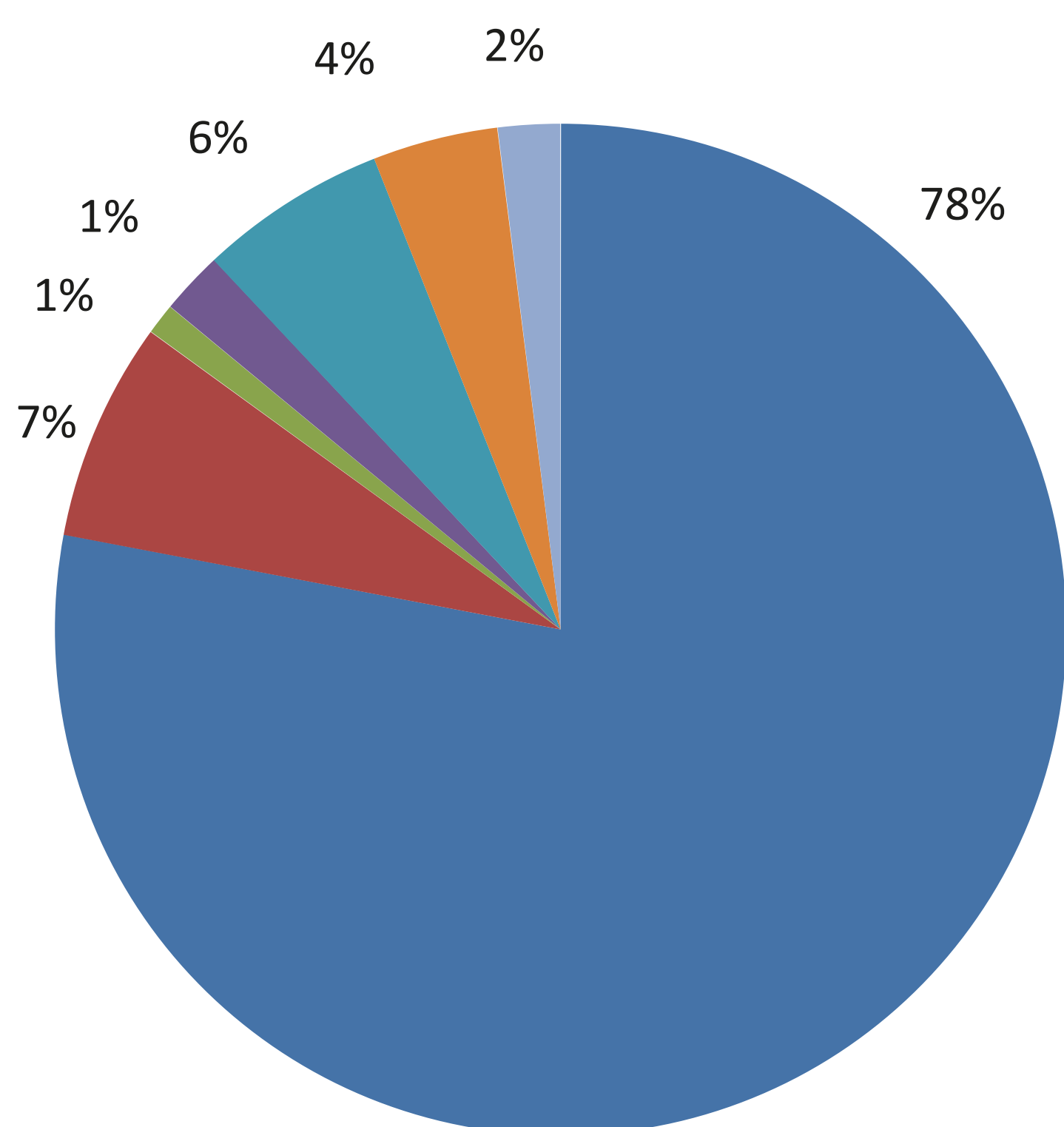

Public Benefits

A Public Benefits Strategy (PBS) provides strategic direction for future capital investments in a community over the long term (30 years). It covers six areas that support livable, healthy and sustainable communities: community facilities, parks and open spaces, heritage, affordable housing, public safety, transportation, and utilities.

PBS takes into account existing amenities and infrastructure and considers gaps and deficiencies, as well as new demand as the neighbourhood grows and evolves. The DTES PBS is aspirational and reflects the needs and desires of the community. Throughout the DTES plan process, a number of priorities were identified, which are summarized below:

Public Benefits tracking since 2014

Category	Anticipated Public Benefits	Completed	In Progress	%Complete
Housing	4,400 additional social housing units 3,000 secured market rental units 1,100 upgraded privately-owned, non-profit operated SROs	104 social housing units 240 secured market rental housing units	26 social housing units 90 secured market rental units	5%
Childcare	Approx. 148 spaces for children 0-4 Approx. 144 spaces for children 5-12		85 spaces of out of school care 37 space childcare	5%
Transportation/ Public Realm	Safety improvements for all users Bikeway improvements and new bikeways Drinking fountains and automated public toilets Reconstruction of Water St.	Intersection upgrades for pedestrians/cyclists Chinatown dragon streetlights Cambie St. & Beatty St. separated bike lanes	Street trees between Carrall St. & Clark Dr. Blood Alley Square and Trounce Alley	10%
Culture	Preserve and stabilize cultural assets Retain/create multi-use neighbourhood creative spaces Public art	Survivors' Pigeon Park Totem Pole BC Artscape – Sun Wah Centre		20%
Civic/Community	Ray-Cam Co-op Centre and Strathcona Community Centre replacement Library with supportive housing units	néca?mat ct Strathcona Library Branch with supportive housing units		20%
Heritage	Extension and expansion of <i>Heritage Façade Rehabilitation</i> and <i>Heritage Building Rehabilitation Programs</i>	Chinese Society Buildings grants		10%
Social Facilities	N/A	N/A		N/A
Parks	Park upgrades Mini parks and urban plazas	Pond renewal at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden		10%



Funding Sources

Distribution of Benefits

Demographics of the DTES

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The DTES today:

The Downtown Eastside continues to grow as a mixed income area with vulnerable low income residents, working families, and middle and upper income residents.

The DTES has grown by approximately 1,800 people since the 2011 census totalling 20,7175 residents in 2016.

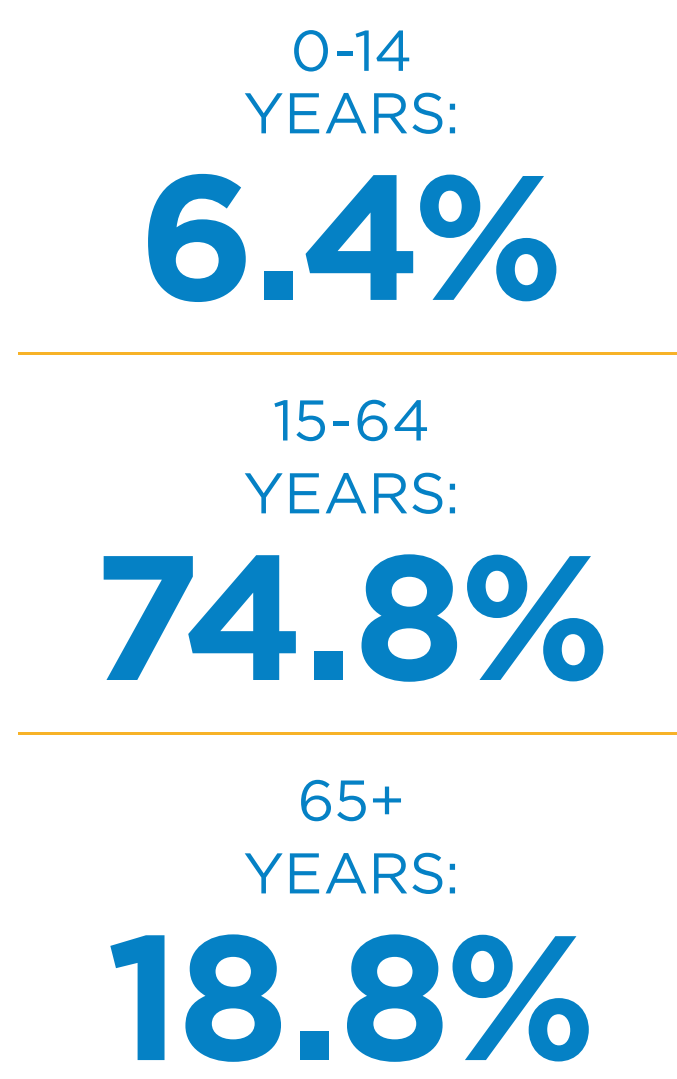
This increase of mainly middle to upper income families has lifted the median household income from \$13,691 in 2006 to \$23,359 in 2016 (per annum per household,) broadening the divide between the various groups.

