



Message from the Mayor

Five years ago, we launched the Mayor’s Task Force on Community Housing, a community-driven project that shaped Burnaby’s innovative response to the housing crisis.

We’re working on all fronts to keep up the momentum and this hard work is starting to make a difference. Today, we have more than 19,000 rental units at all stages of the development process. An increasing number of these projects are reaching completion, with many of the new homes offered at below-market rates.

Other cities have been watching us.

Recent changes to provincial housing legislation however, put our success at risk.

Rather than recognizing that our “Made in Burnaby” model is working very effectively, the Province is making the largest change to municipal zoning in BC’s history. The goal is to improve affordability by significantly increasing housing supply. But Burnaby is already adding more housing than most cities in BC.

Burnaby built a plan that was shaped by the community. We reached a consensus and created a strategy intended to meet the broad range of citizens’ needs. We focused density and growth in our town centres near transit and services, while protecting green spaces as much as possible.

If the Province wants new housing created, they should make a trip to Burnaby. As we navigate these sweeping changes, we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure Burnaby continues to thrive.

– Mayor Mike Hurley

Community input at heart of Burnaby’s new Official Community Plan

Public input sought every step of the way

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is an important document, as it guides the city’s growth. That’s why we’re taking the time to get it right. Since the update process, called Burnaby 2050, started in 2022, the City has hosted more than a dozen events and received more than 20,000 comments from the public.

Phase 3 of the project is now underway, and we’re inviting residents to give their feedback at in-person and virtual town hall events happening in May and June. Head to Burnaby.ca/Burnaby2050 for details on these events, and to submit feedback online through a survey that will be open until June 9.

In 2025, a draft version of the final document will go to the public for a last round of input.

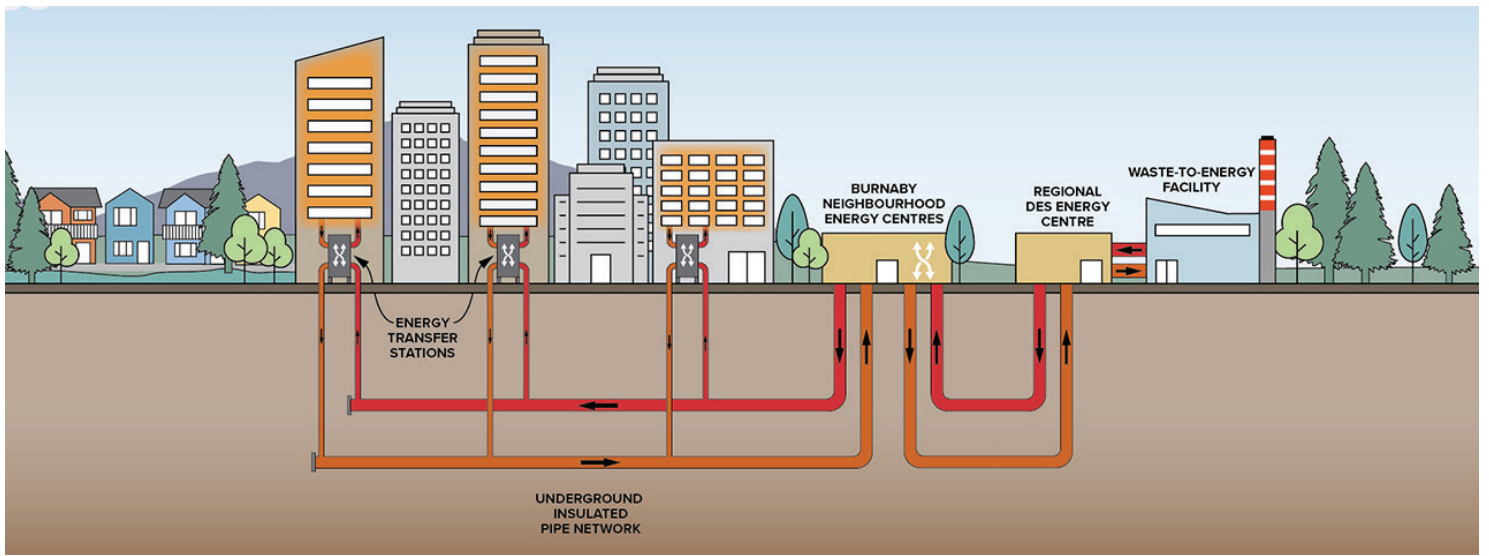
Learn more: Burnaby.ca/Burnaby2050

A diverse group of Burnaby residents are playing an important role in shaping Burnaby’s OCP update as members of the Burnaby Community Assembly.

