

# QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

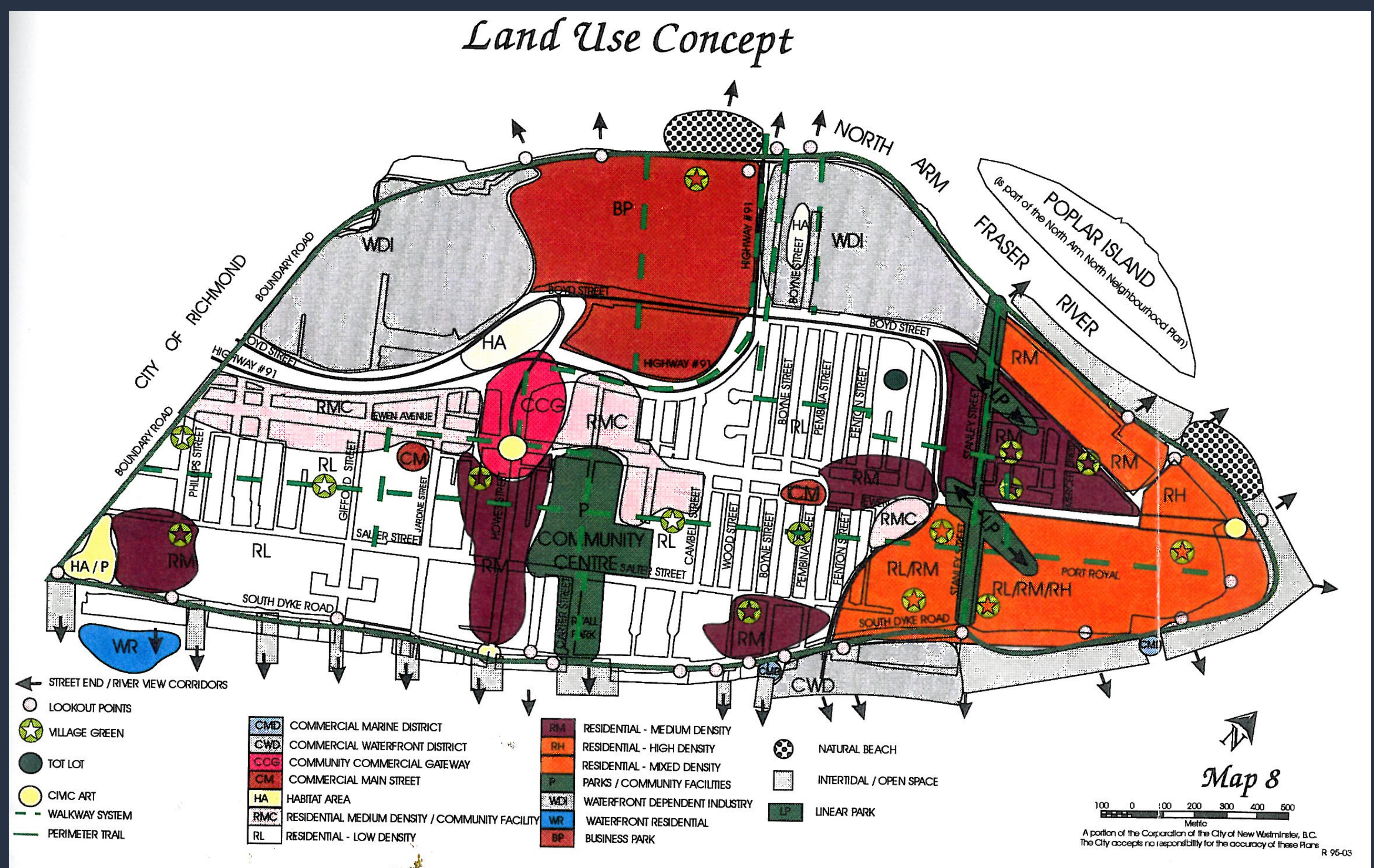
## PLANNING FOR QUEENSBOROUGH

The current Queensborough Community Plan forms part of New Westminster's Official Community Plan. Adopted by Council in 1995 after a three-year community process, the plan sets out a long-term strategy to guide future development and servicing decisions in the neighbourhood. The Plan provides a blueprint for development and how people may live, work, and play in Queensborough.

Recent growth and change within Queensborough has prompted the City to initiate a review of the Queensborough Community Plan. The City will be assisted by the consultant firm of AECOM. Through this review the City will ask local residents, property owners, and business owners to share their vision of what Queensborough should be like in the future – and what needs to happen to get there.

An updated plan for Queensborough provides an opportunity for local residents to come together to develop a plan tailored to their own community's unique characteristics reflecting their goals and aspirations.

### Land Use Concept, 1995



Many changes have occurred within the Queensborough Community since the adoption of the 1995 Plan.

Source: Queensborough Community Plan (1995) P. 177

### What is a Community Plan?

A community plan is a blueprint for decision making on land management issues. A community plan provides a vision for the future and outlines broad goals, key objectives and policies for land use, servicing, and the form and character of development. A plan identifies areas for housing, employment, commerce and recreation. To become an "official community plan the plan must be adopted by City Council as a bylaw following a formal public hearing. A Community Plan is a living document. Changes are anticipated to meet the needs of an ever changing community.

### How is a Plan different than a Zoning Bylaw?

The realization or implementation of a community plan occurs through actions by the City, citizens, and many others, including bylaws, public programs, civic projects, and private development, etc. One of the primary tools for the implementation of a community plan is a Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw is a tool which provides details on what uses are permitted in each area of the community and how these uses will be regulated.