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE BASED ON 2016 CENSUS

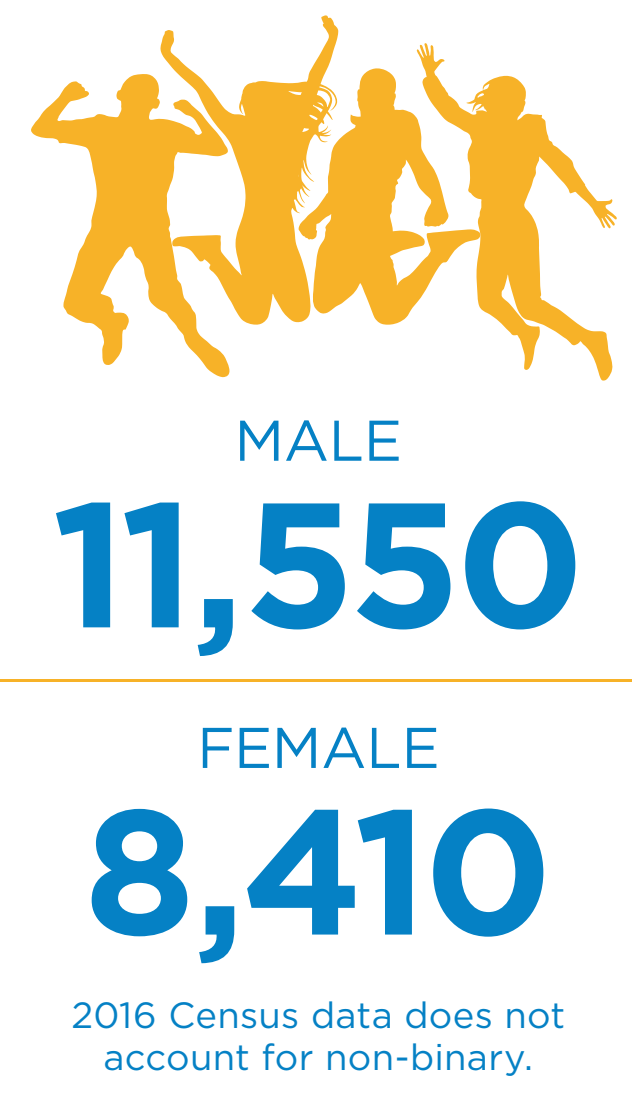
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AGE



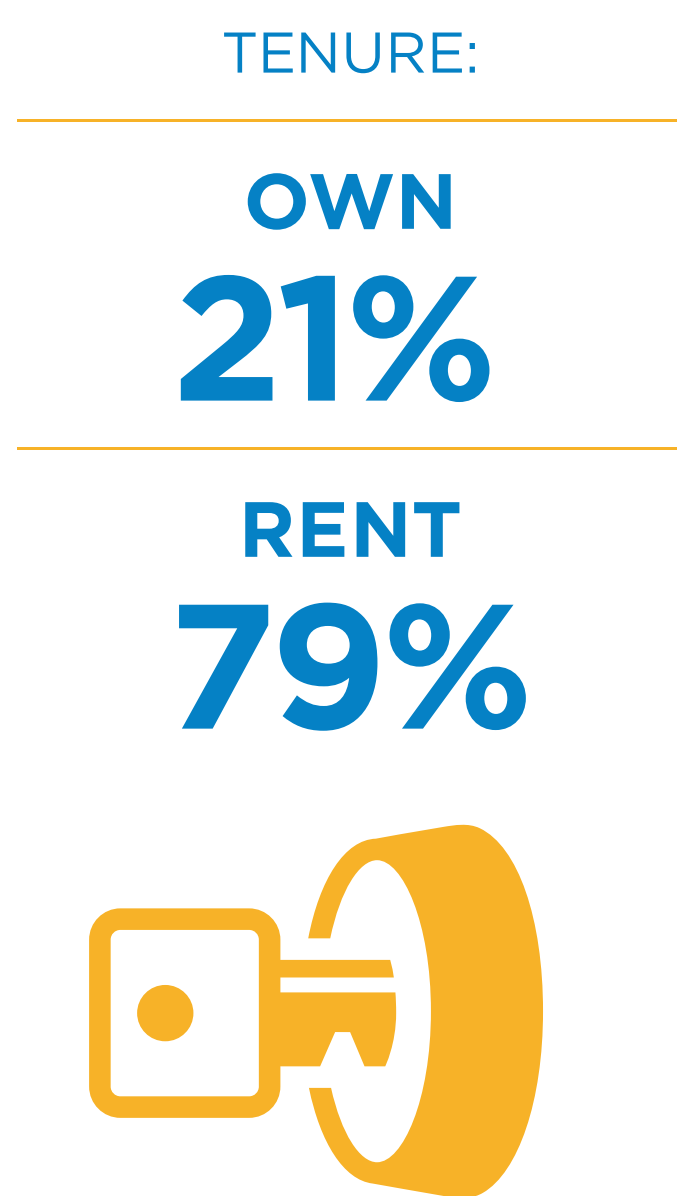
GENDER



IDENTITY



HOUSING



INCOME



COMMUTE



Neighbourhood Context

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Neighbourhood Change

Although the City has approved more than 4,500 units of social housing over the past five years, the level of homelessness has grown from 1,803 in 2014 to 2,223 people in 2019.

Efforts are being made by numerous partners to address this challenge including:

- New integrated healthcare facilities in several places along Hastings Street (VCH);
- Additional housing (City, BC Housing, non-profit agencies, and developers);
- New child care spaces; and adding or maintaining local serving retail amenities where possible.

Another challenge is the loss of local-serving affordable retail units and restaurants. Change has placed pressure on the lives of vulnerable residents who are faced with mental health difficulties, addictions, and challenges of the opioid crisis.



Reconciliation and Cultural Redress

The DTES is located on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and is home to Vancouver's largest Urban Indigenous population.

The DTES Plan process included working with the Urban Indigenous communities, and as part of the Reconciliation legacy in the DTES, Indigenous place-making is encouraged in the community through supporting inter-generational housing projects, programming, public art, and the establishment of a new community facility linked to healing and wellness.

The DTES also has a vibrant Chinese Canadian community (Chinatown) and was once the home grounds of Japanese Canadian (Poweru gai), Black Canadian (Hogan's Alley), and other ethnic communities prior to strategies of removal.

Planning in the DTES strives to ensure that the area's diverse cultural heritage is recognized and celebrated, for instance, through public realm improvements, public art, events and programming and strategic development and heritage rehabilitation opportunities.



