

# Citizens' Assembly on the Grandview- Woodland Community Plan

## DRAFT Neighbourhood- Wide Recommendations

### About the Citizens' Assembly on the Grandview- Woodland Community Plan

The 48 members of the Citizens' Assembly were randomly selected to represent the Grandview-Woodland community. The members are tasked with learning about the planning process, weighing different options for change and growth in the neighbourhood over the next 30 years, and proposing recommendations to City Council that will shape the next Grandview-Woodland Community Plan.

### The purpose of the Neighbourhood-Wide Recommendations

The Citizens' Assembly's neighbourhood-wide recommendations are meant to apply to all of Grandview-Woodland, and will inform the next Community Plan's community-wide policies. Many were developed in response to the policy directions in the City of Vancouver's *Emerging Directions*, 2013.

In upcoming meetings, the Citizens' Assembly will work on specific recommendations for the neighbourhood's seven sub areas, as well as a neighbourhood map.

### How to provide feedback

Attend the Citizens' Assembly Public Roundtable meeting: Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Croatian Cultural Centre, 7 pm to 9 pm. To register for the roundtable, please visit [www.grandview-woodland.ca](http://www.grandview-woodland.ca)

You can also share your feedback for the Assembly at [assembly@grandview-woodland.ca](mailto:assembly@grandview-woodland.ca) or call 1-800-858 0435.

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**1.1:** We recommend changing this policy to: “In collaboration with senior levels of government, provide sufficient Winter Response shelter space until more permanent housing options are developed.”

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 1.0 - Eliminate street homelessness in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 1.1 - In collaboration with senior levels of government, work to maintain the provision of Winter Response shelter space until more permanent housing options are developed*

**1.2:** We recommend changing this policy to: “Work with neighbourhood service providers to ensure adequate provision of support services for the visible and hidden homeless.”

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 1.0 - Eliminate street homelessness in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 1.2 - Work with neighbourhood service providers to ensure adequate provision of support services for the homeless*

**1.3:** We recommend changing this policy to: “Meet the demand of supported housing options in Grandview-Woodland.”

Responding to City of Vancouver’s 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 2.0 - Increase the supply of supported housing options in Grandview-Woodland*

**1.4:** We recommend the City identify opportunities for additional supported housing, and pursue creative, non-market ways to implement them.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 2.0 - Increase the supply of supported housing options in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 2.1 - As part of new development, identify opportunities for additional supported housing. For example, encourage the redevelopment of the Kettle / Astorino’s site – as a means to create new supported housing and space for the Kettle services.*

**1.5:** We recommend the City identify opportunities for additional non-market rental housing, and pursue creative, non-market ways to implement them.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 3.0 - Expand the supply on non-market rental housing in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 3.1 - As part of new development, identify opportunities to create additional non-market rental housing.*

**1.6:** We urge the City to create new non-market rental through increasing the Development Cost Levy (DCL), mandating a Community Amenity Contribution (CAC), and allowing bonus density pending support from the local community.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 3.0 - Expand the supply on non-market rental housing in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 3.2- Consider the creation of new non-market rental through bonus density in strategic locations.*

**1.7:** We expect the City to establish at least one mechanism, within the next three years, to fund owners who want to upgrade existing rental housing stock without increasing rents, in order to protect

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sustainable, affordable housing. (See, for instance, the City of Winnipeg's Housing Rehabilitation Reserve and the Seattle Housing Levy for Rental Production and Preservation.)

**1.8:** We strongly urge the City to work with co-op and non-profit housing providers to respond to the potential loss of Federal operating agreements.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 4.0 – *Maintain the supply of affordable rental options*

Emerging Policy 4.4- *Work with co-op and non-profit housing to respond to the potential loss of Federal operating agreements*

**1.9:** We strongly urge the City to expand opportunities for new market rental housing development and to retain the current balance of rental to ownership ratio.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 5.0 – *Create new market rental housing*

Emerging Policy 5.1- *Provide opportunities for new market rental housing development in growth areas (e.g. through Rental 100 policy)*

