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Vancouver is defined by its gathering places and the connections between them. Our community centres, recreation facilities, roads and sidewalks are where neighbours meet, families spend time together, local businesses thrive and communities grow.

As our city grows, the demands on this infrastructure grows with it. Yet too many of our public facilities and streets have gone without the investment they need for decades. ABC Vancouver has spent this term rebuilding that foundation and getting our city back on track. Now, we need to build on that progress: aging community centres need to be renewed, the River District has waited years for a community centre of its own, roads and sidewalks need repairs to keep pace with a growing city, and City Hall has to move faster for the residents and businesses that depend on it.

As ABC Vancouver candidates who live, work and raise our families across this city, we see these challenges first-hand. We need to build on the progress we've made, make the investments our neighbourhoods have been waiting for, and make sure City Hall works for the people it serves.

That is why ABC Vancouver is Restoring Vancouver. This practical plan rebuilds the infrastructure that grows our communities, revitalizes the shared community spaces where neighbours meet, and makes City Hall faster, leaner and more responsive, all while freezing property taxes in 2027 so Vancouver families keep more of what they earn.

# RESTORE INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The places that make Vancouver feel like home are more than buildings and pavement. They are the community centres where seniors stay active and kids learn to swim, the playgrounds and dog parks where families meet, and the streets and sidewalks that bring us together. Too many of those places are worn out, and too many of those routes are broken.

When ABC Vancouver took office in 2022, 72 per cent of the city's recreation facilities were in poor or very poor condition. Since then, we have begun the work of rebuilding. ABC funded the emergency repairs that reopened Kitsilano Pool, completed upgrades to Britannia Rink, renewed General Brock Park, and broke ground on the new Marpole Community Centre.

But decades of aging infrastructure cannot be addressed in a single term. There is much more to do.

That's why ABC Vancouver is making the largest investment in community centre renewal in Vancouver's history, and is repairing the streets and sidewalks that link them.



As part of Restoring Vancouver, an ABC Vancouver-led City Hall will:

### Rebuild Community Centres

- **Build off of Council's \$400 million in rebuilding community centres:** We've made the largest investment in community centres in Vancouver's history, and we're not stopping there. This upcoming term's capital plan will deliver the second tranche of community centre investments across the city, rebuilding these key assets city-wide.
- **Deliver the new River District Community Centre:** We will build the long-awaited community centre for the River District, with or without developer support.
- **Delivering Pools at Sunset and Marpole:** We will build two new outdoor pools in the Sunset and Marpole communities, and we're just getting started. We're expanding recreation and youth programming through our Carrying on Joe Fortes' Legacy motion.

### Rebuild Parks and Recreational Facilities

- **Double Vancouver's dog parks:** We will expand off-leash dog park areas so every neighbourhood has access to quality spaces for residents and their pets.
- **Rebuild the Vancouver Aquatic Centre:** We will rebuild the Vancouver Aquatic Centre with a 50-metre pool within the current budget allocated. ABC Vancouver will continue to drive down the cost of getting public amenities built.
- **Invest in a covered pickleball facility:** We will create year-round public pickleball courts to meet growing demand and give Vancouverites more opportunities to play.
- **Restore the Stanley Park Train:** The Stanley Park Train has been a beloved Vancouver tradition for generations of families and visitors. The ABC City Council and Park Board will work together to restore the Stanley Park Train, bringing this iconic attraction back to life, and will work to bring back Bright Nights and the Halloween train immediately.

### Repair Streets and Playgrounds

- **Invest in a new Playground Improvement Fund:** We will create a dedicated fund to upgrade and maintain playgrounds, parks, boulevards and public spaces so children have clean, safe and welcoming places to play.
- **Build off our record million in safer roads and sidewalks.** We have invested \$104 million to repair and restore Vancouver's roads and sidewalks, improving accessibility, safety and mobility in every neighbourhood.

# RESTORE VIBRANCY IN COMMUNITY SPACES

Investing in community-serving infrastructure is only the start. We also need to make sure they are safe, accessible and vibrant places where people want to go.

**Restoring vibrancy starts with safety.** Every family should be able to enjoy a park, plaza or sidewalk and feel safe doing so. Vancouver has made real progress, with violent crime at its lowest rate in 23 years. But open-air hard drug use still keeps people away from the spaces we're investing in. That's why, on October 17, ABC Vancouver is asking Vancouverites to weigh in on strengthening City laws against open-air hard drug use, and in calling on the Province for a secure treatment facility with 100-plus involuntary care beds for people whose severe mental health and substance-use disorders put themselves or others at serious risk. If Vancouverites say yes, ABC will act on both, bringing forward stronger City laws and continuing to press the Province to deliver.

**Access matters too.** Our public spaces only build community if people can get there. We'll eliminate parking fees at beaches and community centres across the city so more families can enjoy the places we're investing in. And we'll keep revitalizing districts like Granville Street, and bringing back cherished major events, so Vancouverites can enjoy the patios, live music and energy that brings our city together.