DTES Plan

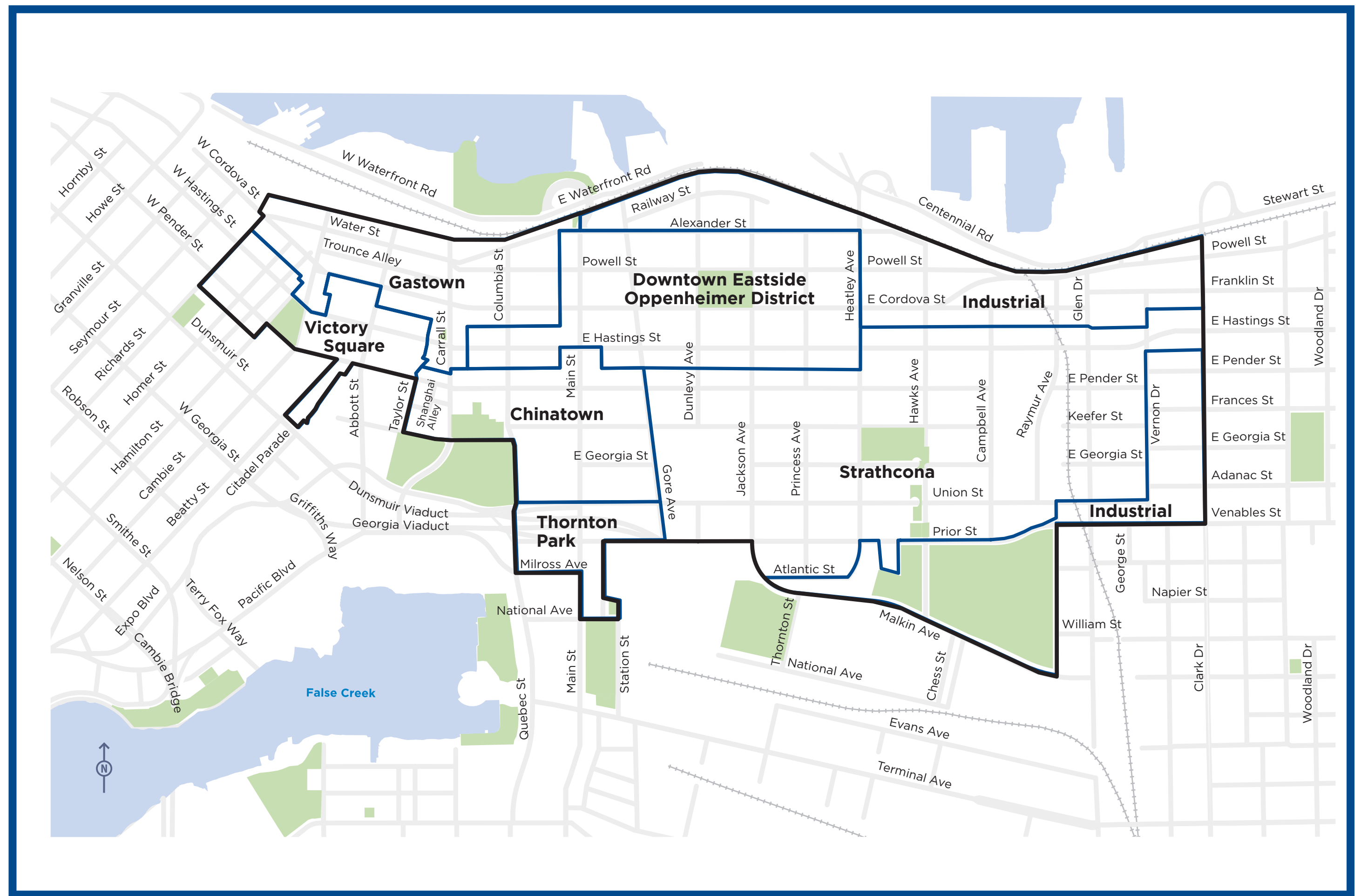
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DTES Plan Vision Summary

“... a neighbourhood of communities providing sustainable, safe and healthy places for everyone to live and work. The neighbourhood will be made up of mixed income-communities with a range of affordable housing options (including social housing) for all residents, local serving commerce, social services and cultural activities where all feel welcome, valued and at home.”

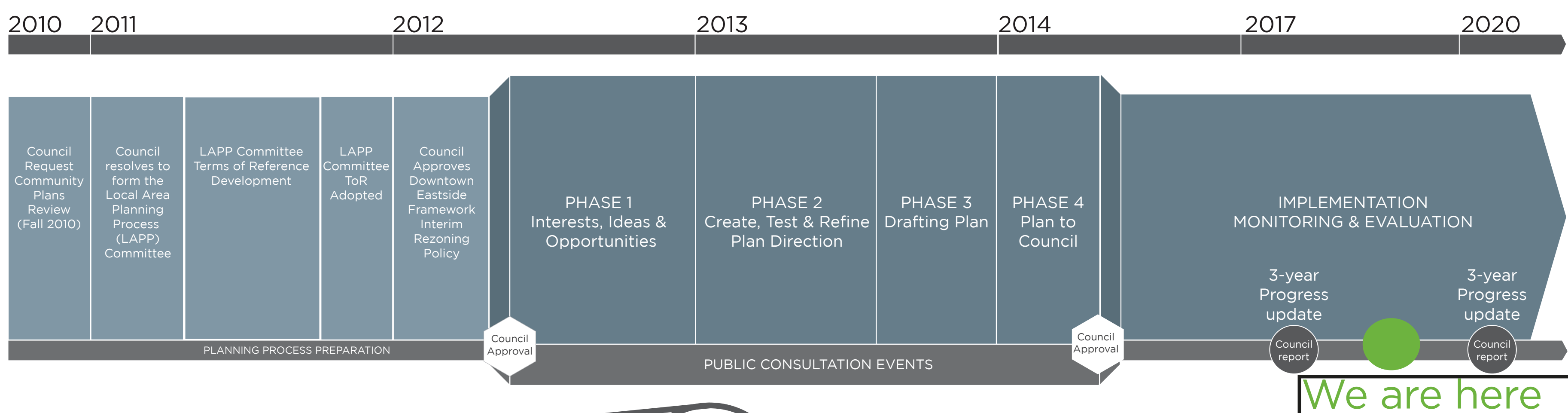
WHAT IS A LOCAL AREA PLAN?

The DTES Local Area Plan (the “DTES Plan”) was adopted by Council in 2014 and is a policy document that provides a 30-year vision (summarized above) and strategic directions for community building in the seven sub-areas of the DTES.



Plan Development & Monitoring

The Plan was developed in partnership between the City and the Local Area Planning Process (LAPP) Committee, which consisted of representatives from a number of community groups, low-income and middle income residents, Indigenous groups, as well as business, non-profit housing and social service organizations.



TOTAL 5,065 Participants

TOTAL 335 Events & Meetings

169 LAPP Committee Meetings

90 Public Events & Meetings

6 Action While Planning - Projects Implemented

NEWS

@ 720 Signed-up on List-serv

We are here

Staff to regularly report back to Council every three years to monitor the pace and impact of neighbourhood change in the DTES.

The DTES is located on the unceded traditional lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Social Impact Objectives

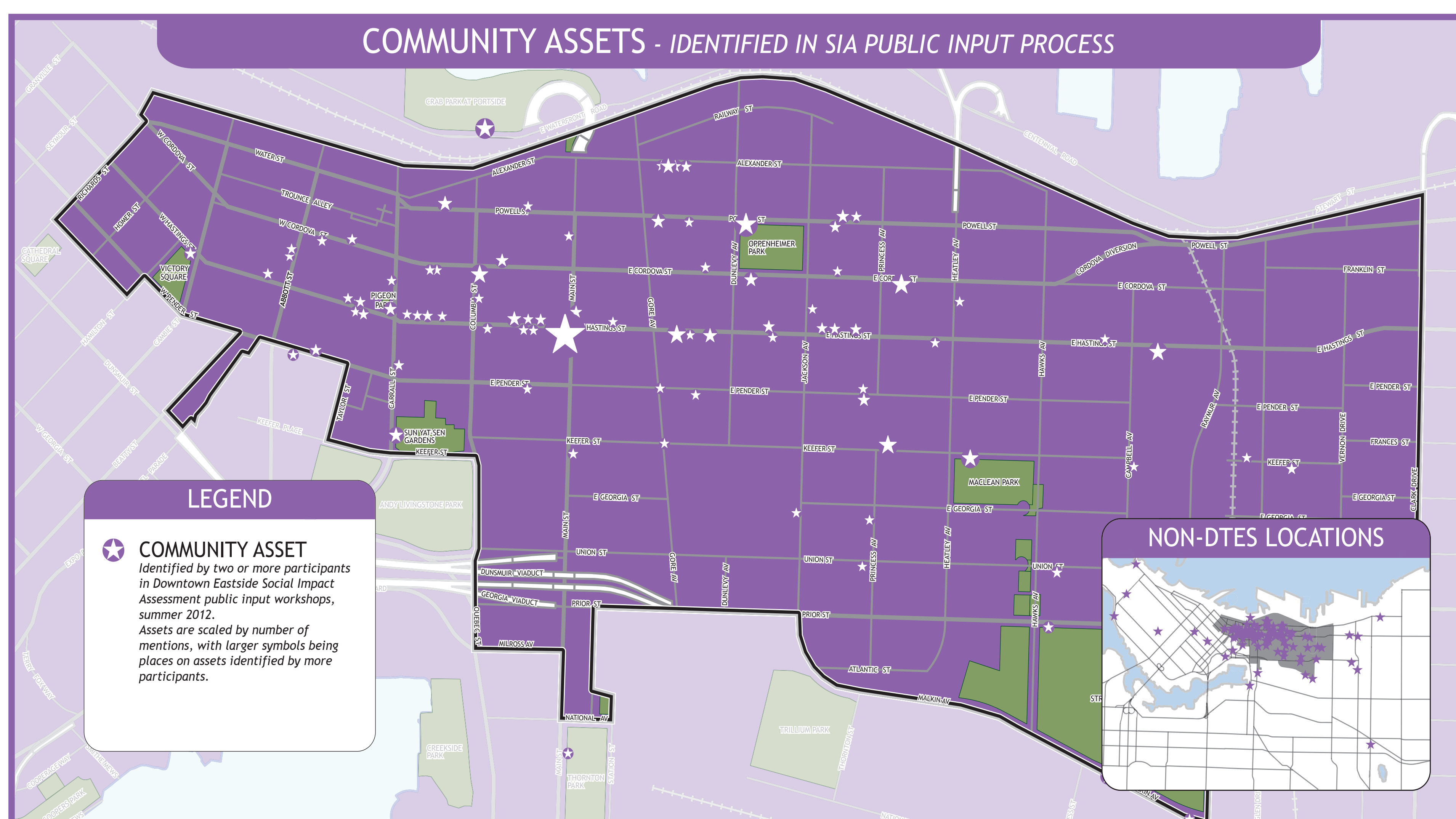
Central to the overall vision of the DTES Plan is the desire to manage neighbourhood change and impact of development on the existing low-income community in a way that enhances affordability, inclusivity, and avoids displacement of the most vulnerable residents.