**1.10:** We recommend that the City require that new rental developments include a significant portion of both two- and three-bedroom units.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 5.0 – *Create new market rental housing*

Emerging Policy 5.1- *In new rental developments, consider requiring a*

*percentage of units to be 2 and 3-bedrooms to provide new family-oriented housing.*

**1.11:** We recommend that the City consider encouraging more affordable development by reducing or in special circumstances eliminating parking requirements for new rental developments. We expect that this will not apply to the parking for businesses located in mixed-use buildings.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 5.0 – *Create new market rental housing*

Emerging Policy 5.3- *Consider reducing or eliminating parking requirements for new rental developments that are located close to transit corridors and facilities*

**1.12:** Support the expansion of Coach-house development in RT zones.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 6.0 – *Create new secondary rental opportunities*

Emerging Policy 6.2- *Consider the expansion of Coach-house development in RT zones*

**1.13:** We recommend that the City investigate and implement means to improve affordability in duplex and townhouse zones by allowing lock-off suites.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

Objective 6.0 – *Create new secondary rental opportunities*

Emerging Policy 6.3- *Investigate means to improve affordability in duplex and townhouse zones by allowing lock-off suites*

**1.14:** We urge the City to allow secondary rental units in attics and basements for all

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building forms, in accordance with existing safety regulations.

**1.15:** We recommend that the City enable new home ownership opportunities...

*Feedback sought on four possible options:*

- A. ...within existing zoning height restrictions.
- B. ...up to a maximum of 6 stories.
- C. ...up to a maximum of 12 stories.
- D. ...with height restrictions to be determined by each sub-area.

**1.16:** We recommend that the City consider encouraging more affordable development by reducing or in special circumstances eliminating parking requirements for new developments. We expect that this will not apply to the parking for businesses located in mixed-use buildings.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 7.0 – Introduce new housing types to support affordable home ownership options*

*Emerging Policy 7.2- Consider reducing or eliminating parking requirements for new rental developments that are located close to transit corridors and facilities*

**1.17:** We recommend that the City implement ways to support “alternative” ownership models such as equity co-op and co-housing, shared equity models, and accessible models such as Calgary’s Attainable Homes and Ontario’s Options for Homes.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 7.0 – Introduce new housing types to support affordable home ownership options*

*Emerging Policy 7.3- Consider ways to support ‘alternative’ ownership models such as equity co-op and co-housing, and shared equity models.*

**1.18:** We recommend that the City require that new developments include a significant portion of both two- and three-bedroom units.

**Responding to City of Vancouver’s 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 7.0 – Introduce new housing types to support affordable home ownership options*

*Emerging Policy 7.4- In new developments, consider requiring a percentage of units to be 2 and 3-bedrooms to provide new family-oriented housing.*

**1.19:** We recommend the City prioritize the maintenance and expansion of cooperative housing as diverse communities in which members have security of tenure and control over decision-making.

**The Assembly would also like to address:**

- Settle on recommendation wording on tenant relocation
- Provide direction for what is meant by the new “creative, non-market” language
- Policy recommendations should address parking for people with disabilities
- Land assembly
- Zero lot-lines / setbacks
- Cheaper building forms and smaller units in order to achieve affordability
- Development perks for density should apply to not just social

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- housing units but also to co-op housing and equity co-op units
- Reduce inequalities in housing
- Prevent displacement by gentrification
- Increase government involvement in public housing (including at the city level); build or acquire public housing; City as developer
- Transparency by the City in housing and development

# Transportation

**2.1:** We recommend the City work to create a richer and safer pedestrian experience, balance the needs of the different users, and seek further opportunities to enhance the pedestrian experience on arterials in industrial-zoned areas.

**2.2:** We recommend the enhancement of the public realm on neighbourhood shopping streets, by widening sidewalks, allowing parklets, providing amenities, like street trees, furniture and buffers between pedestrians and moving traffic.

**2.3:** We recommend the City of Vancouver engage media and education to inform and reinforce safe cycling.

**2.4:** We recommend the City of Vancouver expedite the creation of a multi-stakeholder task force that reviews objective, transparent research to resolve locations of proposed cycling routes.

