



Seniors' and Elders' Focus Group FAQs

What is the Britannia Renewal project?

Britannia Renewal will be the plan for the evolution of the Britannia site and its facilities for the next 30 years. When completed in March 2018, the plan will include:

- A community vision that will guide the renewal of Britannia over the anticipated redevelopment timeline
- The size and types of recreational and community spaces required to meet future needs at Britannia
- A master plan outlining where and when what components and features will be developed over the 30-year plan

Who's leading Britannia Renewal project?

The City of Vancouver is leading the project with a Partner team of the organizations currently operating on the Britannia site: Vancouver Park Board, Britannia Community Services Society, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver School Board.

Where is the money coming from?

The City of Vancouver has currently allocated \$25 million dollars to the Britannia renewal, including the planning process. It is anticipated that additional funds will be part of future capital planning processes, and that there will be multiple phases to this project, which may require investments from the other partners going forward.

How does this fit with the Grandview-Woodland-Community Plan?

The renewal of Britannia Community Services Centre was identified in the Grandview-Woodland Plan as a key of community social and cultural well-being. The Plan includes a set of high-level policies that support the renewal of the facility and identifies Britannia as a "hub" of services – including education,

childcare, library, social, cultural and recreational facilities. Additional policy supports the expansion of the Napier Greenway; safety and wayfinding improvements, and the opportunity to achieve non-market (social) housing on site. More detailed site and facilities planning work will be part of the on-going renewal process.

Hasn't Britannia created a masterplan in the past? What happened to those?

Britannia Renewal is the result of a series of community developed facility plans in the past. The last plan was created in 2011 and was used to get Britannia Community Services Centre on the City's 2015-2018 Capital Plan. Britannia Renewal will build on and incorporate past planning, community involvement and learning. The current project also includes all site partners in the process, which was not the case in the previous plans.

What about housing?

City of Vancouver policy requires all new facility projects to explore affordable housing opportunities. The City's newest library and fire hall both include affordable housing components. The recently adopted Grandview-Woodland Community Plan also identifies the opportunity to create non-market (social housing) as part of the community centre renewal process. Specifically, the approved plan seeks social housing "through co-location with other public facilities, provided there is no loss of green space" on the site. No form of housing has yet been identified. *The land will remain in public hands.*

Is this our only chance to give feedback?

Not at all. In fact, this is the very start of the process and there will be many opportunities to participate. The seniors' and Elders' Focus Group is the first of several Focus Groups. Other Focus Groups will be advertised when dates and locations are finalized.

Focus Groups will also be supported by more informal sessions taking place on and off-site around the larger neighbourhood with the support of other community service providers and organizations. Where practical and possible, schools on site will also be engaged.

We will also be doing a series of workshops focusing on specific types of activities and places at Britannia, like spaces for arts and culture. Called "Spaces and Places

Workshops,” they will be similar to Focus Groups and provide an opportunity to participate in in-depth sessions in a smaller group setting. The workshops will also include a presentation on example spaces and places from across Canada and around the world. Here are the topics, dates and locations for the Space and Places workshops:

- **Public Realm** – Saturday, May 27th, 12:00 – 3:00PM, Britannia Gym D
- **Lifelong Learning** – Thursday, June 8th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Britannia Library
- **Recreation** – Saturday, June 17th, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, Britannia Gym D
- **Arts & Culture** – Thursday, June 22nd, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Britannia Gym D
- **Social Development** – Thursday, June 29th, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Location TBD

There will also be lots of one-on-one and informal opportunities to participate, including ongoing activities in the B-LAB (“Britannia Renewal LAB” – located in the Britannia Info Centre).

Later in the summer, there will be more activities where we will be reporting back on what we heard from the community and presenting some design options for your review. We will keep you updated about these opportunities.

How is feedback being incorporated into Britannia Renewal?

Britannia Renewal will be based on the needs of the community. Community input is being collected and analyzed on an ongoing basis. We will be reporting back on what we heard regularly through a Community Conversations binder available in the B-LAB (“Britannia Renewal LAB” – located in the Britannia Info Centre) and on-line.

Will there be a Senior’s/Elder’s center?

There is a rumour that there will be no dedicated seniors space. Nothing has been decided at this early stage of the project – the Britannia Renewal team is currently listening to people to find out their needs. All seniors/Elders in the community are invited to share their thoughts and vision to help shape the master plan.