The Social Impact Objectives of the Plan were created to guide the management of change and development in the DTES.



Social Impact Objectives Summary

- Ensure that developments and businesses fit the DTES social and community context.
- Encourage a wide range of housing options in the neighbourhood.
- Ensure diverse development that is respectful of surrounding scale and urban pattern.
- Improve the overall quality, accessibility and inclusiveness of the public realm.
- Maintain the diversity of businesses and support affordable commercial spaces.
- Encourage local and inclusive hiring in the construction, operation and maintenance phases of the improvement and the strengthening of social and micro economies.
- Maintain adequate health and social services as well as community amenities and gathering spaces.
- Retain, preserve and celebrate local heritage, arts and culture for all.



The 2012 Social Impact Assessment identified places and assets most valued by the DTES community.

Community Well-Being

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Strategic Directions



IMPROVED WELL-BEING FOR ALL

Increase Access to Nutritious, Affordable and Culturally Appropriate Food

Enhance Sense of Inclusion, Belonging and Safety for All

Increase Access to Quality Health, Social and Community Services

Create Opportunities for Affordable Childcare, Youth, Family and Seniors' Programs

The Healthy City Strategy describes the City's goals, actions and targets towards a long term vision for health, wellbeing and equity for all residents. Achieving this in the DTES means addressing significant health and social inequities, strengthening community assets, and leveraging new ones. Ensuring that people have their basic needs (food, shelter, and clothing) met is a critical principle guiding the plan.



McGregor Mural by Christina Peori

Highlights of Implementation include:

Increasing access to nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food

- \$1 million in grants to DTES organizations since 2014 to address community food priorities, including grants to Potluck Cafe, Strathcona Community Centre Association, Hua Foundation, DTES Neighbourhood house, Hives for Humanity, SOLE Foods, BC Artscape, Vancouver Native Health, and Hastings Urban Farm.
- Developed a Food Services Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment Framework, and assessed the City's three low cost meal programs.
- Served an average of 1,567 low cost meals per day, 365 days per year through Carnegie and Evelyne Saller community centres.

Strengthening and leveraging community assets

- Provided 19 organizational and capacity building grants since 2014. From these grants, community has been able to leverage matching investments from other funders.
- Developing a Social Infrastructure Framework to support investment and decision-making to improve the equitable distribution of social resources and amenities across Vancouver's neighbourhoods.
- Crosstown Elementary School opened in 2017, adding 30 new childcare spaces.
- Approved the construction of two 37-space childcare facilities on top of two adjacent, City-owned parkade structures at 150 Water Street and 151 Cordova, for operation in 2020.

Community Well-Being

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Highlights of Implementation include:

Enhancing inclusion, belonging and safety

- Secured funding to work with sex workers and community allies to develop a comprehensive plan for Sex Worker Safety for Hastings Corridor.
- Secured funding to undertake a safe public spaces scoping study as a part of the City of Vancouver's United Nations Safe Cities commitments.
- Hired two staff to move forward on commitments to the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry as recommended by the Oppal Commission.
- Provided \$112,500 to the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre Society to support the operations of The Sau'ust Centre, offering services and supports to families and survivors of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.



Increasing access to quality health, social and community services

- Completed the Aboriginal Health, Healing, and Wellness DTES Study (2017).
- Invested \$1 million in the St Paul's Hub, which opened in July 2018, a one-stop-shop to provide people with integrated and specialized emergency mental health and substance use care.
- Provided 144 Direct Social Service grants since 2014*. Of these grants, community has been able to leverage matching investments from other funders.
- Now seeking a permanent site for a new Indigenous Healing and Wellness Centre focused on Indigenous healing and wellness activities.
- Working in partnership with the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council and the newly formed Metro Vancouver Indigenous Services Society, to provide cultural responses to the overdose crisis through the Urban Indigenous Overdose Task Force.
- Instituted a 0.5% property tax in December 2016, resulting in a \$3.5 million investment in overdose response: \$2 million was allocated to Fire and Rescue Services, and \$1.5million was invested in grants for innovative community-based projects.
- Through the City's grant investments, community organizations have leveraged an additional \$1.3million to address the overdose emergency such as; peer witnessing programs in housing and shelters, innovative drug testing equipment, peer employment, and Urban Indigenous Task Force initiatives.

** Note: the City of Vancouver provides Direct Social Service and Organizational and Capacity Building grants to numerous organizations that service the needs of DTES residents, but may be physically located outside of the neighbourhood's boundary.*

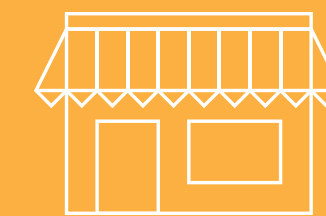
Local Economy

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The economic goal is for the DTES to create a competitive, resilient and sustainable economy that maintains a high quality of life for all where residents can make a living and meet their basic needs.

New and existing local businesses need to be supported through closer relationships between businesses and residents. Social enterprise and local economic innovation require an environment in which they can grow and thrive, while residents need affordable goods and services close to home. Most importantly, all residents need to make a living to afford to meet their basic needs and create a better life for themselves, their children and their community.

Strategic Directions



**VIBRANT INCLUSIVE
LOCAL ECONOMY**

Attract New Business

Enhance Local Serving Retail

Encourage Inclusive Local
Employment

Retain Local Business



Highlights of Implementation include:

Policies

- The DTES Community Economic Development (CED) Strategy (2016) involves dozens of community organizations co-implementing actions to improve economic inclusion and empowerment.
- Community Benefits Agreement Policy (2018) requires that new development projects over 45,000 m² (484,375 sq. ft.) hire a minimum of 10% of their labour from inner-city and equity-seeking neighbourhoods as well as source 10% of materials and services from local businesses and social enterprises.
- Retail and Small Business Retention Research - the City has invested in a range of research looking into policy responses in other cities to retain independent small businesses this included research in 2017 into Legacy Businesses, which examined similar issues in San Francisco. Current research underway in 2019 examining city-wide retail trends in Vancouver.

Partnerships and programming groups include:

Exchange Inner City, DTES Locals Card, Social Innovation Hubs, EMBERS Eastside Works, 312 Main Centre for Social and Economic Innovation, Community Impact Real Estate Society (CIRES), Binnars' Project, DTES Market, and DTES Women's Market.

Housing

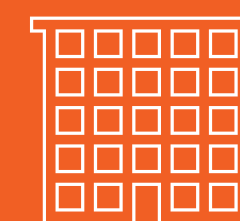
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Achieving housing afford-ability is a key objective of the DTES Plan. Securing housing for those with low incomes is a priority. The housing vision over the 30-year life of this plan is to revitalize and reinvest in a mix of housing in the DTES without displacing existing residents.

The first 10 years of the plan is focused on addressing immediate housing needs and the health crisis in the neighbourhood by mobilizing partnerships and innovation.



