





MORE GREEN AREAS, WATER FOUNTAINS AND BENCHES

Plant more trees and **greenery,** with emphasis on local plants and plants that help **pollinators**, instead of just making the garden look pretty. Some wild areas are good, as long as they are kept clean from trash! Make spaces more appealing for people to connect with nature by adding lots of **benches and water fountains**. Flowers, bushes, trees are good for fostering community. This is very important because we are losing green spaces every day and we need to protect them as much as we can.

MORE MURALS AND ART INSTALLATIONS

Art make places look more attractive and inviting. They also add more character to a city and allow people to be creative and open minded. Murals could also spread an **inclusion message**, with Indigenous art, anti-racism, feminism, 2SLGBTQQIAP+ rights, and so much more. These help people feel accepted and connected with their community, and give minority artists a chance to shine.
Think interactive art!



INCORPORATE INDIGENOUS ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

One way to honour the Indigenous territories in which we live in is to include Indigenous people in city projects. Using **Indigenous architects for outdoor structures,** as well as placing a requirement that new buildings utilize elements of **Indigenous artists or architecture in their design**, is a great step towards **reconciliation.**



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Mobi is a company that specializes in **bike sharing**. They have been working really well in Vancouver, and so extending the service to New Westminster would not be too hard. This would be a City-Wide implementation.

HELLO CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER!

The **Monkey Rebel Society** is excited to propose a few ideas to help shape and improve our community. A lot of us live around the 22nd Station area, and we want to be a part of shaping its future! We hope you consider our ideas of what to add and employ them to enhance the quality and comfort of our neighborhood, and the city!

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a bunch of Middle School Monkeys
who want to change the world





ENCOURAGE MIXED USE BUILDINGS

Mixed use buildings foster community and make the most of the land. Make the buildings **sustainable**, by **collecting rainwater using pipes, and installing heat pumps**. We need not only to build better buildings for ourselves, but better buildings for the planet.



A SMALL GROCERY STORE

Planning the space for a grocery store may be a big investment, but we talked to people who live in this area, and they said that they have to drive just to get a couple ingredients. It's very inefficient, so it would be easier and cheaper for everyone. Giving the space a little bit of a financial break or incentive may attract a good store!



MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organize more **events and festivals**! This establishes a community where people can become friends and feel wanted in the neighborhood. These events can look like mini-concerts, arts and crafts sessions for kids. During winter seasons, there could be cookie-decorating, hot chocolate, etc. People could pay maybe a small amount, or there could be a fundraising committee.



ENCOURAGE LOCAL BUSINESS OVER BIG CHAINS

It's important to promote and support small, local businesses with unique products. This creates a diverse and inclusive cultural space that invites learning. It's also better for the community and makes a happier living space. Think about it; would you rather go to a boring McDonald's, or the small independently owned restaurant down the street you've gone to all your life?



MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES

We need more affordable homes for families. But you have to make sure that these go to families, and not to people who just want to buy more property!

These new buildings should be made to the latest environmental standards and offer opportunities for community engagement within the building. Check out **Via Verde**, in the Bronx, for an example of an environmentally friendly affordable complex that makes the inhabitants proud!



GREEN RETROFITTING PROGRAM: INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO UPDATE OLDER HOMES

We're sure a lot of people would like to update their homes, making windows double-pane, adding green roofs and walls, and other changes that would make the building more environmentally friendly, but money is tight.

What if the city had an active, well-advertised program for families to help them update their homes? The city doesn't even have to pay for it -- the government itself has money available for this, but people don't know where to find it.

Some buildings are still pretty good, but they need updating; we should help them catch up to newer standards, so we can make the city even more green. If the City takes the lead and contacts buildings in need of retrofitting, the process would be easier!



Decorate the City! A pretty city makes people want to get outside.

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POCKET PARKS : NOT JUST FOR ADDING NATURE. A MULTI-USE SOLUTION!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

One of the p**ocket parks** would have space for people to plant their own flowers and vegetables! That would be a **pocket park** of a different nature. Fresh vegetables and gardening increase health in many different ways!



NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Playgrounds in these **pocket parks** would be amazing, to implant the love and passion for the outdoors in young children. **Wooden playgrounds would be the best.** Benches and water fountains, as we said before, and maybe a mini spray park to help cool down in the summer.

Make sure there is something for every kid on the playground! Older kids like to have fun too. **Make it exciting**!



GATHERINGS SPACES

Neighborhoods need places to get together, not just for kids but for adults too! Places with picnic tables, open areas, benches facing each other, fun things to do, are super important to create pride and community. **Pocket parks** would give people little areas for rest and calm. This helps welcome people and lets them feel like they have a place to meet and have fun!



A NEW LIBRARY

We like books! A library makes people feel connected and gives parents a cool place to take their kids. All public libraries are really far away from the 22nd street area! This library does not need to be huge -- one or two houses in size would do the trick. The space could double as an **activity centre,** with activities, exercise and classes. **Pocket parks** to the rescue!



