

## Why is the City renewing the Burnaby Official Community Plan?

The City is embarking on an exciting new project to renew the Burnaby Official Community Plan (OCP). Learn more about what is an OCP and why a new one is needed in this issue of Insights Report.

### What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

An OCP is a legally required City bylaw that enables City Council to guide and manage where, when and how future growth in Burnaby will be accommodated. It sets a long range vision for the city, supported by goals, objectives and policies for how that vision will be achieved and is a reflection of the community's values and aspirations for the future.

The Local Government Act gives municipalities the authority to develop an OCP for their community. Adoption of such a plan requires all bylaws enacted or development and works undertaken to be consistent with the plan. An OCP must encompass the following topics and provide maps for:

- » residential development required to meet anticipated housing needs over a period of at least five years;
- » present and proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational and public utility land uses;
- » present and proposed public facilities, including schools, parks and waste treatment and disposal sites;
- » sand and gravel deposits that are suitable for future sand and gravel extraction;
- » phasing of any major road, sewer and water systems; and
- » restrictions on the use of land that is subject to hazardous conditions or that is environmentally sensitive to development.

It must also contain policies regarding the provision of affordable and rental housing, and housing for persons with special needs. It also must lay out targets and policies related to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

### Why do we need a new OCP?

Burnaby is undergoing change; the City wants to respond in a way that meets the emerging and contemporary needs of Burnaby residents and the broader community – both present and future.

A new OCP will define what are Burnaby's priorities and how future sustainability, land use and community investments influence growth.



Did you know?

Municipalities have the authority to designate Development Permit Areas (DPA) in an OCP. DPAs are areas with special requirements and guidelines in order to:

- » protect special areas (i.e. environmentally sensitive areas, hazardous areas and farm land);
- » enhance place-making and/or revitalization of an area; and
- » promote energy and water conservation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).

## How will the new OCP be developed?

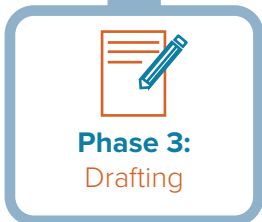
The OCP will be developed through a multi-phased process over several years:



Raise awareness and invite the community to learn more about the project.



Prepare a vision for the future of the City and prepare growth scenario options.



Set the strategic direction and policies to achieve the draft vision, goals and objectives.



Engage and confirm that the draft OCP reflects the values and priorities of the community.



Throughout the process, the City is committed to being:

- » **Accessible, inclusive and engaging**  
We invite people of all ages, abilities, and diverse backgrounds to help shape the city.
- » **Inclusive of Indigenous perspectives**  
We invite and support local First Nations partners to help shape the city.
- » **Visionary, creative and fun**  
We want to inspire people.
- » **Evidence-based and data driven**  
Our priorities, policies and decisions are informed by evidence, science, lived-experience and traditional knowledge bases.
- » **A “systems-thinking” approach**  
We recognize that the city is an urban system in which the built, natural and human environments are all highly connected.
- » **Climate-focused**  
We recognize that priorities, policies and decisions need to account for climate change and adaptation.
- » **Innovative and forward thinking**  
We demonstrate leadership.