Strategic Directions



HEALTHY HOMES FOR ALL

More Affordability Income Subsidies

Better Health Supports

More Diversity Market Rental and Ownership

City-wide Choices Income Subsidies and Supports

City-wide Choices Social Housing

More Options Social Housing

Better Conditions SROs

Highlights of Implementation include:

- In 2017, the Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer Official Development Plan was updated so any development over a certain size must provide 60 per cent social housing and 40 per cent secured market rental.
- The Housing Vancouver Strategy, adopted by Council in 2017, aligns with and supports the implementation of the DTES Plan’s vision to create and sustain a vibrant, inclusive and affordable community.

SRO Revitalization:

- Single Room Accommodation By-law amendments in 2015 further discourage conversion or demolition of Single Room Occupancy units and prevent the loss of affordable SRO units.
- \$1.7 million provided by the City in SRO upgrade grants from 2015 to 2018.
- In 2017 and 2018, the Balmoral and Regent SRO hotels were closed after years of neglect by the private owners. Starting in the summer of 2018, the City began a process to expropriate these two buildings for the delivery of much needed social housing.

Housing

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Highlights of Implementation include:

New Social, Supportive and Shelter Rate Housing in the DTES:

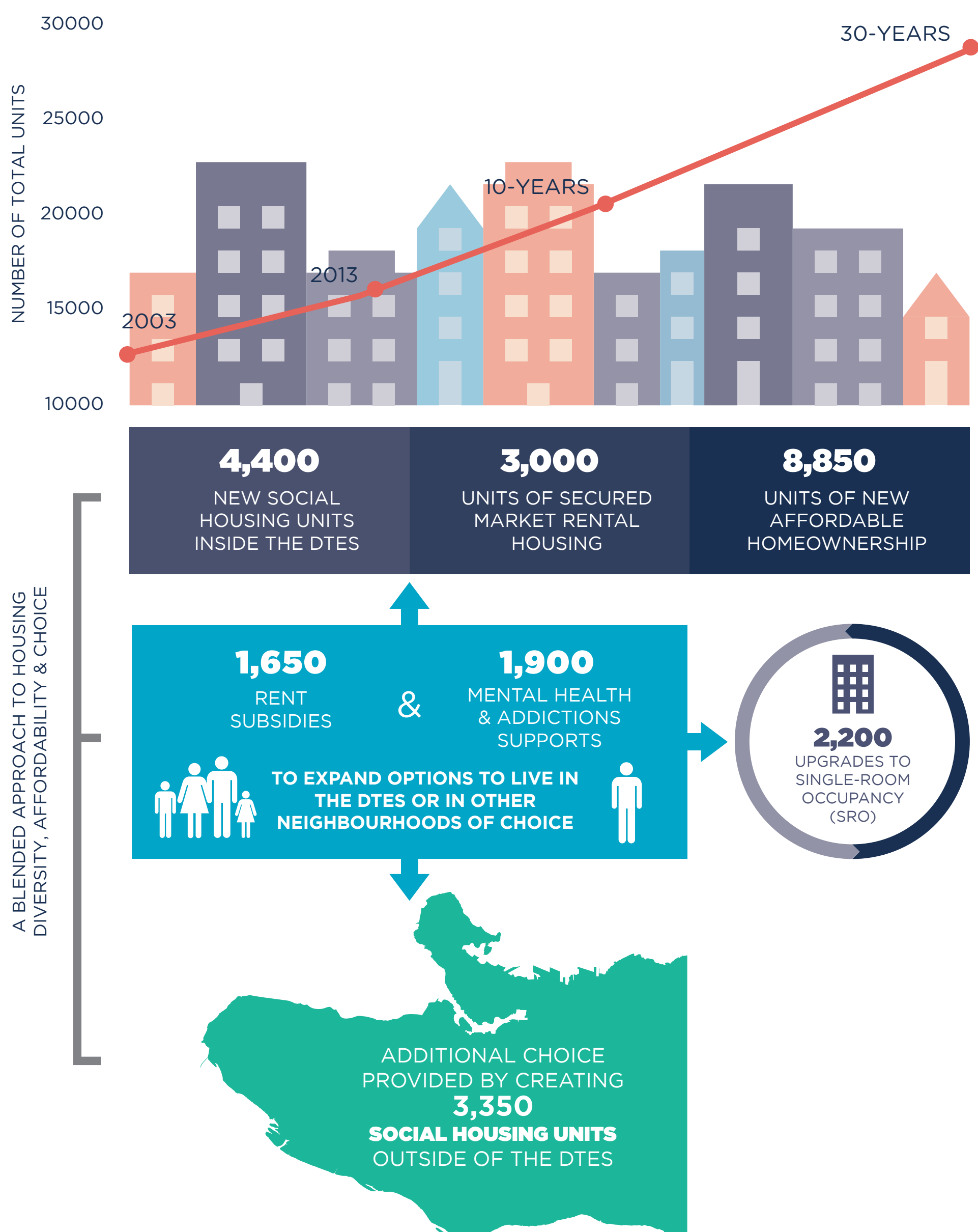
- Since adoption of the DTES Plan, over 600 units of new social housing have been approved in the DTES.
- Three temporary modular housing buildings totalling 130 units of shelter-rate housing were opened as part of a Rapid Response to Homelessness supported by BC Housing, the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health and non-profit housing partners.
 - Anecki House (39 units) - Aтира
 - Chartrand Place (39 units) - PHS
 - Nora Hendrix Place (52 units) - PHS
- Since 2010, 1,071 shelter-rate units have been completed, approved, or are under construction in the DTES.
- Currently, 210 shelter-rate units in the DTES are under construction and 241 shelter rates units have been approved.



DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE LOCAL AREA PLAN SUMMARY HOUSING



