

BRINGING THE MST CULTURAL WHORL TO LIFE AT ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/JERICO LANDS

Here are some of the highlights of the revised site concept that we are proud to share with you. It reflects four years of listening to and learning from MST Nations' Community Members, and working with our design team to turn your aspirations into a site concept plan that is being proposed for approval. More information and images of the revised site concept for ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands will be available soon at inspirejericho.ca.

STEWARDS OF THE TREES AND CANOPY

75% of an existing four-acre forest will be maintained and enhanced with native species. Cedar and other trees important to MST will be found on the site.

HONOURING THE RIDGE

Watchmen's Hill, at the highest point of ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands, will be an accessible gathering space with views towards the Sisters and across the Salish Sea.

Building heights will be designed to preserve views to culturally important points.

WATER AS LIFE GIVER

Water will be present throughout the site and flow seasonally from the Ridge to the beach. The MST Nations' relationship to water will be honoured through sights and sounds—seasonal ponds and streams.

LIVING WITH NATURE

Approximately 30 acres of the 90-acre site will be dedicated to parks and open space. Water, forest, wetland, and meadow will be found throughout the neighbourhood.

SPIRIT OF THE LONGHOUSE

ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands will provide 13,000 much-needed homes. More than 4,000 homes will be rental, including at least 2,600 social housing homes—the largest number ever delivered in B.C. in a single development. There will be places for gathering and sharing that evoke the feeling of the longhouse.

CELEBRATING THE MST PARTNERSHIP

Throughout ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands, people will know they are in an MST community through expressions of culture, language, place names, and design. The Three Sentinels—representing each of the Nations—will be the tallest buildings on the site at 49 storeys, visible from the Salish Sea and downtown Vancouver.

A PLACE OF ARRIVAL

With the removal of fences and barriers, MST are welcoming everyone back to the land, whether they are visiting or passing through. Two potential SkyTrain stations (one at Jericho Lands and one near Alma Street) could welcome residents and visitors.

An artists' rendering of the future neighbourhood at ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands - final design of buildings, parks and open spaces to be determined in future phases of the planning process following the Policy Statement

NEXT STEPS

The information in this newsletter is being shared with you first, as landowners of ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands. This month, it will also be shared with the public through a City of Vancouver-led engagement process.

Later this year, the project will be going to Vancouver City Council to seek approval for a Policy Statement which, once approved, will set the principles and policies that would guide development of the site.

Building this site will take place over the next 20-30 years, and over the next two generations, providing employment and training opportunities for MST Nations' Community Members in planning, development, construction, real estate, and property management.

INSPIRE JERICO TALKS

On April 13, 2023, Cultural Liaisons from the three Nations presented how MST Culture will be celebrated at ʔəyálməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands.

Thank you to those who attended or watched the livestream!

To view the entire event, please visit inspirejericho.ca.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any input you would like to share, or any questions about the Jericho Lands, contact your cultural liaisons or the project team:

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