Using a civic lottery, 45 community members were selected. Over a six-month period, they are meeting to learn, hear from experts and community voices, work through trade-offs and create recommendations for Burnaby 2050.

The Burnaby Community Assembly provides an additional layer of public feedback for the OCP process. Facilitated by Simon Fraser University’s Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, the assembly is a unique opportunity for residents to offer in-depth feedback and guidance.





Burnaby building a greener future through District Energy

The City of Burnaby is creating a District Energy Utility, a project that could significantly reduce carbon emissions while providing a heat source for our city's growing neighbourhoods.

How would it work?

This project would use waste heat, a byproduct of industrial processes, and put it to good use.

Today, about a quarter of the region's garbage is incinerated at Metro Vancouver's Waste to Energy facility in south Burnaby. Most of the energy created (about 75%) is lost in the form of heat.

Metro Vancouver plans to build an energy centre to capture the heat to supply heat and hot water to up to 50,000 homes in

Vancouver, Burnaby and potentially New Westminster.

The heat would travel through a network of underground pipes to buildings for space heating and hot water heating.

Metrotown and Edmonds in Phase 2

In Phase 1, new piping will send the heat to the River District neighbourhood in Vancouver. In Phase 2, new piping connections will bring heat to Metrotown and Edmonds.

By heating homes and buildings this way, we expect to cut carbon emissions by up to 82% when compared to using typical energy sources. That's like taking almost 5,000 cars off the road.

For residents and developers, a district energy system will replace bulky heating systems, reducing costs and freeing up space for other uses.

By creating a District Energy Utility, Burnaby is innovating to build a greener, more sustainable future.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/DistrictEnergy](https://burnaby.ca/DistrictEnergy)

Did you know?

District energy provides heating or cooling to multiple buildings from a single source. It's been used since at least Ancient Roman times, when shared heating was used to heat homes and baths. District energy is in use today around the world, as communities seek efficient, cost-effective, low-carbon energy sources.

Burnaby committed to keeping costs low

As the cost of living soars, the City of Burnaby wants to keep life affordable for residents and businesses in our community.

The City's property tax increase for 2024 (4.5%) is the lowest among all Metro Vancouver municipalities. This increase translates to about \$87 for the average property owner.

The City also uses its reserve funds to keep increases for water and sewer services low even while regional rates soar.

Residents will see increases in 2024 as follows:

- » 0 percent for water services
- » 5 percent for sewer services (approximately \$29.50 for a house and \$16 for a condo)

These increases are well below the actual costs passed down to the City by Metro Vancouver in 2024:

- » 7.6 percent for water services
- » 28.91 percent for sewer services

It's one more way that Burnaby's careful management of public funds benefits Burnaby residents.

Provincial Housing Changes

2023 | Housing Choices

July 2024 | Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing

Summer 2024 | Transit-oriented Areas



New legislation will add greater density across Burnaby

In November 2023, the Provincial Government passed legislation that will significantly change housing throughout British Columbia, including in Burnaby.

These changes affect the approval process for residential projects, allowing density increases beyond what has been usually allowed in Burnaby neighbourhoods. This increase in density also requires updates to strategic, long-term visioning for our community and to Burnaby's Zoning Bylaw.

These changes are mandated by the Province with the intent of addressing affordability by creating more housing supply. As a City we want to ensure that you are aware of these changes and how they will affect the growth and character of Burnaby.

Key facts:

- » In single- and two-family neighbourhoods, the legislation allows up to three or four units per lot. On single- and two-family properties near frequent transit service, this can be as many as six units per lot.
- » The Province has also established minimum building heights in areas near SkyTrain stations.
- » As part of the new rules, municipalities are also no longer allowed to hold public hearings for residential projects that conform to the City's Official Community Plan.
- » The Province requires that all relevant City bylaws be updated by June 30, 2024.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/ProvincialHousingChanges](https://burnaby.ca/ProvincialHousingChanges)

Changes to how your property is zoned

If you own a residential property in a single- or two-family zone, your property will be rezoned as a result of upcoming amendments to the City's zoning bylaw. This change is in response to provincial housing legislation. This may increase the number of residential units that can be built on your property.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/ZoningBylawRewrite](https://burnaby.ca/ZoningBylawRewrite)

Changes to how we fund growth

Housing legislation from the Province of BC significantly reduces Burnaby's ability to fund growth-related services and infrastructure through its Community Benefit Bonus Policy.