**2.5:** We urge the City advocate on behalf of Grandview-Woodland to Translink to improve local transit service and efficiently connect the neighbourhood internally and to regional destinations, with service that is fast, frequent, reliable, clean, safe, fully accessible and comfortable.

**2.5:** We request the City to provide more bus information devices at major stops (as in Main and Granville Streets).

**2.6:** We instruct the City to remove Prior-Venables-Victoria-1<sup>st</sup> Ave as a commuter throughway.

**2.8:** We instruct the City to turn 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. into a local street by reintroducing street parking.

**2.9:** We urge the City enforce speed limits on the major truck routes (e.g., Nanaimo & Clarke).

**2.10:** We urge the City consult with the Grandview-Woodland community prior to approving any traffic route changes as a result of the removal of the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts.

**2.11:** We urge the City adopt and communicate best practices to ensure the safe transportation of materials by train through the neighbourhood.

**2.12:** We recommend installing electric charging stations in key locations.

# Public Realm

**3.1:** We expect the City to immediately implement a more rigorous rodent abatement program, in order to improve the usability of public spaces, including plazas, public parks, and community gardens.

**3.2:** As part of any future development in Grandview Woodlands, we urge the City to work to secure new park space. Acknowledging the difficulty in acquiring new land, we request that the City also prioritize securing alternative public and private park spaces (e.g., roof gardens, pocket parks, etc.) for new/redeveloped buildings in the neighbourhood.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 2.0 - Expand neighbourhood greenspace assets to ensure greater access to nature and park space opportunities.*

*Emerging Policy 2.1— As part of future development in Grandview-Woodland (and study area) work to secure new park space in the neighbourhood.*

**3.3:** We recommend that the City planning department immediately identify and study the feasibility of developing the “Grandview cut” for public use.

**3.4:** We urge the City to create new hard-surfaced spaces to support public gathering.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 4.0 - Create new hard-surfaced plaza space to support public gathering*

**3.5:** We request that the City include a plan to create a new public plaza at Broadway and Commercial as part of any redevelopment of Broadway and Commercial.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 4.0 - Create new hard-surfaced plaza space to support public gathering*

*Emerging Policy 4.1- Create a new public plaza at the NE corner of E.10th and Commercial as part of the redevelopment of Broadway & Commercial*

**3.6:** As part of the future development of the Safeway parking lot at Broadway and Commercial, we ask that the City introduce additional open space – including plaza space and green space.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 4.0 - Create new hard-surfaced plaza space to support public gathering*

*Emerging Policy 4.2 - As part of the future redevelopment of Safeway at Broadway & Commercial, introduce additional open space – including plaza space and/or greenspace.*

**3.7:** We request that the City immediately begin work to identify suitable plaza space in the north of Grandview Woodlands to support public gathering, ideally to be built within the next 5-10 years.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 4.0 - Create new hard-surfaced plaza space to support public gathering*

**3.8:** As part of plaza development, we urge the City to including programming for culturally inclusive forms of public engagement (e.g., outdoor programming, theatre, kids craft festivals, etc.) and to also include canopy structures to maintain year-round usability. We also request that the City prioritize the creation of adjacent/integrated indoor space for additional community programming.

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**3.9:** Recognizing the different populations that the Templeton and Britannia pools currently serve, and the anticipated increase in population in Grandview Woodlands, we request that both of these facilities be retained and upgraded after direct consultation with the community (including feedback regarding programming).

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 8.0 – Support the optimization and upgrade of community recreation facilities in Grandview-Woodland*

*Emerging Policy 8.2– When considering future upgrades to Britannia and Templeton Pools, review the efficacy of having two pools in close proximity to one another*

**3.10:** Recognizing Grandview-Woodland's location on unceded Coast-Salish land, large Indigenous population, and the goals of the First Nations reconciliation process, we urge the City to consult with Indigenous organizations to explore establishing a longhouse in Grandview-Woodland capable of hosting Indigenous festivals and cultural events.