A FOCUS ON IMPROVED AFFORDABILITY, CONDITIONS AND SUPPORTS TOWARDS HEALTHY HOUSING FOR ALL

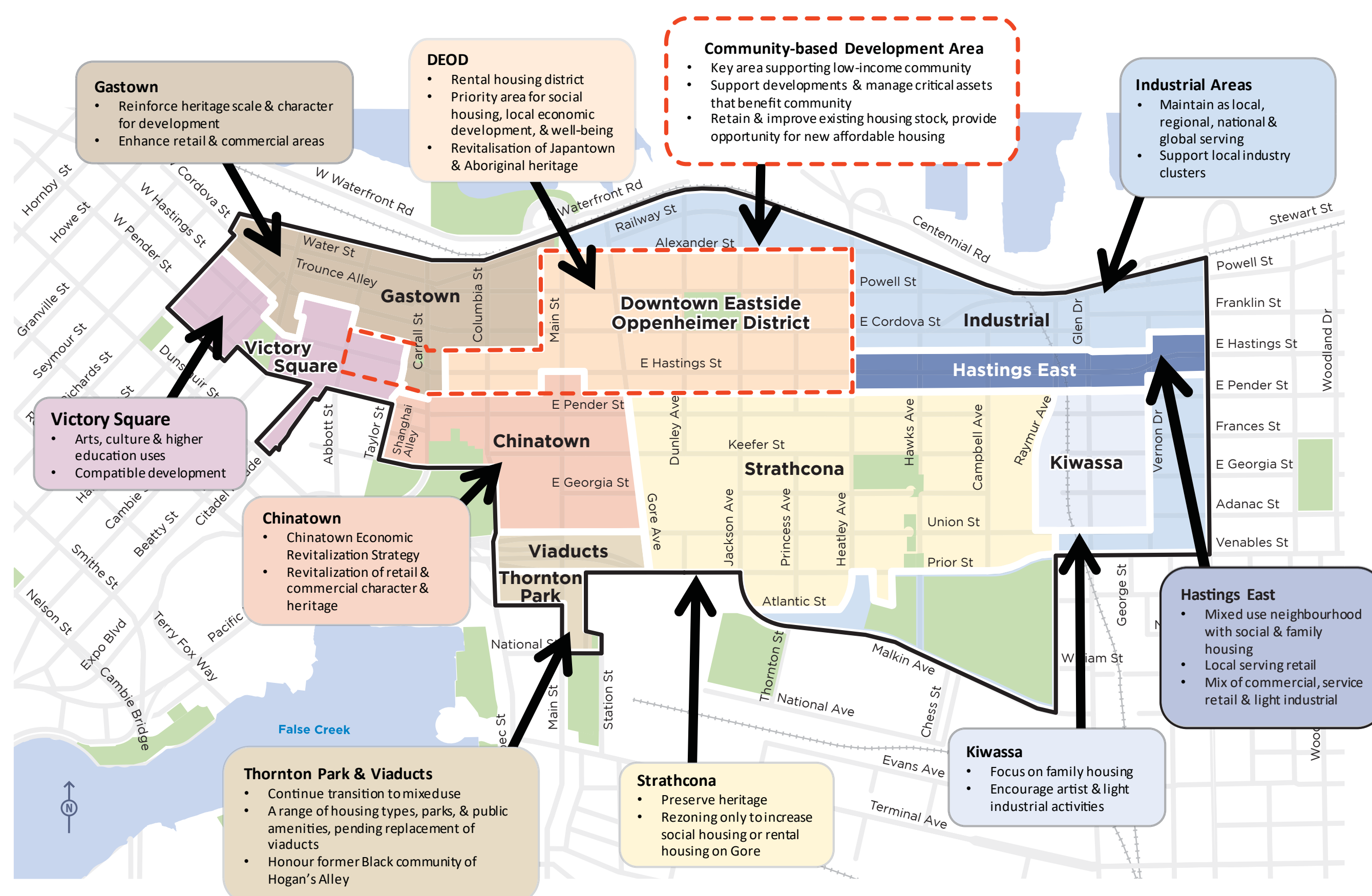


Market Housing:

- A variety of market projects have been undertaken in the DTES since 2014, including a new secured market rental project in Strathcona.
- Through the Housing Vancouver Strategy (2017) implementation, the City is working with BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, non-profit partners and CMHC to identify opportunities for coordinated government support for new housing and health-related developments to advance the DTES housing plan principles.

Built Form

Development Strategies for DTES neighbourhoods:



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WELL-MANAGED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

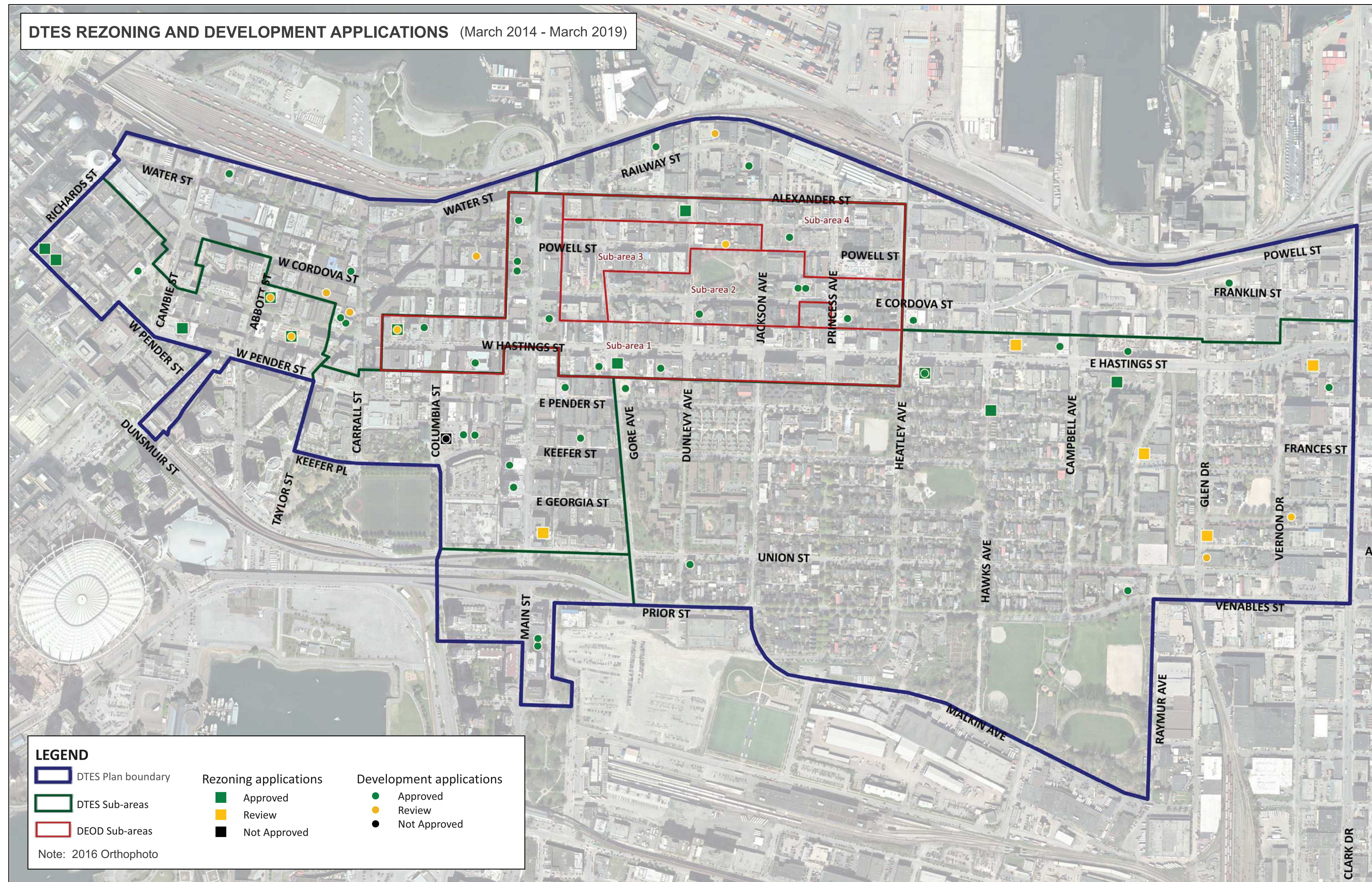
- Management of Social Impacts from Development
- Monitoring of Critical Community Assets
- New Mixed-use/Mixed-income Neighbourhoods

The DTES Plan sets out policies to guide the form of development of buildings in the Downtown Eastside, and ensure they reflect the distinct character and role of each neighbourhood.

Highlights of Implementation include:

- The Neighbourhood Fit Tool (NFT)(2016) is designed to help new development and business fit better in the neighbourhood. Based on the residents' feedback during the development of the Plan, the NFT applies to the "Community-Based Development Area", which is the area of highest concentration of low-income assets in the DTES.
- Zoning Amendments to the Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) in 2017 provide options for projects on certain sites to deliver affordable housing alongside priority uses: community health and well-being, local economic development, and social housing.
- Zoning Amendments to Chinatown District Schedules, Design Guidelines and Policies in 2018, including the revoking of the Rezoning Policy for Chinatown South (HA-1A), addressed community concerns about the changing character and pace of development in the area, and help conserve the special qualities of Chinatown.

Built Form



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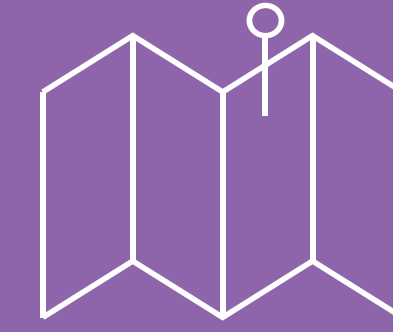
Community Place-Making

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“Place-making” is the term used to describe the process and philosophy of creating interesting, welcoming and engaging public spaces, like parks, plazas, streets and lanes.

The DTES is an area of diverse neighbourhoods and people, each with its own unique character and places with special meaning to the community. The DTES Plan provides the directions for key place-making opportunities throughout the neighbourhoods.

Strategic Directions



COMMUNITY PLACE-MAKING

Reflect the diversity of neighbourhoods

Safe and accessible spaces and places



Highlights of Implementation include:

- Staff are studying local serving small business and the effects of development change on their operations.
- Gastown Complete Streets project is focusing on the role of Water Street as a place and opportunities for pedestrian spaces.
- Blood Alley Square redesign involves opportunities for community stewardship, diverse programming and a solid waste management strategy.
- The Dragon Lights in Chinatown have been refurbished with contributions from local businesses and city capital funds.

Transportation

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Implementation of the DTES Plan continues to promote walking, cycling and transit, make efficient use of the road network, and support the local economy. This will make it easier, safer and more comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to get around the community, the city, and the region.

