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city of north vancouver

Zoning and Inclusion

Our new Zoning Bylaw is an opportunity to explore how we can better meet the diverse needs of our community. This includes enabling more housing options, spaces for social connection and wellbeing, as well as addressing barriers that lead to unequal access to resources and opportunities to thrive.

Historically, the way cities have been planned and developed has benefited some groups of people more than others with structural barriers built into both the physical environment as well as planning documents in the form of unclear and technical language. Thinking about these inequities and how they relate to zoning is essential if we are to identify and address the barriers to equity in the built environment and in the Zoning Bylaw itself.



Key Things to Know

Located on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, our City is shaped by a diverse and inclusive representation of voices, experiences, and contributions.



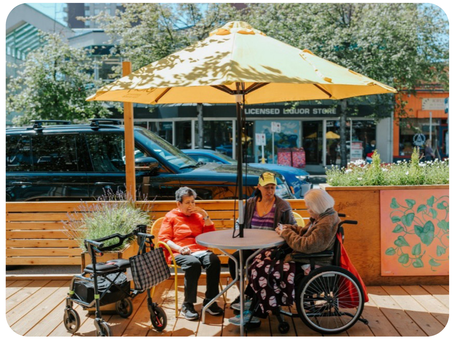
The City is home to different community members that are size, age, income, education, gender, race, and culture-diverse. We need to plan in a way that is welcoming and inclusive of all.

Zoning & Equity

Equity can be addressed through zoning in 3 ways:

1. **'Rules' of Zoning:** Activities and land uses that a zoning bylaw will allow, prohibit, and encourage.
2. **'People' in Zoning:** Who is responsible for drafting the zoning bylaw, who is engaged in the process, and who is responsible for enforcing the bylaw.
3. **'Map' of Zoning Districts:** Where the regulations outlined in a zoning bylaw are applied, and whether these regulations promote exclusion or inequities.

Source: American Planning Association Equity in Zoning Policy Guide (2023)







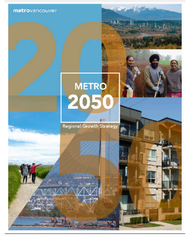
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Policy Snapshot



The Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (2022) encourages municipalities to focus on key social equity concerns related to growth and development including:

- access to green space, employment, public safety, and transit;
- housing adequacy, suitability, and affordability;
- vulnerability to climate change impacts and natural hazards; and
- displacement impacts that are the result of redevelopment.





The City's Official Community Plan (2014) and Community Wellbeing Strategy both encourage a safe, socially-inclusive, and supportive community that enhances the wellbeing of community members. This can be achieved by providing:

- healthy natural environments;
- diverse housing options;
- heritage areas;
- local business opportunities; and
- accessible community gathering places.

Unlocking Opportunities

The Zoning Bylaw update also presents an opportunity to create design and performance standards for buildings and open spaces that consider the diverse experiences, perspectives and needs in our City by:

- facilitating a community engagement process that captures our City's social, cultural and demographic diversity;
- drafting a Zoning Bylaw that meaningfully integrates ideas and feedback representative of our community's needs; and
- developing equitable zoning regulations that support our City's physical and economic growth.

> A Vibrant City is where **dynamic public spaces** and places provide opportunities for **connection** and enable residents to **engage with their community** and **celebrate their cultures and histories.**

Community Mapping Public Spaces



On the map - place a **GREEN** sticky to show where your favourite park, public space or plaza is in the city – and what makes it great?

On the map - place a **BLUE** sticky to show a place/or area that could use a new or improved park, public space or plaza.