

# OUR CITY 2014: DRAFT VISION AND GOALS



## Draft Vision:

New Westminster is a caring, healthy and livable city, where community members feel connected to the built and natural environments and to each other, and where investment, growth and development contribute to a high quality of life for all. Throughout the city a variety of services and employment opportunities are connected by vibrant public spaces that are easily accessible by foot, wheels and transit. Each neighbourhood has a unique character that includes buildings and open spaces with high quality urban design, that are well integrated with New Westminster's heritage assets, help reduce environmental impact and contribute to the city's cultural identity.

## Draft Goals:

Policy Area	Goal
Community and Individual Well-Being	New Westminster is a caring, inclusive, safe, supportive and welcoming place where all community members have opportunities to contribute, while feeling connected and accepted.
Culture	New Westminster supports opportunities for community members and visitors to connect with the distinct spiritual, emotional, intellectual and material features of the city through the arts, history, celebrations and each other.
Economy and Employment	New Westminster has a diverse economy that prioritizes growth in knowledge, industry and health sectors, and around transit stations and in the downtown, creating a desirable place to work, shop and invest.
Energy and Emissions	New Westminster is an energy efficient, low-carbon, and resilient community.
Environment and Natural Areas	New Westminster protects and enhances urban natural and habitat areas, demonstrating leadership in environmental stewardship and land management practices.

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Food	Access to fresh and local food in New Westminster creates opportunities for residents to connect with food and with each other in a meaningful way.
Hazards	New Westminster protects against hazards and manages associated risks.
Health	New Westminster is a healthy community where all residents are active, safe and supported.
Heritage	New Westminster has a strong sense of historic identity and values its heritage assets.
Housing	New Westminster's neighbourhoods are great places to live and have diverse housing choices that meet the present and future needs of the community.
Parks and Recreation	New Westminster provides excellent recreation programs for all within a high quality, comprehensive network of parks, open spaces and facilities.
Public Realm and Urban Design	New Westminster is a liveable city, with an attractive, dynamic urban character demonstrating innovation and leadership in the design of the built environment.
Transportation and Accessibility	New Westminster's multi-modal transportation system supports a compact, sustainable, resilient community, which is an important economic hub within the region.
Utilities	New Westminster has reliable, resilient and innovative servicing that efficiently and effectively meets the community's needs.