

CIMATE PROPOSAL #2: VANCOUVER'S FIRST YOUTH CLIMATE CORPS PROGRAM

Vancouver's urban tree canopy is unevenly distributed, leaving some underserved neighbourhoods more exposed to extreme heat in a changing climate.

This plan would **expand Vancouver's tree canopy by committing \$80,000 to a pilot Youth Climate Corps BC** program at the City of Vancouver.

Six youth would be paid a living wage over six months to work on a climate adaptation project that expands the city's tree canopy. It would give young people real climate leadership experience and a lasting connection to municipal work, while reducing extreme heat in vulnerable neighbourhoods.

MVA would secure matching funding, be a key partner, and recruit youth within its member organizations to apply.

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FUTURE-READY JOBS FOR YOUTH – EXPANDING OUR TREE CANOPY



HOUSING PROPOSAL #1: PREZONING FOR FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND NON-PROFIT OWNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Currently in Vancouver, faith-based, community, and non-profit groups that own land face slow, complicated zoning rules that make it hard to build affordable housing on that land.

This plan would change that by **making it faster and cheaper for these groups to turn their land into housing for people who need it.** It builds on a decision Council already approved unanimously in 2024, so it's the next step in a plan that's already underway.

MVA commits to bringing together faith, community, and non-profit leaders with city housing planners to jointly develop a policy that addresses the sector's real needs and challenges.

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HOUSING PROPOSAL #2: WORK WITH MVA TO ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR \$2 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOMES

Vancouver doesn't have enough deeply affordable housing for very-low and low-income households, and meaningful progress requires funding beyond what the city can provide alone.



DIGNIFIED HOMES FOR ALL

This plan calls on the next mayor to partner with MVA in **asking the federal government for \$2 billion to fund 4,000 homes in Vancouver for very-low to low-income households by 2030.**

The mayor would attend an MVA assembly with federal decision makers a year after the municipal election to report on progress.

MVA commits to organizing broad public support to help push for this federal investment.

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CLIMATE PROPOSAL #1: COMMIT TO ADDING AN ARTICULATED BUS LANE TO A PORTION OF HASTINGS STREET

Hastings Street struggles with slow, unreliable buses and unsafe conditions for pedestrians, largely due to heavy private vehicle traffic.

**SAFE, CONNECTED, AND
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES**



This plan would **add an articulated bus lane along a section of Hastings Street** and **upgrade pedestrian infrastructure**, such as wider sidewalks and street furniture.

Modeled on Toronto's King Street Transit Priority Corridor, it would restrict through-traffic for private vehicles while keeping local access, with traffic wardens supporting enforcement during the transition.

The goal is faster, more reliable buses, safer streets for pedestrians, and lower emissions from reduced car use.

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