Raw Notes

Table 1:

What does a City For All mean for you?

- Affordable, healthy food
- A place where you belong, have meaningful work
- A city where everyone is supported in shaping its future. A city where meaningful effort & resources have been put towards creating trust with communities (especially where it has been broken)
- Where everyone is supported in creating its future (financial, social, infrastructural, etc)
- A voice + autonomy to make decisions before other levels of government
- Maintain civic advisory boards
- Must have a voice + autonomy to make policies and decisions that affect its citizens, above these made by other levels of government (provincial, federal, etc)
- $ Municipalities have a closer and better understanding of what citizens need
- Use food as connection point – growing, selling/buying, cooking, making, sharing, urban farmers
- More tables where people society typically keeps apart are sharing meals together
- Creating places to honor peoples' stories, experiences, traditions
- Accessibility,healing & wellness, reconciliation in action, safe place to live, affordaile food, fair justice system, language diversity acceptance, fair distribution of civic services, civic advisory boards, fair health care services)
- Reconciliation in Action
- Fair distribution of civic, social and health services in all communities
- A city where design, social infrastructure andgeography enables & encourages social connection
- Intergenerational connectivity
- Community choirs will save the world
- Tending to community spaces when we're building more homes (and infrastructure at capacity)
- Food as connection point (kitchens, access)
- Consultations in other times that are accessible to diverse people, as they are available
- Acess to light and vistas (not hemmed in)
- Light- >biophilia
- Acess to water (coastline) vs Economic restrictions & "who deserves it"? -> exposure to nature

How can we use the Summit to communicate the needs of the ~~community~~ city?

- What's working? What's scaleable? What's emerging? Ie cohousing
- Value wisdom of children
- Urban farmers
- strategies that utilize the skills of newcomers
- Indigenous cultures of newcomers
- Access to light for all. Wellbeing is associated with access to nature inclusive of light
- Access to housing, education, food in the hierarchy of needs but beyond that is the ability to move, think and express oneself in a sense of freedom that can be designed to accommodate difference with not one dominating the other. Rather like quadidalt (?) in the transformative and adaptive cycle
- Real opportunities for specific asks from organizations & communities for resrouces (people, dollars, etc). Process for future engagement
- Programming or $ that is: community based, culturally appropriate, financially accessible, to build meaningful connections
- Time & consistency
- Leveraging community resources for wider engagement (and renumeration or thank yous)

Table 2: Fir

What is a City for All?

- Cool, open space, safe, inclusive, changing
- Inclusivity
- Programs/events that promote social engagement
- Housing for all
- How does Vancouver manifest reconciliation?
- Getting rid of barriers to inclusion in city involvement
- Promoting citizen engagement , voting, get involved for impact
- By-laws and policies revamped to allow diverse housing types + models
- Breaking down barriers between groups -> open spaces, friendly neighbourhood
- Voting -> resident engagement, low voter turnout, democracy engagement fatigue
- Reconciliation
- Different tenure types - > zoning flexibility
- Dynamic public spaces
- Vancouver Foundation Neighbourhood Grants -> more small grants to do grassroots initiatives
- Make the city more friendly
  - How can events be more accessible to PDAC, seniors, etc
- Accessible washrooms

- Housing rental stocks for mixed income. Need to grow stock
- Breaking down barriers between different groups and communities
- Mixed use, mixed accessibility
- People of all social-economic physical-mental abilities are brought together
    - Doors Open Vancouver
    - Tourism Vancouver
- Reconciliation
- A City with vibrant and inclusive public spaces and places - a city with lots of open spaces designed to be inclusive

How can you use the Summit?

- **COV sponsored neighbourhood $500 grants to support community efforts to build connection and inclusion**
- **Report card on advisory committees**
- **Weeklong 'city for all' with partner organizations**
- **Passport to allow people to access services/orgs across the city**
- A 'City For All' Report Card
- Create a definable "ask" for partnerships that is short (ie 2-3 sentence bullets)
- Passport stamps
- Platform to convene weeklong events, convened by other groups (not everybody can attend a one day event)
    - Allow a diversity of events to occur
    - Helps reduce barriers
- Advisory bodies 'report card' on a city for all
    - How often do council liaisons show up?
- Friendly city initiatives
- Report card on what issues happening from groups in city
- Have an online platform to get 'city fun' ideas from public prior to summit

Table 3:

What does a City for All mean for you?

