

# West End Public Benefits Strategy

## Progress Report: Public Benefits Completed and Under Construction

2021

Since the adoption of the West End Plan and the West End Public Benefits Strategy in 2013, the West End has seen significant progress on the delivery of a number of community amenities.

The City will continue to work closely with the community and stakeholders to deliver the West End Plan and the West End Public Benefit Strategy, to foster a great community for all – to live, work, learn and play.



### New Child Care Facilities

- 10 new childcare spaces - children 5-12
- 7-14 new family childcare spaces (1-2 units)
- Total: 5% of target

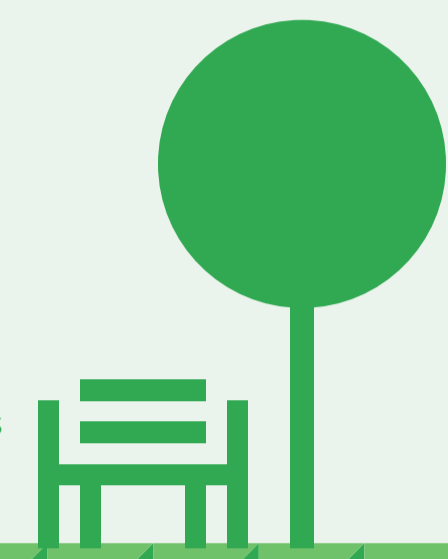
### Renewing Public Facilities

- Gordon Neighbourhood House upgrades



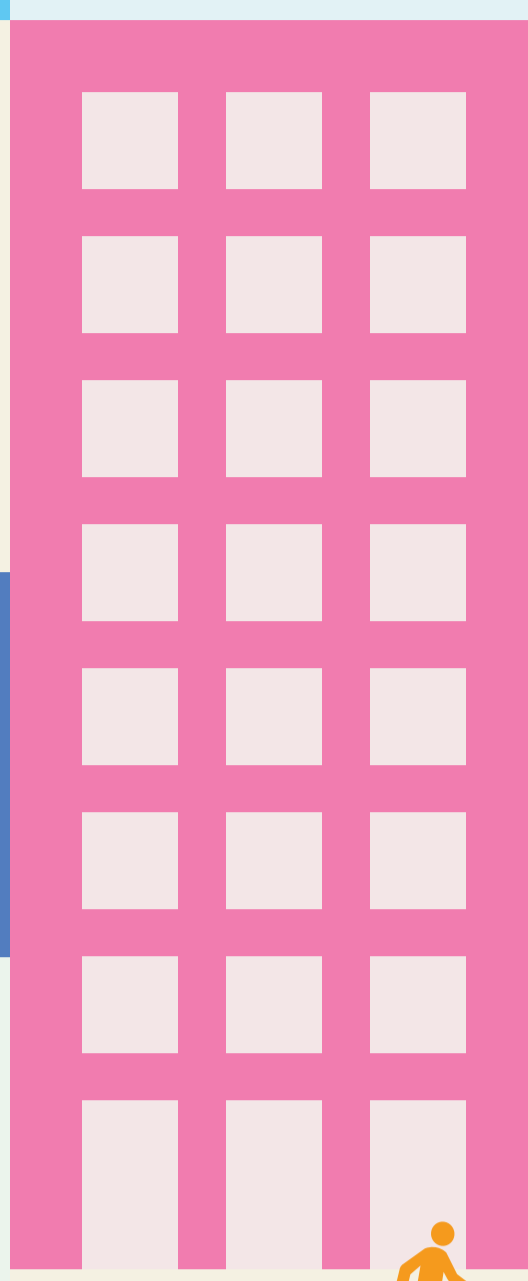
### Spaces for people to gather

- Jim Deva Plaza and lighting
- Street and sidewalk patios
- 3 new interim plazas
- Interim Robson-Alberni public space improvements



### Improving Parks and Beaches

- Seawall renewal (phase 1)
- Gilford Street mini-park



### Increasing Housing Options

**Secured Rental**  
1,527 units  
(80% of target)

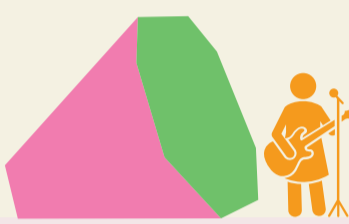
**Social Housing**  
308 units  
(19% of target)

### Public Art

3 new public art projects

### Improving Ways to Get Around

- New mini-ferry dock at Sunset Beach
- 2 new traffic signals
- 1.1 km of pedestrian and cycling improvements (Haro Street)



## West End Population



### Growth

Growing population needs new or expanded facilities/infrastructure.

## How Public Benefits Get Funded

### Renewal

Assets serving existing residents require replacement.

### Developer Contributions

Developer cost levies, community amenity contributions and density bonusing

Can include in-kind and/or cash contributions.



\*Example: West End Community Hub  
Partner contributions can also be used for growth funding

### Partner Contributions

Senior government and non-profits

### City Contributions

Property tax, utility fees and user fees

Although growth funding (CACs) may be available and can be allocated for specific projects, renewal funding may take longer to secure, as renewal projects are prioritized on a city-wide basis as part of the Capital Plan process. Given the City's aim to limit property tax increases, there is limited renewal funding available relative to the number and scale of renewal projects and programs that require funding city-wide.

## What's Next?

### Ongoing and upcoming projects in the West End

There are several public benefits in the West End that are underway in planning, design or rezoning stages, including large and complex facilities – including the West End Community Centre and West End Waterfront Parks and Beach Avenue Master Plan – that will be delivered over multi-year planning, design, funding and development phases.

Engagement Launch  
Fall 2021



### West End Community Hub Community Centre, Library, Firehall, School and Childcare

The City, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library, and the Vancouver Park Board are currently working together to develop a shared vision for the site that will incorporate the West End Community Centre, including the rink, King George Secondary School, Joe Fortes Library, a firehall and childcare facilities.

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### Imagine West End Waterfront

An integrated 30-year vision for the Waterfront parks (English Bay, Sunset Beach, Morton and Alexandra Parks) as well as the surrounding transportation network.  
[vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/westend-waterfront-master-plan](http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/westend-waterfront-master-plan)

Rezoning Approved  
Summer 2021



### Qmunity (1190 Burrard)

Creating a new, expanded purpose-built facility for Qmunity at 1190 Burrard, to better support LGBTQ community members. Qmunity will be co-located with social housing.

Engagement Completed  
Spring 2021



### West End Calisthenics Park

Installation of outdoor exercise equipment in Barclay Heritage Square. This project was selected by the West End community in spring 2020 as part of the WEChoo\$e participatory budgeting pilot project.