

Policy

Interim Rezoning Policy for Social Housing, Institutional,
Cultural and Recreational Uses in Former Community
Visions Areas

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1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

This interim rezoning policy is a consolidation of rezoning policies for social housing, institutional, cultural and recreational uses that were previously contained in Community Visions documents. Except for these aspects, the policies and directions in the documents have been superseded by those in the Vancouver Plan, Housing Vancouver Strategy, and other more recent policy directions.

This document is interim until additional work is completed to replace this with enabling policies that further align with Vancouver Plan goals for improving equity, liveability, and affordability across the city.

2 INTENT

In line with directions in the Vancouver Plan and Housing Vancouver Strategy, the policies in this document enable consideration of the rezoning applications for social housing, institutional, cultural and recreational uses in the former Community Visions areas shown on Map 1: Areas Where Rezoning for Social Housing, Institutional, Cultural and Recreational Uses May be Considered. Where area plans have been adopted subsequent to the Community Visions, these areas are excluded from the map as the land use policy in those plans supersedes the Community Visions.

Enabling rezoning for these types of projects is intended to allow development that advances city-wide policies and directions. Rezoning typically includes public consultation as part of considering an application; staff look at not only the needs of the project, but also how it relates to its existing surroundings and to the future of the area as described in the Vancouver Plan.

3 INTERIM REZONING POLICIES

3.1 Social Housing

Social housing is important to the overall health of Vancouver's housing system. It provides a secure housing option for many low and moderate income households. However, it is generally concentrated in a few limited areas of the city. The Vancouver Plan, Housing Vancouver Strategy, and other more recent policies aim to create more inclusive and affordable neighbourhoods throughout the city and expand opportunities for social housing.

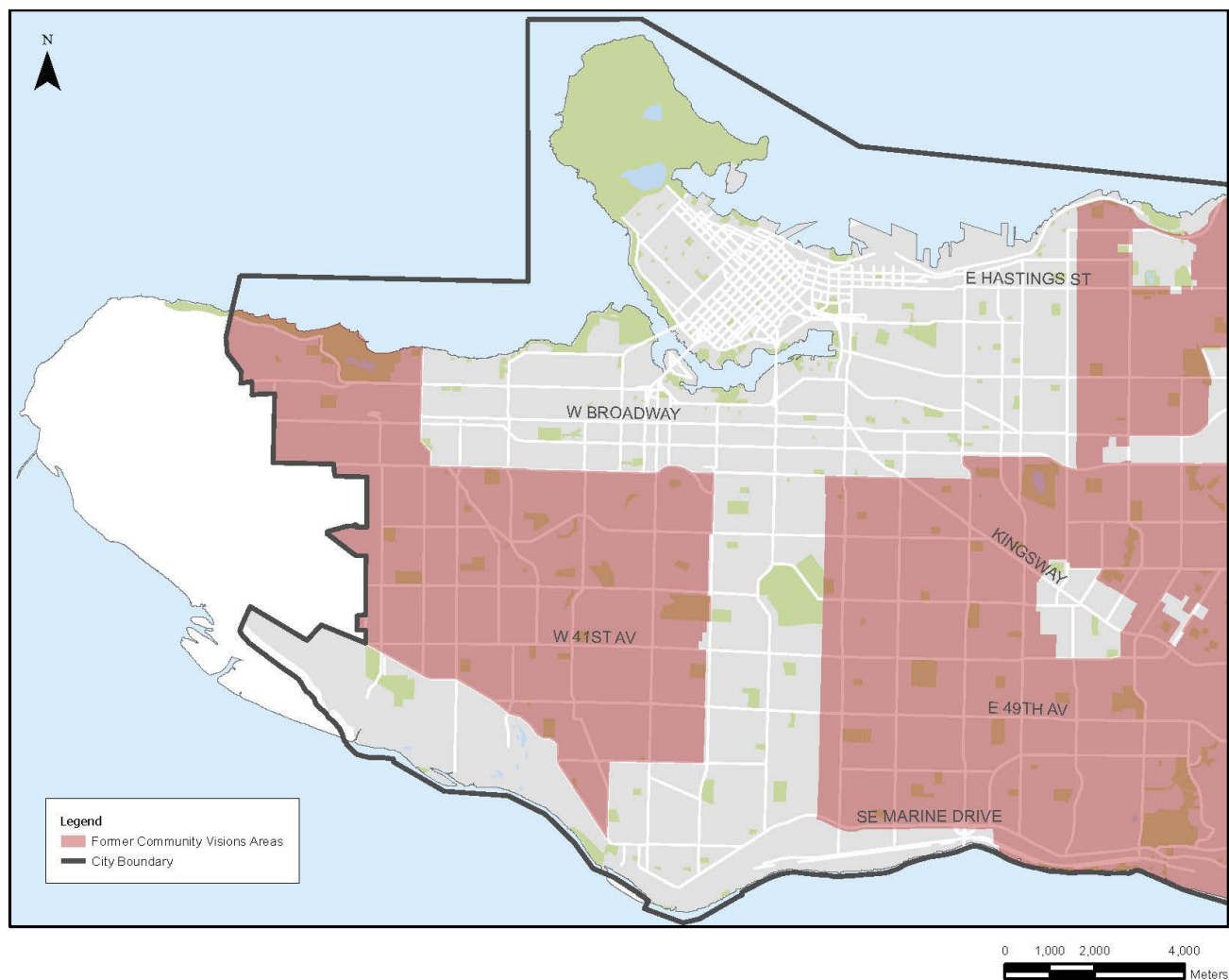
- 3.1.1 Council may consider rezoning applications in any area shaded on Map 1 for the development of 100% social housing as defined in Section 2 of the Zoning and Development By-law.

3.2 Institutional, Cultural and Recreational Uses

The Vancouver Plan, Housing Vancouver Strategy, and other more recent policies aim to facilitate a variety of housing options to meet the diverse range of housing needs and to improve access to community-serving uses.

- 3.2.1 Council may consider rezoning applications located in the area shown on Map 1 to enable the expansion, downsizing, or reuse of existing publicly owned or non-profit institutional, cultural and recreational uses.

Map 1: Areas Where Rezoning for Social Housing, Institutional, Cultural and Recreational Uses May be Considered¹



¹ In residential areas outside of the former Community Vision areas identified in Map 1, the City will continue to consider social housing projects through the use of the Affordable Housing Policies (1989).