

Happy City Principles

Charles Montgomery and the Happy City team have been engaged to consider the future of the property through the Happy City lens.

From the first explorations into the potential of this project, Bing Thom Architects have looked at ways to make Broadway and Commercial a pilot project for how to foster greater health and happiness in Vancouver through urban design. To support that goal, the project team has engaged Happy City to consider the potential of the property and provide recommendations from their perspective.

Integrated Healthy City + Happy City Principles for Commercial + Broadway:



Housing

- Housing options that nurture social support and relationships
- Help people stay longer and support longer tenure



Shared Space

- Generous and inclusive public realm
- Create semi-private and public shared spaces that enrich village life



Mobility

- Make walking wonderful
- Reduce car dependence



Green Space and Nature

- Create diverse nature and green space that is accessible to residents, visitors and transit users
- Shared gardens to grow food and space that's dog friendly



Building Construction and Design

- Become a City of Vancouver best practice leader in environmental sustainability and human wellbeing
- Support small businesses and local entrepreneurship



Who is Happy City

The way we design buildings, neighbourhoods and cities has a profound effect on health and happiness. The Happy City team draws on a decade of research to make sense of that relationship. The firm offers evidence and examples to inspire designers, decision-makers and city-dwellers to embrace happy design; and they empower them to take action. The toolbox includes workshops, presentations, happiness design audits and consultation.