# Heritage

**4.1:** As part of the heritage context statement that is being prepared for Grandview Woodlands, we expect the City to ensure that the definition of “heritage” is inclusive of a wide array of built form considerations including, but not limited to: housing, landscape, gardens, street features, and small retail.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 1.0 – Increase the understanding of ‘heritage’ by utilizing a values-based approach to identify neighbourhood heritage*

*Emerging Policy 1.1– As part of the Heritage Context Statement that is currently being prepared for Grandview-Woodland, ensure that the notion of heritage is inclusive of a wide array of considerations (built form, social and cultural history, public realm, local Aboriginal history and more.) This work is currently underway*

**4.2:** As part of the redevelopment of key community facilities (e.g., the Britannia Community Centre), we expect the City to ensure that the definition of heritage includes the preservation of social and cultural history, including Indigenous history, as well as the history of the culturally diverse and mixed-income character of the neighbourhood.

**4.3:** While recognizing the value of both the heritage of building forms and of key social and cultural assets, we also recognize that there may sometimes exist tensions between them. We encourage the City to prioritize social and cultural heritage over the heritage of building form in weighing any future decisions about development/redevelopment.

**4.4:** We, the Citizens Assembly, recognize that there are varying and competing aesthetic tastes (e.g., what constitutes good

or bad design, whether “faux” heritage is appropriate, whether modernism is badly executed, and so on) that inform on-going debates on the acceptability of development in our community. We trust that the current (and evolving) design guidelines followed by the City already facilitate the integration of new development into the existing character of the neighbourhood. We expect the City to support and provide public venues for debate and consultation in order to advance, record, and resolve these conversations – especially those concerning developments that propose increased density or heritage designation.

# Arts & Culture

**5.1:** We urge the City to create opportunities for affordable co-location/shared cultural spaces well as spaces suitable for use as a shared community hub.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 1.0 – Support the creation of adaptable, affordable and accessible arts and culture space*

*Emerging Policy 1.3 – Pursue opportunities for co-location and shared spaces as well as spaces suitable for use as a shared community hub*

**5.2:** Any redevelopment projects that involve the disturbance or demolition of existing registered studios (“makers’ spaces”) must include plans to replace those studio spaces within the Grandview Woodlands neighbourhood with spaces of equivalent size and value.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 2.0 – Where possible, preserve existing creation/production spaces for neighbourhood artists*

*Emerging Policy 2.1 – In redevelopment projects that involve the disturbance or demolition of existing registered Class A and/or Class B studios – seek to replace studios within the neighbourhood either on site or through cash-in-lieu*

**5.3:** As part of the redevelopment of key community facilities (e.g., the Britannia Community Centre), we expect the City to seek enhanced affordable space for arts and culture production.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 2.0 – Where possible, preserve existing creation/production spaces for neighbourhood artists*

*Emerging Policy 2.2 – As part of the redevelopment of key community facilities (e.g. Britannia), seek enhanced space for art and culture production*

**5.4:** We urge the City to expand events and financial support for Grandview Woodland’s rich tradition of cultural festivals and events – especially First Nations events.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 5.0 – Increase the amount of public art and performance in Grandview-Woodland so as to better showcase the neighbourhood and its role in the city’s cultural economy*

*Emerging Policy 5.3 – Continue to support Grandview-Woodland’s rich tradition of festivals and special events*

**5.5:** As part of any laneway revitalization initiatives, we urge the City to work with local business and industry as soon as possible to identify blank spaces (e.g., walls, sidewalks, streets) that could be used as canvasses for street art.

Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:

*Objective 5.0 – Increase the amount of public art and performance in Grandview-Woodland so as to better showcase the neighbourhood and its role in the city’s cultural economy*

*Emerging Policy 5.4 – As part of laneway revitalization initiatives work with local industry to identify one or more blank walls that could be used for street art*

**5.6:** Recognizing the current shortage of hotel space in Grandview Woodlands, and other accommodation barriers to cultural visitors to the neighbourhood (e.g., artists, musicians, attendees), we urge the City to provide support for developing visitor accommodation within walking distance of Grandview-Woodland’s performance

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venues (e.g., the Cultch, York Theatre, live music venues). We hope that this will result in a wide range of accommodation options of varying affordability, suitable for hosting a diverse range of visitors.