- From 'being okay' /tolerating -→ to thriving, embracing unique differences and assets, seeking 'others' out
- City that cultivates cohesion
- Communities with traditionally more barriers & marginalized are sought out. Meet people where' they're at

- o   Community-based city planning hubs
- o   Every citizen knows a city point person/staff
- o   Citizen to citizen and citizen to city engagement, that results in action
- Equity
- Safe streets for many/all modes
- Geographic equity
- Community connectedness
- Improve civic engagement to connect interested people to add their unique input to their city
- Language is not a barrier to accessing info, services, events etc

How can you use the Summit?

- Share different work, research and report findings from rpojects
- Identify where particular (ie youth) voices are missing
- Capture and understand challenges that can be addressed by particular groups (ie Civic Tech)
- Motivate decision makers/leaders of different Faiths to ask what they can do for the city
  - o   Ie ask them: What is a city good for?
- Encourage active transportation for Summit and lead up
- Action-oriented: make actions and process to keep accountability and metrics
  - o   Follow up and track progress
  - o   Form neighbourhood resiliency committees? (give funding too)
  - o   Resiliency grants?
- Build-up to summit (eg actions beforehand)
- Climate Change is paramount
- Consider a decision making framework ie for decisions, ask "Can you live with it?

Who's missing?

- Civic Tech
- Mosaic
- ISS

Table 4:

What does a city for all mean to you?

- **Prioritizes transit**
- **Arts and culture thrives**
- **Is open to design thinking to solve complex problems**
- **A city with vibrant & inclusive public spaces**
- **Is inclusive and accessible**
- **Provides a diversity of housing options, does not have homeslessness**
- Access + Mobility:
  - Prioritizes transit
  - A city where everyone has the ability to move around with ease
- Supportive of businesses, make a living
- A city that reflects the Indigenous Cultures of this land in design, art, culture, space for ceremony and dance, and also a little of each to the settler groups
- A city where everyone's basic needs are always met and enriched
- Affordable vibrant city
- Diversity is celebrated
- Inclusive city for everyone/where we all feel that there is a place that we feel safe and secure
- There is room for us all – young, aging, PWD, poor, sick, rich, new
- Planning for short, medium and longterm and addressing opportunities/barriers head on
- Public engagement that builds trust
- Safe, inclusive, convenient, education
- Cities where elected officials, staff, residents and students and employees are open to design think
  - Trying ideas short term and leaving room for failure + tweaking
- A city for future generations
- A socially and environmentally sustainable city
- Incorporates nature
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Table 5:

What does a City for All mean to you?

- Inclusive city-representative of its citizens
  - Eg who is making decisions
  - CityHive/youth/representation/involvement in civic issues
- Understanding those with mental illness/addiction. We should be aware of marginalization. Important in Vancouver. Taking a public health approach