As a result, we must update our charges on new development in Burnaby to align with other municipalities based on the Province of British Columbia Best Practice Guide for municipal development financing.

Effective July 1, 2024, these changes include:

- » Expansion of Development Cost Charges (DCCs), and;
- » Introduction of Amenity Cost Charges (ACCs).

These charges will help pay for infrastructure and amenities such as new sewers, water mains, roads, community centres, and child care facilities.

How Burnaby set its development charges

Rates for expanded Development Cost Charges and for newly introduced Amenity Cost Charges were set at levels that are consistent with DCC and ACC rates set in other large Metro Vancouver cities.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/ACC-DCC](https://burnaby.ca/ACC-DCC)

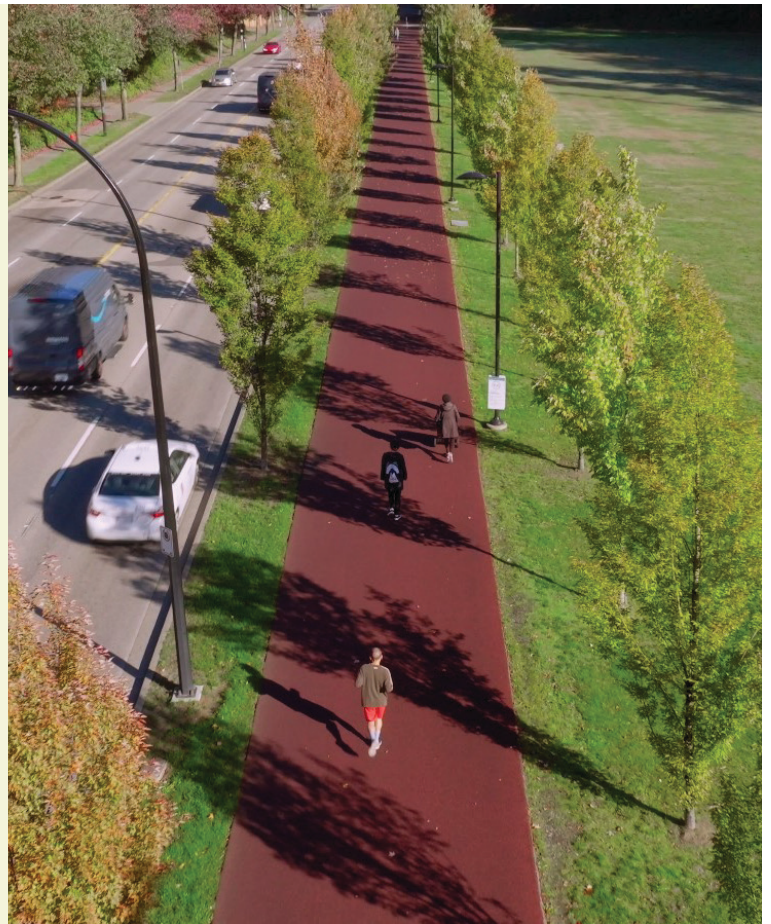
Central Park Perimeter Trail now complete

Summer is a great time to get out and explore Burnaby's incredible parks and green spaces—especially now that the City has completed the 3.5-kilometre Central Park Perimeter Trail.

This unique trail is one of the longest continuous rubberized tracks for walking and running in Metro Vancouver. The perimeter trail outlines the 213-acre (86 hectare) Central Park, one of Burnaby's largest parks, and connects to the BC Parkway.

As one of the most popular trails in Burnaby, the four-metre-wide trail is designed to provide enough room for runners and walkers to share the trail comfortably.

Unlike traditional asphalt tracks, portions of the Central Park Perimeter trail are designed with porous materials to allow water circulation to important tree root zones. Abundant trees along the route provide some shade during the day and lighting throughout allows people to enjoy the park later into the evening.



Parkway Alive returns to Metrotown

The BC Parkway will come alive with activities and events for families to enjoy as the Parkway Alive campaign kicks off May 25.

Parkway Alive gives residents a chance to have fun and preview the potential of this corridor, as the City prepares to enhance the BC Parkway into a premier linear park in the heart of Metrotown.