# Local Economy

**6.1:** We encourage the City of Vancouver to protect the commercial business identity of Grandview-Woodland by limiting store frontage outside of rapid transit zones. The City should also give preference to retail that serves the local community over retailers that serve the region.

**6.2:** We recommend that the City of Vancouver change the zoning/guidelines to increase the amount of office space near rapid transit nodes in order to encourage job growth within Grandview-Woodland and increase the diversity of the local economy (including the digital and high-tech sector).

**6.3:** We encourage the City of Vancouver to continue pursuing the concept of split-level assessment for taxation in order to increase fairness and support small and existing businesses.

**6.4:** We are concerned about the potential of losing industrial and manufacturing land. We recommend the City maintain current manufacturing and industrial zoning and incentivize development to create jobs and support the local economy.

## **The Assembly would also like to address:**

- Development at commercial nodes and related height/character issues
- Buffer zones around industrial areas
- Relationship to Port Metro Vancouver
- Creating collaborative working spaces, employment training services
- Attracting a post-secondary educational facility to Broadway-Commercial
- Developing a local economic growth strategy

# Community Well-being & Health

**7.1:** We recommend that the City's social infrastructure division support non-profit community health and social services such as REACH in their efforts to sustain, expand, and/or relocate in G-W.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 3.0 - Support the expansion of key non-profit social service facilities in Grandview-Woodland.*

*Emerging Policy 3.2 - Through the City's Social Infrastructure Division, continue to support REACH in their efforts to expand and/or relocate in Grandview-Woodland.*

**7.2:** We urge the City, as part of the development process, to secure new childcare spaces. Work with VSB/VBE, Park Board, and area service providers to align the type of space-needs to the specific needs of our diverse community with sensitivity to different cultures, ethnicities, abilities, and incomes.

**Responding to City of Vancouver's 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 5.0 - Increase the provision of childcare and early childhood (0-12) development services in Grandview-Woodland.*

*Emerging Policy 5.1 - As part of the development process, secure new childcare spaces. Work with VSB/VBE, Park Board and area services providers to align the type of space needs to the specific needs of the community.*

**7.3:** We recommend that the City work to support the provision of culturally-appropriate childcare and early childhood development services for the urban Aboriginal community as part of the Aboriginal reconciliation effort.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 5.0 - Increase the provision of childcare and early childhood (0-12) development services in Grandview-Woodland.*

*Emerging Policy 5.3 – Work to support the provision of culturally-appropriate childcare and early childhood development services for the urban Aboriginal Community.*

**7.4:** Through the Vancouver Police Department and community policing, we recommend that the City continue to identify problem buildings in the neighbourhood and work to resolve issues. Support the goals of community safety programs, such as crime-free multi-housing program.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 9.0 - Further strengthen neighbourhood safety for all residents of the neighbourhood.*

*Emerging Policy 9.5 - Through the Vancouver Police Department, continue to identify problem buildings in the neighbourhood and work to resolve issues. Support the goals of the Crime-free Multi-housing Program.*

**7.5:** We ask that the City add another policy objective to this section of *Emerging Directions*: "Promote the health and well-being of all residents of the neighbourhood".

**7.6:** We urge to City to extend consideration of shadowing – accessibility to sunlight – to residential dwellings as well as public spaces and schools to ensure mental and physical well-being of residents.

**7.7:** In order to maintain and improve the wellbeing of the community, we urge the City to make the protection and provision of safe, secure, and affordable housing at priority when making planning decisions.

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**7.8:** We recommend the City to implement a policy requiring developers, sellers, and landlords to disclose any noise or smell issues that impact the potential residents in order to respect their right to choose and make informed decisions.

**7.9:** We ask the City to consult the community whenever there are changes to business or government policy that would impact the noise, smell, and air quality in the community such as changes to hours of operation, noise and smell levels, traffic patterns to protect residents' current quality of life standards.