- Think about perspective/lifting voices of those not in the scene in a respectful way. Thinking about marginalization. "Reframe" not terms that are representative… you leave some people out
- Having genuine dialogue and inclusion, priviliege, how do we bring the voices of those who are not privilieged
- We were invited to be here, but how to deal engagements
- We need an honest conversation about race. Challenge… we are visible minorities. Are we represented in power balance? -> strive for equity, no tokenism
- Inclusion is important/accessibility. This is how you participate. Otherwise you end up isolated. Work to ensure it is an accessible city. Need accessibility strategy. Bring it up. Makes it a city for all.
- Poverty is an issue for people with disabilities
  - Unfair issues around welfare/income food security. Choice of either medication vs rent
- "Our reality is similar to other people"
- Employment access -> no jobs. 85% bling unemployed underemployed
- Localized knowledge and no resources. Can we open conversation to open resources, giants, open rules
  - Eg artists ->do not have funds or regs. Giving access, if they can allocate funds for greater impact… Organize empower orgs
- Broaden definition of accessibility eg language/cultural sensibility. People being able to go out to diff neighbourhoods.
- Eg Chinese seniors take 5 mins to speak. First Nations approaches to time. Multiple times.
- Educating staff
- Health issues, pain, medical challengs, who can participate, who has jobs? Want to feel like we're breaking silos, want a 'broader strategy'. Taxing the same people
- Equity -> free labour "we do a lot of free work"
  - How to bring people to the table? So that there is inclusion and equity?
- How do we ensure continuity, institutional memory "don't reinvent the wheel"
- We show up a lot. There is value to working on these intersections
- Council of councils once a year. There has been value on collaboration
- How do we work together – not silos.
- Rotation on various committees to inform perspectives, cross checking consultation
- Taking up space is political. How transformative work happens. Using gut to empower transformative change
- People are tired of talking! Do action

How can the Summit and Events communicate the needs of your organization?

- Effort towards broad accessibility, language, mobility, childcare, schedules, location, active and intentional variability in participation

- Barriers acknowledged/honesty
- Vancouver is a desirable city. City with highest disabled ever, able-bodied only living pay-cheque to pay-cheque
- Cost of living and impolications on abuse
- City not accessible
- Speakers knowledge experts. Bring organizations, smaller ones. What help they need. How do we work together?
- Idea of commitment of those seeking office "joint declaration" accountability
- Havig a hall/tradeshow more "active"/inclusive. Inviting intersections, collaboration + organizations + people ->beyond education
- Challenge, action, call to. Working together past the summit. Beyond the knowledge of what happened @1st summit
- Critique of our own existing police action. We don't do as well as we think
- City of Portland has office looking with equity lens
- How do policies benefit people
- Community services developing an intersectional framework. Not just another report. Eg women's strategy had no budget attachment. What has changes with reconciliation?
  - Need $
  - Need timeframe
  - Need accountability/bureaucracy on board
  - Do they work together?
- Cohesive voice? Used to be interdepartmental committees – strategy office mesh
- Need standardized reporting mechanism.
  - Eg Arbutus Greenway: they report back on discussion, check in with stakeholders
- Only motions only go into meetings but does not reflect the work. Council don't know about the work goes into it?
- Council is not leveraging all the work that goes into committees. The notes do not represent the discussion
- Feasibility and action. Relationship between groups. Activities beyond the summit. City facilitating
- Communication and accountability

Summary (of 5):

- Accessibility
- Silos/comms among groups
- Institutional memory
- Not just another conversation -> action after summit
- Accountability
- Reframing equity

Table 6: Elm

What is a city for all?

- Not just for wealthy/able-bodied
- City for every interest
- <u>Accessible</u>, welcoming
- Need for economic structure around jobs/income/affordable prices
- Housing needs to be adequate/<u>affordable</u>
- A city where you feel you have <u>connections</u> (family, social, cultural)
- Services provided through <u>intersectional lens</u> = everyone's needs considered
- Next election: woman mayor, 50% women candidates
- Housing: need model with different ways of living together
- Need new business model serving local small businesses
- Need to restructure city's share of tax dollar (now $0.08)
- Well-funded education system
- People feel they have a voice, <u>sense of belonging</u> by being involved <u>= sense of community</u>
- Vancouver needs to be more <u>welcoming</u>
- Neighbourhoods are critical to City for All
- Need more common areas for people to congregate
- City-wide plan – or at least <u>city-wide</u> discussions on issues

What can you get out of the Summit?

- Need a build-up to Summit
- 1. Neighbourhood meetings with canddiates – What does a City For All mean to you? Meetings throughout the city
- 2. Could have City for All tables at various events + festivals + community centres
- 3. Online dialogue
- How do we get Indigenous input?
- Bring dialogue to school-kids
- Get immigrant input (use realtors?)
- Reach out to marginalized groups