



Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan

Phase 2 Engagement Summary

Through September and October 2016, Vic West neighbours were asked to help build the vision and goals for the future of their neighbourhoods. The City engaged residents and businesses through an on-line survey (152 responses), a community workshop (50 participants), and sounding boards (455 ideas).

What We Heard – Summary

What do you love about your neighbourhood?

Residents and businesses celebrate the diversity, community spirit and friendliness of Vic West. Great features include the natural beauty, walkability, proximity to downtown, heritage architecture, and local shops and services. The Galloping Goose, Gorge Waterway, community association and communal gardens are key assets for this neighbourhood.



“We are a proud, but humble community” ~ Vic West survey respondent

What needs to be addressed?

The neighbourhood wants to see homelessness and housing affordability addressed. There are traffic concerns, pedestrian and cycling safety issues and parking congestion problems. Despite being surrounded by water, this community identified access to the waterfront as a big issue. Protection and promotion of parks, green spaces and food security are common themes. Many people want to see better lighting in the community, particularly along the Galloping Goose. There are also concerns about services and amenities that are lacking in the community including, childcare, dog parks, a medical walk-in clinic, as well as shops and restaurants.

What do you want your neighbourhood to look like in 25 years?

In 25 years, Vic West will be a safe, friendly community where everyone looks out for their neighbours. There will be a diversity of housing options making Vic West an affordable community for all Victorians. Thoughtful transitions integrate the newer parts of the neighbourhood with the older, protected character homes. It is a vibrant and colourful neighbourhood with a community market, playgrounds, green spaces, access to the waterfront, successful small businesses and food growing on every boulevard. In 25 years, the focus has shifted away from cars with more public transportation, more bikes and more walking. The neighbourhood is now a leader in self-sufficiency, green building, and environmental sustainability.



“I picture us still being eclectic and diverse – a hub of urban agriculture driven by home owners and renters who...share meals and music in the street and know their neighbours by name”