**7.10:** We expect the City to increase the number of garbage cans, recycling bins, and compost bins throughout the neighborhood specifically around parks, high streets, schools, bus stops, etc. immediately to reduce litter and the health costs associated with it.

**7.11:** We ask that the City add another policy objective to this section of *Emerging Directions*: "Consider opportunities to support aboriginal reconciliation in every policy direction."

## The Assembly would also like to address:

- Coalitions between different service providers in an effort to support Aboriginal reconciliation
- Coalitions between different neighbourhoods in order to support Aboriginal reconciliation
- Disparity of poverty, homelessness, addiction, dropouts in aboriginal communities.
- We want the city to urge

developers to incorporate design elements to encourage social connection in new buildings, particularly towers to combat social isolation

- It is not enough to focus on noise alone. For example, the apartments on 1st Avenue might be built or retrofitted with noise reduction in mind, but in the summer when it is hot, they cannot keep their windows closed

# Energy & Climate Change

**8.1:** We urge the City to analyze and prioritize energy demand management strategies whenever questions of additional energy supply arise in order to reduce emissions. This should include the City advocating for this at higher levels of government.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 1.0 - Encourage the energy retrofits of existing buildings*

*Emerging Policy 1.0 - Encourage energy conservation in existing buildings through partnerships and incentive programs for energy efficiency retrofits.*

**8.2:** We recommend that the City work with other levels of government and utility companies such as BC Hydro and Fortis as well as other stakeholders to establish programs of incentives and subsidies for the retrofit of all existing buildings including private properties for energy conservation and efficiency.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 1.0 - Encourage the energy retrofits of existing buildings*

*Emerging Policy 1.0 - Encourage energy conservation in existing buildings through partnerships and incentive programs for energy efficiency retrofits.*

**8.3:** We urge to the City of Vancouver to explore all opportunities to promote retrofits and repurposing of existing housing stock and social services infrastructure - such as schools (through partnerships with provincial and federal governments), libraries, community and recreation centers, daycare facilities, and etc. - where ever possible to create additional housing and community services where this promises to reduce our

environmental footprint.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 1.0 - Encourage the energy retrofits of existing buildings*

**8.4:** Encourage new developments to utilize renewable energy where cost/benefit and life cycles analysis support it.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 2.0 - Encourage new developments to utilize renewable energy*

**8.5:** We urge the City to require developers to identify opportunities for energy conservation and renewable energy.

**Responding to 2013 Emerging Directions:**

*Objective 2.0 - Encourage new developments to utilize renewable energy*

*Emerging Policy 2.1 - Work with developers to identify opportunities for renewable energy.*

**8.6:** We recommend that the City implement measurable and area-specific planting goals

**8.7:** We urge the City to monitor and address deficient tree canopies continuously, in order to promote lower and missions, pure air, biodiversity, beauty and general community well-being.

**8.8:** We ask that the City add another policy objective to this section of *Emerging Directions*: "Continue to promote a zero waste policy."

**8.9:** We urge the City to develop and implement best practices storm water management and gray water reuse plan to meet the goals of zero waste.

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**8.10:** We urge the City to promote reduced use of resources as an even higher priority than recycling through public education to meet the goals of zero waste.



# Wild Card

**9.1:** We expect the City and planning department to implement the recommendations of the Assembly within the context of the City bylaws and policies. This will ensure that the voices of our Grandview-Woodland community are heard and respected.

**9.2:** We expect the City planning department to design an action plan to implement the recommendations for the Citizens' Assembly within 6 months of their submission.

**9.3:** We require that a long-term city-funded advocate be established as recommended by the Citizens' Assembly and to keep the Grandview-Woodland informed of the implementation progress.

**9.4:** We urge the City to engage in communication with vested parties (i.e. the province, parents, students, teachers, VSB and Parks) to brainstorm ways that the parties can jointly address public school issues and opportunities. This will allow our community to have sound educational choices and more fully utilize current facilities.

**9.5:** We urge the City to develop a City Plan that includes all neighbourhoods with the objective of fairly distributing density, resources and amenities