Parkway Alive events will take place between Boundary Road and Royal Oak SkyTrain Station, starting with a special Burnaby Blooms event on May 25, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Following the May 25 kick-off, events and activations at Metrotown SkyTrain Station will take place every Sunday (11 am-2 pm) and Wednesday (5-8 pm) and the first Sunday of the month (11 am-2pm) at Patterson SkyTrain Station. Events run until the end of August.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/ParkwayAlive

Burnaby building connections at Deer Lake Park

The City of Burnaby is making major upgrades to Deer Lake Park by adding a new pedestrian bridge on the northeast side of the lake.

The trail loop at Deer Lake Park has evolved over the years into one of the most beloved trails in Burnaby—offering stunning views of the lake and local wildlife. The addition of a new pedestrian bridge over Deer Lake Brook will allow pedestrians to stay on a designated trail near the water's edge without having to detour onto Deer Lake Avenue.

City Council approved the new bridge in March. Staff are now working on detailed design and will take care to ensure the project does not disrupt the sensitive ecosystem in this area.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/DeerLake



Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre opens to the community

The Burnaby community came together in celebration on May 11 as the City of Burnaby officially opened the doors to its newest facility, the Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre.

The new 92,000-square-foot facility is located at 10th Avenue and 18th Street in the Edmonds neighbourhood.

Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre features two NHL-sized rinks, a skate shop and a concession. It also includes space for community use, including meeting rooms, an outdoor rooftop patio and a warm-side arena viewing area.



This facility is named in honour of politician and social justice champion Rosemary Brown (1930-2003). Brown was a prominent Burnaby MLA (1979-1986) and was the first Black woman elected to a provincial legislature in Canada. She was a pioneer politician, community leader and human rights champion who used her voice to fight discrimination against women and people of colour.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/RosemaryBrown



Burnaby becoming a pickleball hotspot

Burnaby is quickly developing a reputation as the pickleball capital of Metro Vancouver, with 99 pickleball courts across the community for people to enjoy.

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in North America and is enjoyed by athletes of all ages and abilities.

In December 2023, we added four new, dedicated pickleball courts at Squint Lake Park—bringing the total number of courts in the park to 12.

Pickleball can be played year-round in Burnaby, as athletes have the option to head to the Sohen Gill Sports Box at Confederation Park, which opened to the public in April, to play under cover. The Jack Crosby Sports Box also opened this spring.

To find a court near you, visit Burnaby.ca/OutdoorCourts



Stay warm, keep cool, lower your carbon footprint



City upgrades help Burnaby breathe easier

A key part of the City's plan to meet our carbon reduction targets is retrofitting civic buildings and facilities with new, high-efficiency heating and cooling systems. In 2023, the City made equipment upgrades in a number of buildings, including:

- » Bob Prittie Metrotown Library
- » Christine Sinclair Community Centre
- » Deer Lake Park Fieldhouse
- » Hart House Restaurant
- » Eileen Dailly Pool
- » Riverway Golf Course Clubhouse
- » Baldwin House

Another 12 City buildings are receiving high-efficiency heating and cooling system upgrades in 2024.

Did you know that nearly 40% of all of Burnaby's greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) come from buildings—and that most of the GHGs generated by our homes come from space and water heating? Making your home more energy efficient is one way you can take climate action. It will also help keep you cozy in the winter and cool in the summer—and maybe even save you money.

You can start by making simple changes like turning down the heat and turning off lights when you're sleeping or away from your home. Next, seal up leaky windows and doors and add insulation to prevent heat loss. Further improve your home's efficiency by replacing drafty doors and windows, and by installing an electric heat pump—one of the most energy-efficient systems available for space heating and cooling. Electric heat pumps produce 97% less greenhouse gas emissions than even the most efficient natural gas heating systems.

To help you learn how to make your home climate friendly, we've created an online resource to outline your options and let you know where you can get assistance—from free advice to rebates to no-interest loans. Visit Burnaby.ca/ClimateFriendlyHomes

Show some love for your boulevard

Boulevards are the public areas that border the front, sides and back of private properties, and they are important parts of Burnaby's streetscapes. Proper boulevard maintenance is a shared responsibility between the City and property owners and is essential to keeping up the appearance of our neighborhoods.

The City is responsible for street trees, sidewalk condition and infrastructure such as lamp standards. Individual homeowners, stratas and businesses are responsible for keeping boulevards in a safe and tidy condition, including mowing in the summer and removing snow in winter. And if they wish, property owners can do more to beautify adjacent boulevard areas, such as planting and maintaining flowers and small shrubs.