INCORPORATING INDIGENOUS CULTURE

What better way to give each p**ocket park** a unique identity than putting some beautiful, welcoming **Indigenous art** on each of them, and giving each park an **Indigenous name**? We could honour the people whose land we are occupying, as well as expose our citizens to the rich Indigenous culture.





WHAT IS A POCKET PARK???

Pocket parks are all the rage in big cities! They are small parks that only take up a house or two worth of space. Instead of spending a lot of money on giant parks and having less of them, cities are buying houses and using those to make parks. It may seem like a waste of space in a tight city, but when you consider quality of life, this is the perfect solution to add green areas and relaxation in an urban centre. Add to that low-rise condos and mixed use buildings, and you have a nice place to live!

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FOCUS ON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- More **streetlights**
- Accessibility: **widen sidewalks**, more of them
- More **bike lanes and bike racks**
- Public **bathrooms** that are **well kept and clean!**
- Public **workout spaces**!
- **Bike and scooter rental**
- A **cooling centre** for Summer time
- **Gargabe, green and recycling bins**
- **Gutter sieves**
- **Hydrogen cell buses**
- Use **solar panels or wind energy** for infrastructure buildings and lights



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WITH ELEVATORS

Walking from the bottom of a hill to the top can be challenging even to healthy adults.
Flat bridges with elevators on the lower end would help everyone feel more comfortable walking!









GREEN ROOF: THE COOL SOLUTION TO CLEANER AIR



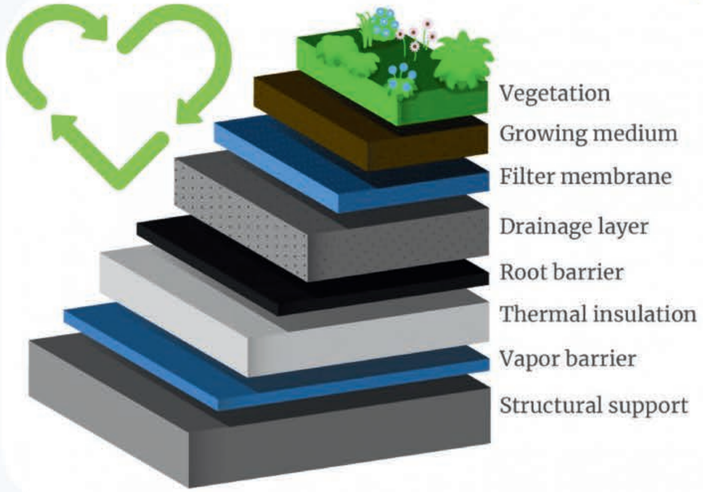
IDEA for Free transit for youth!
Since our province is dragging their feet, can New Westminster have their own free transit program for 18 and under? **Can you find a way for us to go to school without having to pay?**

OUTDOOR ESCALATOR RAMPS, A PROVEN SOLUTION FOR HILLY CITIES

This covered ramp on the picture is an outdoor ramp/staircase combo from Hong Kong.
Imagine how cool this would be in our super hilly streets?
A couple of those should take care of the area – then people would just have to walk to the street with a ramp on a flat surface and then ride it up on the ramp.
Ramps like this one make things more inclusive!
This would be awesome for wheelchairs and the elderly, as well as little kids!

IDEAS FOR NEW BUILDINGS (AND TO REFURBISH OLD ONES!)

- **Heat pumps** and electrical heating.
- **Tankless water heaters** -- shower without energy waste! A tankless water heater **saves from 27% to 50% of fuel costs** compared to regular ones! They also **last 2 to 3 times longer** than tank water heaters! Since they are an investment initially, the city could offer rebates and incentives to do this.
- **Solar, wind and geothermal** power sources for new buildings, and add them to old ones.
- **GREEN ROOFS** to reduce heat and rainwater run-off in buildings, as well as improve insulation.
- **Rainwater harvest system!** Install systems to collect rain water for reuse.
- **Smart appliances and no gas** on new buildings, as well as programmable thermostats
- Use **sustainable woods** such as bamboo!



STREET SAFETY

Streets should be designed to support both local transportation and pedestrians, with **wider bike lanes, more and wider sidewalks, bike racks, and crossing roads and signs for children playing.** A lot of the streets in this area are not safe to walk on. They don't have sidewalks, and therefore people don't always enjoy walking here. This change would encourage people to get more exercise, connect with nature, and reduce pollution. Having less cars on the road also encourages people to get out and walk because gas really stinks, so people don't want to walk.

Streetlights are also vital in the safety of pedestrians. Safety is promoted in an emotional sense but also a physical sense. People need to feel safe when walking at night, or anytime that the sun is down, especially in the winter times when the sun sets really quickly - but cars need to see us, too! There would need to be lights in parks, playgrounds, and on every street.



MAINTENANCE

You did all of this – HURRAY!!! Now what? Keep places clean and neat. Trim grass if it gets too long, get rid of weeds, pick up litter on the streets; maybe some people can volunteer, or we can also help sometimes. **Just let us know!** This also relates to organizing more events -- things must be neat! People won't want to lay in the grass if it's too long. People will think it's dirty if there's litter. It's important to make people feel safe and clean when outside.