

Building Community Connectivity

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Vital Signs – pre 2012

- Vital Signs 2006, 2008, 2010
 - Economy, Affordability, Transportation, Education, Health etc.
- Rated “Belonging” most important

“What people said concerned them most was a growing sense of isolation and disconnection. They said we increasingly live in silos, separated by ethnicity, culture, language, income, age and geography. They lamented what they saw as a deepening civic malaise that has resulted in more people withdrawing from community activities. They said this corrosion of caring and social isolation hurts them personally and hurts their community”.



Connect and Engage – June 2012



- Connect and Engage in 2012
 - Polled over 3800 people
 - 80 ethnic groups
- Metro Vancouver is a hard place to make friends;
- Our neighborhood connections are cordial but weak;
- Many people in metro Vancouver are retreating from community life;
- There are limits to how people see diversity as an opportunity for forge meaningful connections, and;
- The affordability issue in metro Vancouver is affecting people's attitudes and beliefs.

Fast Forward

What has happened since
our survey in 2012?



Connections and Engagement

Vancouver candidates asked to address social isolation  **CBCnews.ca** CBC – Mon, 10 Nov, 2014

Volunteering helps transition to retirement
Volunteer Pat Durrett at the Century House in New Westminster. Photograph By Jennifer Gauthier

Vancouver's mayoral candidates debate problems of transit, poverty and loneliness

BY JEFF LEE, VANCOUVER SUN OCTOBER 22, 2014

Charles Montgomery: Welcome to Happyville: How we can improve our lives by designing smart cities

NP CHARLES MONTGOMERY, SPECIAL TO NATIONAL POST | October 11, 2014 6:29 AM ET

Evasions » Explorateurs

 **SHARING BROS #1 : VANCOUVER – LE BAPTÊME DU**

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To Combat Weak Social Ties, a New Way to Create 

An 'arts hive' with focus on therapy puts expression before instruction.
By *Olivia Fellows*, 28 Jul 2014, *TheTyee.ca*

In B.C., small communities translate into high voter turnout

PAULINE HOLDSWORTH
The Globe and Mail
Published Friday, Nov. 14 2014, 9:13 PM EST
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Major Vancouver parties grilled by lively crowd

LaPointe recounts poor childhood to Vision-friendly crowd

MIKE HOWELL / VANCOUVER COURIER
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Neighborhood Small Grants



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SMALL GRANTS**



Mayor's Engaged City Task Force

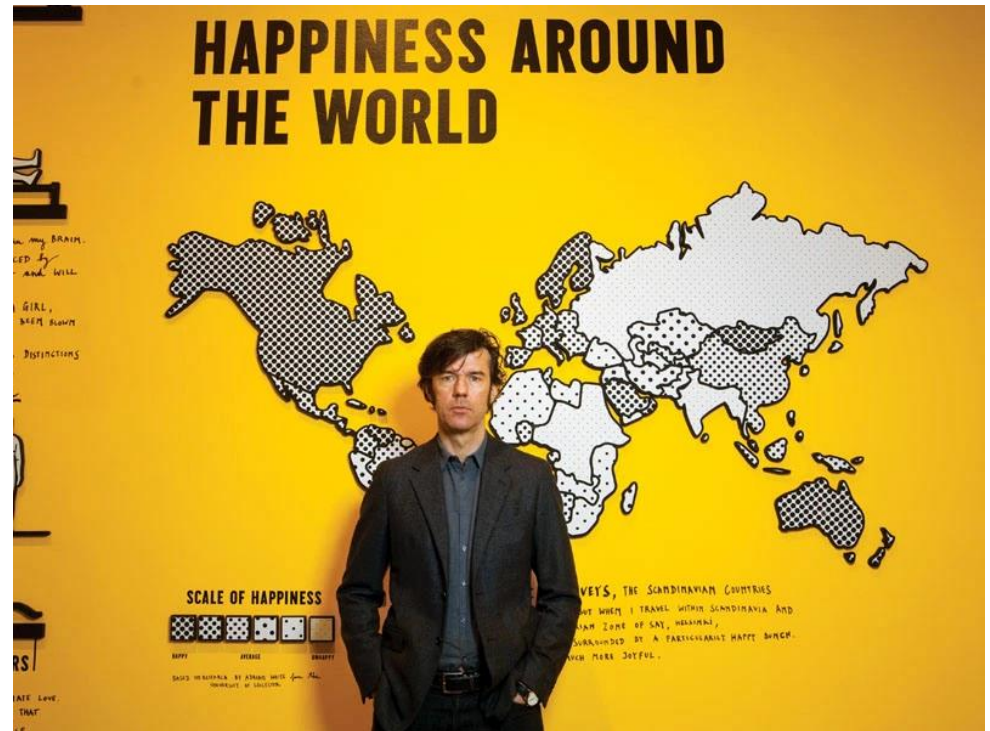
October 3, 2012 – Vancouver City Council passed a motion to establish the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, with the mandate to increase neighbourhood engagement and improve upon the many ways the City connects with Vancouver residents.





Museum of Vancouver

- The Happy Show inspired happiness through a surprising interactive exhibition





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Vital Signs across Canada



Next up? Belonging
will continue to be a
main theme as

2017 – Canada turns 150.

2018 – Vancouver Foundation turns 75.