

2025 ACEDAC Work plan

Item	ACEDAC Activity	Outcome	Strategic Plan Key Objective/Outcome	Timeline
Economic Development Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops, engagement activities to be determined Input into development of survey questions, recommendations and draft document 	Opportunity to engage with the community (business and resident) and set a refreshed vision for the city's local economy.	Policy Modernization: Update business-related regulations and plans to meet the needs of our modern economy and better serve our local community.	Q2 2025 - 2026
Liquor & Cannabis Policy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input into existing policy and review process Input into proposed policy and framework 	Review of policy and regulatory framework for liquor and cannabis related applications.	Policy Modernization: Update business-related regulations and plans to meet the needs of our modern economy and better serve our local community.	Q3 2025 - 2026
Retail Strategy implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input into policy/initiatives that are developed as a result of implementing recommended actions 	Implementation of recommendations in Retail Strategy.	Active Commercial Areas: Implement the Retail Strategy to support active and welcoming commercial areas with a mix of diverse and vibrant business and cultural offerings.	Ongoing
e-Apply for Business Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feed into development of online platform 	Implement an online platform for accepting, reviewing and issuing business licence applications	Policy Modernization: Update business-related regulations and plans to meet the needs of our modern economy and better serve our local community.	Q2 – Q4 2025
Crisis Response Pilot Project (CRPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project updates, sharing of resources, advocacy efforts to senior levels of government once plan developed 	CRPP objective is to advance proactive, resilient and strategic organizational approaches that can be used long-term to address the inter-related crises of homelessness, mental health and substance use.	Touches on three different Strategic Priorities of Community Belonging and Connecting, Homes and Housing Options and People-Centered Economy.	Q1 2025 - 2026
Anvil 10-Year Review – Implementation of Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation plan is underway Staff will come to the ACEDAC for input and advisement as the implementation plan advances Timing for input TBD 	Implementation of recommendations in the Anvil 10-Year Review.	Implementation of key recommendations, aligned with the Strategic Priority Areas related to Community Belonging and Connecting and Asset Management and Infrastructure.	Q1 2025 - 2026
Sponsorship Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input into scope of policy Input into development of policy and review of draft 	Development of City sponsorship policy.	Establish strong, positive, and collaborative relationships with local business-focused partners and regional organizations to promote and grow our local economy which includes arts, culture, tourism and non-profits that make New Westminster a richer place.	Q3 2025
Arts Strategy Refresh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input from the ACEDAC anticipated Q3 	Updated Arts Strategy	Establish a revised vision and refreshed Arts Strategy in alignment Council's Strategic Priorities.	Q1-Q4 2025
Public Art Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement survey in Spring 2025 Draft Plan developed; staff will come to the ACEDAC for input and advisement on specific plan recommendations (for example opportunities for public/private partnerships); Input from the ACEDAC anticipated in Q2. 	Development of a City Public Art Plan	Establish a long-range vision to guide the Public Art Program.	Q3 2025
Filming Office Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on year's activity conducted in the filming office 		Create a vibrant and resilient local economy that provides sustainable employment opportunities for all, to improve economic well-being, including Indigenous and equity-seeking communities.	Q4 2025
Review 2025 & 2026 Work plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of previous year's activities and identification of work plan items for 2026. 		Establish strong, positive, and collaborative relationships with local business-focused partners and regional organizations to promote and grow our local economy which includes arts, culture, tourism and non-profits that make New Westminster a richer place.	Q4 2025