To learn more about your responsibilities as a property owner and what's permitted in boulevard areas, read Burnaby's Boulevard Treatment and Maintenance Policy at Burnaby.ca/Boulevards



Burnaby's **new cycling routes** taking shape

There has never been a better time to get outside for a ride in Burnaby, as the City continues to build more cycling routes across the community.

Phase 2 of the Edmonds Town Centre Cycling Network project is well underway. We will be adding and piloting new cycling corridors and making other cycling improvements, with the goal of having routes ready to ride this summer.

These routes will expand the existing network, with sections along Stride Avenue, 18th Avenue, 16th Street and more. By providing better connections to shopping, services and parks, our goal is to make cycling an easy and fun way to get around.

We're able to move quickly to test out new routes and improvements thanks to our quick-build approach. Using prefabricated materials such as concrete dividers, we can rapidly add features and make adjustments based on community feedback.

In north Burnaby, we are preparing final designs for the new Vancouver to SFU Cycling Connection. The goal is to create a route that allows people of all ages and abilities to ride safely right across north Burnaby.

Improving cycling routes supports the City's target of having 75% of all trips made by bus or active transportation options by 2050.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/Cycling

Burnaby making it **easier and safer** to take transit

The City of Burnaby installed 50 new bus shelters across Burnaby in 2023 and we plan to install 50 more in 2024, making it safer and more comfortable for residents taking transit.

The Bus Shelter Expansion Program launched in 2023, with the goal to add 370 shelters in Burnaby by 2030. The new shelters provide lighting and location signage to help residents and visitors identify their stop—even in dark or rainy conditions.

Space for future amenities such as garbage and recycling receptacles was also incorporated into the bus shelter design.

We use a variety of factors to prioritize the locations of the new shelters, including ridership and proximity to schools, senior centres or civic facilities.



City of Burnaby named one of **BC's Top Employers**

Looking for a great place to launch your career and serve your community?

The City of Burnaby was recently named as one of BC's Top Employers by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

Our core values of community, integrity, respect, innovation and passion have helped ensure Burnaby continues to attract talented staff, who go above and beyond to serve the residents of this community.

Interested in joining our team? Visit Burnaby.ca/Careers for more information.



Events

The following are just a few of the events coming to Burnaby in the months ahead.

For more details visit [Burnaby.ca/Events](https://burnaby.ca/Events)

Hats Off Day

What: Street party hosted by Burnaby Heights Merchants on Hastings Street, featuring entertainers and free activities.

When: Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am-4 pm

Where: Hastings Street between Boundary and Gamma

National Indigenous Peoples Day

What: Enjoy dance, spoken word, storytelling and more.

When: Friday, June 21, 3-7 pm

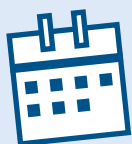
Where: Civic Square (6100 Willingdon Ave)

Canada Day

What: Celebrate Canada's 157th birthday at one of three locations.

When: Monday, July 1

Where: Burnaby Village Museum, Edmonds Park and Plaza, Central Boulevard



Symphony in the Park

What: Free performance by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

When: Saturday, July 13, 7:30 pm

Where: Deer Lake Park

Opera in the Park

What: Free performance by the Vancouver Opera.

When: Sunday, July 14, 7:30 pm

Where: Deer Lake Park

Burnaby Pride

What: Live performances, info booths, food trucks and activities.

When: Saturday, July 20, 1-7 pm

Where: Bonsor Park (6550 Bonsor Ave)

Burnaby Blues + Roots Festival

What: One of the region's premier outdoor music festivals.

When: Saturday, August 10, 4-10 pm

Where: Deer Lake Park



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Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/CityConnect](https://burnaby.ca/CityConnect)

Reminders



- » Property Tax is due Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Contact the Tax Office if you do not receive your bill by mid-June. You can pay online at [Burnaby.ca/MyProperty](https://burnaby.ca/MyProperty)
- » Short Term Rental hosts must display a valid business licence number on their listing effective May 1, 2024.

Your Mayor and Councillors



From left to right Councillor Pietro Calendino, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Councillor Alison Gu, Councillor Joe Keithley, Mayor Mike Hurley, Councillor Richard T. Lee, Councillor Maita Santiago, Councillor Daniel Tetrault and Councillor James Wang

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