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### Restore safe and clean streets:

- **Ban open-air hard drugs in public spaces:** We will prohibit the use of hard drugs such as fentanyl, heroin, meth and crack in public spaces. Although these hard drugs are already illegal everywhere in Canada under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, federal law currently directs prosecutors and police to enforce the law only as a last resort. A municipal bylaw would give police and bylaw officers another option to intervene when drugs are used openly in parks, streets and other public spaces.
- **Give police a streamlined tool to seize hard drugs:** We will allow police to seize hard drugs being used in public and issue a bylaw ticket. Although the provincial government's decriminalization pilot ended, the experiment had a lasting impact on our streets by normalizing open-air hard drug consumption. By giving police new tools to seize hard drugs and issue bylaw tickets, we could re-establish social expectations, and restore safe and clean streets for everyone.
- **Fight to get more involuntary and voluntary care beds:** We will call on the province to convert part of the former St. Paul's Hospital, or another suitable facility, into a secure medical facility for involuntary and voluntary care, delivering 100-plus treatment beds.
- **Keep drug consumption sites away from schools and parks:** We will restrict the location of drug consumption sites near schools, playgrounds and parks so Vancouverites can enjoy these spaces free of needles and drug paraphernalia.

### Restore access to community spaces and events:

- **Remove paid parking at beaches and community centres:** We will eliminate parking fees at the Jericho and Spanish Banks beaches, and at all community centres, to make it more affordable for Vancouverites to visit places that bring us together.
- **Make parking easier with one universal app:** We will work towards a universal parking app so Vancouverites can find, pay for and extend parking anywhere in Vancouver.
- **Continue the drive to revitalize Granville Street:** We will invest in Granville Street to make it a safer, more successful entertainment and business district. This includes bringing back the Granville Street pedestrian zone as a permanent seasonal feature.
- **Create a new funding model for major events:** We will ensure the Celebration of Light continues annually and support other major events that bring people into Vancouver.

### Recognize and Celebrate Communities

- **Establish a Punjabi Gate in Sunset:** We will create a landmark celebrating the contributions of Vancouver's Punjabi and South Asian communities and their lasting impact on South Vancouver and the city.

# RESTORE EFFICIENCY AT CITY HALL

Residents and businesses shouldn't have to fight City Hall to get things done. ABC Vancouver is committed to a City Hall that works faster, leaner and more effectively for the people it serves.

In the past four years, ABC has improved permitting times through initiatives such as the 3-3-3-1 permit framework. As of July 2026, 92 per cent of renovation permits are processed in three days, and we've cut laneway home processing times by half, and development permits for multi-family and mid-rise houses are issued 46 per cent faster. We've also reduced the time to get a business licence from more than 16 weeks in 2022 to two days, and found \$120 million in savings in this year's budget. Indeed, Vancouver's general stabilization reserve balance (uncommitted funds set aside to cushion against sudden revenue drops or unexpected financial emergencies) is expected to grow from \$33 million in 2022 to \$178 million in 2026.

Building on these programs, we will continue to streamline permitting and licensing, expand digital services, and hold City Hall accountable to the timelines and transparency that residents and businesses deserve.



As part of Restoring Vancouver, an ABC Vancouver-led City Hall will:

- **Make permitting even faster and easier.** We will continue cutting wait times and simplifying approvals for businesses, patios and home construction, as well as other City permits and licences.
- **Keep streamlining City Hall.** We will continue making City Hall work for Vancouver, with further streamlining efforts to match the weighting required of Vancouver's population.



Vancouver is growing, and the places that hold our communities together must grow with it. Restoring Vancouver is our practical plan for the growing city: rebuilding the community centres, roads and sidewalks we rely on; keeping our public spaces safe, clean, affordable and easy to reach; and running a City Hall that is faster, leaner and more responsive, all while freezing property taxes in 2027. Let's restore Vancouver so every neighbourhood has a place worth gathering in and a way to get there.

# A LETTER FROM ABC VANCOUVER'S 2026 CANDIDATES

CITY COUNCIL · PARK BOARD · SCHOOL BOARD

## To the people of Vancouver,

We are the candidates for Vancouver City Council, the Vancouver Park Board, and the Vancouver School Board running together as one ABC team this October. Today, as we launch our 2026 policy platform, we want you to know exactly who is asking for your trust, and why we are running as one team rather than three separate slates.

Vancouver does not need three levels of city government pulling in three different directions. It needs a City Council, Park Board, and School Board that will work as one: sharing information, sharing accountability, and sharing the job of getting things done. That is what we are offering.

Some of us have sat at these tables before. We now know how City Hall works, where the obstacles are, and how to move past them. Others are new to public office, and we bring what we have learned outside it: raising families in this city, running small businesses, working in non-profits, and standing on the front lines of the issues Vancouver is facing. Together, that is not a compromise, it is the balance this city needs right now.

We are not here to promise everything but to do the work; to restore the infrastructure that previous governments have spent decades allowing to fall behind; to support the families raising the next generation of Vancouverites; to keep our neighbourhoods safe, to protect affordability; and to strengthen Vancouver's economy. At this moment, more than ever, Vancouver needs stability, focus, and steady progress. This is what ABC is offering.

Over the past four years, our record is one of steady progress and responsible leadership. We made necessary investments in public safety, delivered a zero per cent property tax increase while protecting core services, and made record investments to begin restoring the roads, sidewalks and infrastructure Vancouverites rely on every day. We strengthened our local economy, reduced red tape for businesses, expanded opportunities for families, and helped put Vancouver back on the world stage through major events like the FIFA World Cup. We are proud of what we have accomplished, but we also know there is more work to do.

We are asking for your vote on October 17, not because we have all the answers, but because we are the team prepared to show up, work together, and get the job done.

Let's keep Vancouver moving forward.

Respectfully,



Mayor Sim and the ABC Vancouver Team



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TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A  
CITY THAT IS SAFE, CARING,  
AND COMPASSIONATE.

MAYOR KEN SIM





**“A VIBRANT CITY AND A  
STRONG ECONOMY GO HAND IN HAND.”**

**MAYOR KEN SIM**



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TO MAYOR KEN SIM AND THE ABC TEAM



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