Highlights of Implementation include:

Planning & Studies:

- Gastown Complete Streets planning underway, to explore the possibility of a pedestrian priority district, enhanced cycling and transit connections, public space improvements, and heritage assessment work
- Mobility Advocacy Plan completed with the Strathcona Business Improvement Association

Transit:

- 95 B-Line service on Hastings Street
- Extended bus priority lane times on Hastings Street to increase bus reliability for the 95 B-Line, and Routes 3, 8, 14, 16, 20

Walking & Cycling:

- Improvements in Maple Tree Square and along the Alexander St. Bikeway to create better cycling connections between Strathcona and Gastown.
- New protected bike lanes, such as on Beatty and Cambie streets
- Additional public bike share stations the Downtown Eastside.
- Improved the Adanac Bikeway with additional corner bulges and traffic calming for pedestrian safety and comfort
- New pedestrian signals at three locations on Jackson and Hawks Avenues with two additional locations in progress on Powell St.
- Installed LED lighting, countdown timers and added pedestrian crossing time at signals at various locations within the DTES
- Worked with Admiral Seymour Elementary to improve walking and cycling infrastructure

Strategic Directions



**IMPROVED
TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE
AND SAFETY**

Expanded Cycling Facilities and Connections

Improved Transit Facilities and Services

Efficient Goods Movement and Loading Facilities

Safe and Convenient Walking Infrastructure



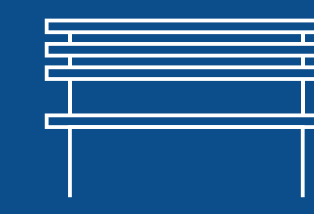
Parks and Open Space

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Public spaces contribute to our sense of community by providing places for recreation, gathering and socialising, and connecting with nature. As the DTES grows and evolves maintaining, improving and expanding our parks and open spaces, as well as ensuring they are easily accessible to everyone, will become increasingly important.



Strategic Directions



IMPROVED SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKS OPEN SPACE

Improved and Expanded Parks and Green Space

Improved Commercial Streets

New and Enhanced Plazas and Parklets

Additional and Healthier Street Trees

Highlights of Implementation include:

- The 27-foot totem “Survivor’s Totem Pole” in Pigeon Park arose from the desire and imagination of the people in DTES. It also allows newcomers to reflect on the beauty and poignancy of survival in both the Indigenous and local DTES communities. The initiative is endorsed by the Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee and with the leadership of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, meets the objectives of Park Board’s Reconciliation Strategies, and was installed in coordination with the Heart of the City Festival in 2016.
- Vancouver’s Playbook: the Master Plan for the city’s parks
- Blood Alley Square/Trounce Alley redesign
- Neighbourhood bulletin boards at Strathcona Community Centre, McLean Park, Oppenheimer Park, Victory Square, and in Chinatown at Keefer and Columbia Streets.
- Trillium Park revitalization and playground resurfacing, including:
 - New interpretive sign through collaboration with EarthHand Gleaners Society
 - Improved park maintenance
 - Improved grass surface
 - New playground surface
- Trees for hard to plant areas in the DTES – this initiative focuses on doubling the number of street trees by 2030

Heritage

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Because of the histories and cultures of the First Nations and other settlers, the area contains many buildings and other places and spaces of architectural, historical, cultural and spiritual significance.

The DTES Plan's focus is to support community-based initiatives that conserve and sustain heritage assets to enhance social, economic and human development. Central to this approach is addressing the colonial roots of Vancouver through reconciliation efforts with communities who experienced historical discrimination, including the Indigenous, Japanese-Canadian, Black-Canadian and Chinese-Canadian communities.

Strategic Directions



CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE

Support Community Heritage Initiatives

Broader Heritage Values

Enhanced Tools and Create Partnerships

Better Public Heritage Awareness



Highlights of Implementation include:

- Chinatown: 2 buildings were awarded heritage façade grants to upgrade building exteriors, 33 Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grants were provided for urgent structural repairs for Society buildings; amendments to zoning policies were approved to better protect Chinatown's heritage and character .
- Hogan's Alley: Housing and place-making projects are underway to acknowledge and redress the discrimination against the Black-Canadian community who lived between Union and Prior Streets and Main Street.
- The 27-foot totem 'Survivor's Pole' was raised in Pigeon Park
- Historic Powell Street Area: several DTES Capital Grants were approved to upgrade two iconic institutions: Vancouver Japanese Buddhist Temple and Vancouver Japanese Language School and Hall.
- The Heritage Action Plan, a review of the policies and tools used to conserve and celebrate heritage resources, is ongoing and will wrap up this year.
- In March 2019, Council approved three grant programs to support heritage conservation:
 - Heritage Incentive Program
 - Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program
 - Heritage House Conservation Program

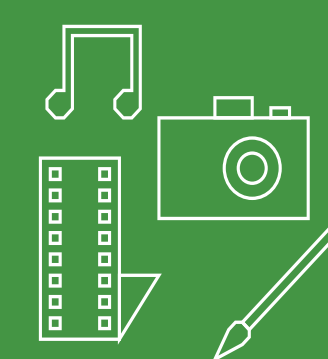
Arts and Culture

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Arts and culture can play an important role in contributing to the quality of life, sense of community, and the social and economic vitality of cities. The DTES is home to a significant number of artists in Vancouver and a plethora of arts and culture non-profit organizations and businesses.

In the DTES, there are a number of arts and culture events and festivals throughout the year including: Aboriginal Day celebrations, the Powell Street Festival, the Vancouver Chinatown Spring Festival and Parade, and the Heart of the City Festival.

Strategic Directions



ARTS AND CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Improved Arts and Culture Facilities

Art in Public Places

Increased Opportunities for the Creative Economy



Bringing Light to Darkness

by Shadae Johnson and Larissa Healy



All My Favourite People Are Animals

by Erica Stocking

Highlights of Implementation include:

- Since 2014, the City has supported 30+ DTES cultural capital planning and infrastructure projects with over \$1.2 million in matching funds, examples include Chinatown Storytelling Centre, Vancouver Japanese Language School, and Hogan's Alley planning, etc.
- In 2017, Erica Stocking's public artwork *All My Favorite People Are Animals* was inaugurated in the new néc'amat ct Strathcona Branch Library. Several temporary murals were created in the community, including Shadae Johnson and Larissa Healy's *Bringing Light to Darkness* near Army and Navy, and *Healing Quilt* by Jerry Whitehead, Sharifah Marsden, and Corey Larocque at 20 West Hastings.
- In 2018, City Council approved operating and annual assistance cultural grants to 36 DTES-based organizations totalling \$830,500, and in 2019, the City supported 56 organizations in the DTES with \$1,134,750.
- In anticipation of the new Creative City Strategy, 16 DTES projects were supported in 2018 by a one-time City-wide grant program that aligned with key themes of reconciliation, equity and access, investment and visibility, capacity and collaboration.

Energy and Climate Change

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Vancouver is working to be the greenest city in the world. This includes aspirations to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lead the world in green building design and construction.

Current emissions levels in the DTES could be reduced despite population increases. Emissions will be achieved by implementation of low-carbon energy systems, building retrofits, as well as incorporating passive design.

Highlights of Implementation include:

- All new buildings will be compliant with the Zero Emissions Building Plan to ensure they are energy efficient with low emissions and energy costs.



Utilities and Services

The water, sanitary, storm, water and solid waste systems are key to the city's sustainability, as well as to our health and well-being.

Priorities for Utilities and Services include: improving access to drinking water by creating opportunities for water filling stations, expansion of a dedicated Fire Protection System, drinking water conservation, access to public washrooms, and future sewer upgrades. The City is working on an Integrated Storm Water Management Plan. The City mandates a green bin program and diversion of construction and demolition waste from landfills.

Highlights of Implementation include:

- Pender Street water main upgrades - essential water infrastructure
- Replacement of water mains from Carrall Street to Gore Avenue and Cambie to Seymour Streets
- Water main upgrades from Carrall to Cambie Streets
- Powell Street Overpass project includes 793 metres of storm mains replaced/installed along Powell St, to reduce flooding by collecting and disposing of storm water. Over two hundred metres of sanitary mains replaced/installed along Powell St, ensuring sufficient capacity, collecting and transporting sewage to the wastewater treatment works.
- Hawks Street and Hornby Street includes 28 metres of combined sewers separated to protect the environment and 86 metres of storm mains replaced to reduce flooding.



DTES Capital Grant Fund

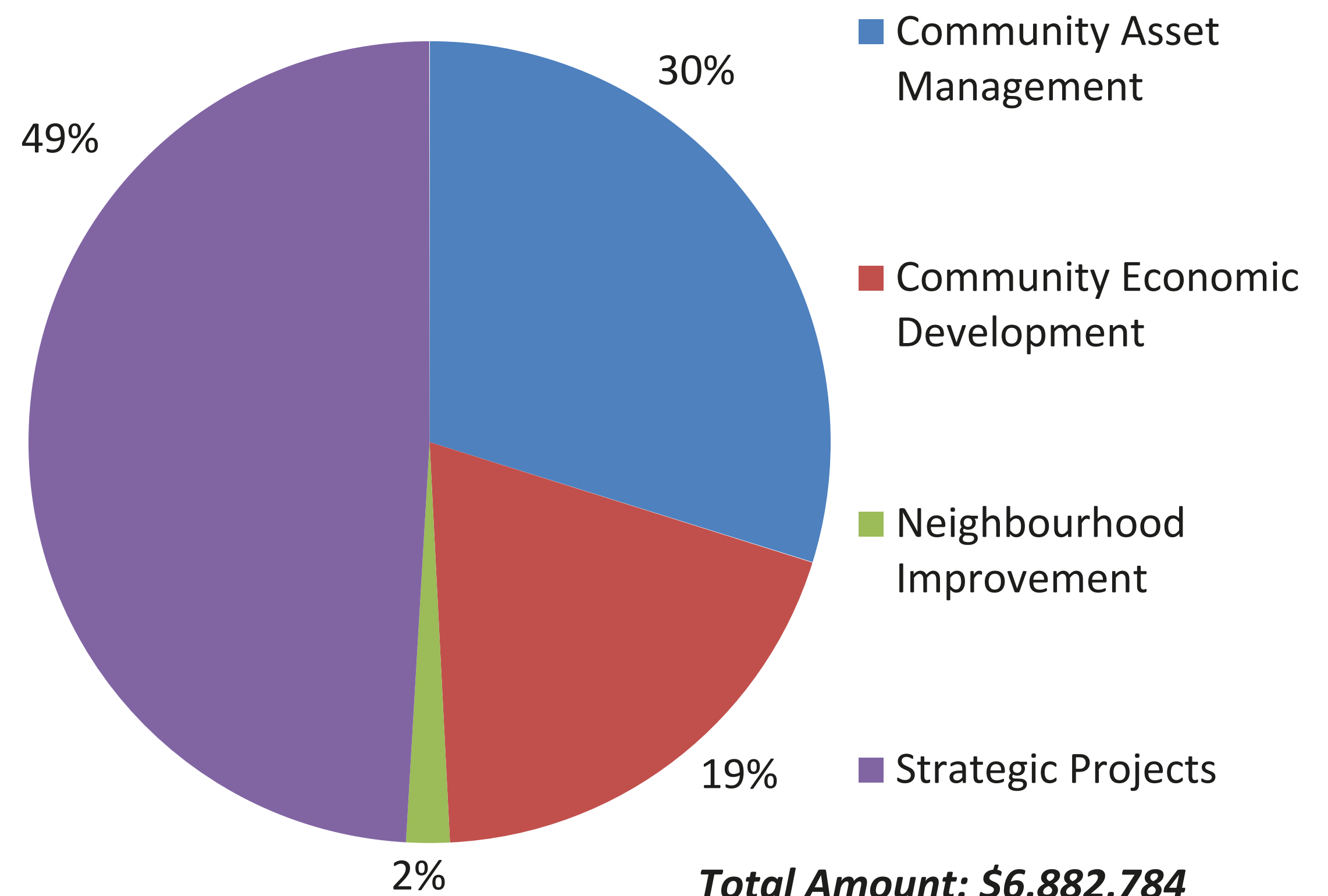
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What is this fund?

The Planning Department operates a unique dedicated neighbourhood grant fund which supports projects that help implement the DTES Plan. The aim is to encourage partnerships with grant recipients sourcing at least 50% of their funding from other organisations or through their own work.

\$6.8 Million Across 172 grants provided over 5 years

5 Year Grant Distribution



Total Amount: \$6,882,784

Who can apply?

- Registered non-profit societies.
- Business improvement associations.
- Community service co-ops.
- Charities registered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- Social enterprises wholly owned by a non-profit society.
- Faith-based organizations.

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS



Space renovations for Co-op Radio



Atira Enterprising Women Making Art space improvement



Sole Food Farms plant containers



East Van Roaster space renovations

What projects could be considered for a grant?

The project must be located in the Downtown Eastside and contribute to the implementation of the DTES Plan, focus on improving the lives of vulnerable low-income residents and/or meet other priorities in the plan. Typical grant supports would achieve the following examples:

- Provide improvements to building assets, upgrades to premises and/or facades that lead to community economic development and enhancing social connections etc.
- Involve feasibility studies, investigations, skills development, project management etc. and can build capacity resulting in building improvements or job creation.
- Include movable assets such as machinery, tools, equipment, appliances, furniture. Involve strategic projects that connect with the DTES Plan.

DTES Key Priority Areas

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Grant Guidelines:

To date the grants have been intended to help achieve the following Plan priorities:

- Supporting strategic community-based initiatives (for example: micro enterprise establishment, youth outreach, child care and co-op projects etc.),
- Fostering community economic development (CED) (e.g.: retail space improvements, façade upgrades, job creation, etc.)
- Protecting community assets (e.g.: upgrades to space occupied by social or cultural service providers, social enterprise premises and support to the SRO upgrading program etc.),
- Improving the walkability and safety of the neighbourhood (e.g.: street improvements, furniture, lighting, signage and information boards etc.).

Examples of Highlights and Outcomes



Downtown Eastside Women's Street Market



Space improvements to First United Church



Mission Possible for washer equipment



Hives for Humanity Bee Space



Raven Spirit Dance Society office improvements



Strathcona BIA- Hastings Urban Tree Nursery project

Grant Capital Priorities

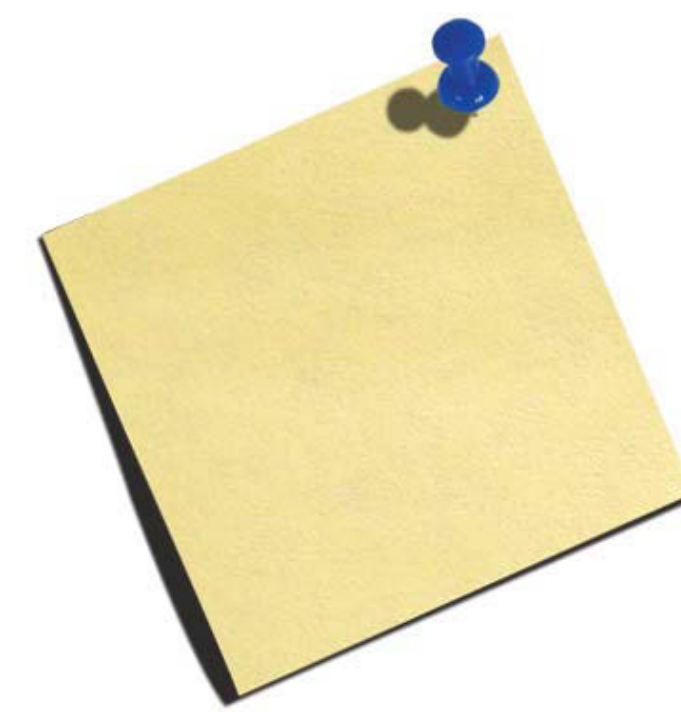
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Thinking ahead to the next five years, what do you think the funding priorities should be?

Give examples of:

1) Areas of importance to you (e.g. public space improvements, job creation, etc.); and / or

2) A neighbourhood project idea.



Post ideas here!

NEXT STEPS

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WHAT'S NEXT?

FILL OUT A SURVEY



Please let us know what you thought about the information presented today. Fill out the survey available at the Fair or online.

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Connect with local DTES organizations and the City of Vancouver.

HOW YOU CAN PROVIDE INPUT:

- 1 Talk to City staff
- 2 Fill out a survey here, or later online at vancouver.ca/dtes. Please drop off a paper survey at the sign-in table or mail it back to us (address on the form).
- 3 Write to us at: dtesplan@vancouver.ca