What are the GOALS of the OCP?

- Community & Individual Well-Being
  - New Westminster is an equitable, inclusive, safe and welcoming place where all community members have opportunities to make a contribution while feeling connected and accepted.

- Environment & Natural Areas
  - New Westminster values its natural habitat areas that support biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

- Public Realm & 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.

- Hazards
  - New Westminster protects against land-use hazards and manages associated risks.

- Heritage
  - New Westminster has a strong sense of historic identity, and it values, promotes and protects its heritage assets.

- Transportation & Accessibility
  - New Westminster’s transportation system is accessible for people of all ages and abilities, supporting a compact, sustainable, resilient and prosperous community.

- Energy, Emissions & Climate Change
  - New Westminster is an energy-efficient and low-carbon community that takes action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is resilient to the impacts of climate change.

- Culture
  - New Westminster encourages opportunities to generate and encounter the diverse creative, spiritual, intellectual and material features of the city and its development.

- Economy & Employment
  - New Westminster has a diverse and adaptive economy and is a desirable place to work, live, shop and invest.

- Parks & Recreation
  - New Westminster provides excellent programs, events and recreation opportunities for all within a high quality, comprehensive network of parks, open spaces and facilities.

- Utilities & Service Infrastructure
  - New Westminster has reliable, resilient and innovative servicing that efficiently and effectively meets the needs of the community and reduces impacts on the environment.

What are the NEXT STEPS?

Official Community Plan
- Step 1: Create the final Draft OCP
  - Using the feedback we receive during this round of consultation.

- Step 2: Advisory Planning Commission
  - You are invited to attend this meeting and speak to the APC about the OCP.

- Step 3: Present the final OCP to Council
  - For first and second reading of the adoption bylaw.

- Step 4: Public Hearing
  - You are invited to attend this meeting and speak to Council about the OCP. Later that night, Council will deliberate whether or not to support the OCP.

- Step 5: Referral to Metro Vancouver
  - To ensure that the OCP is consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.

- Step 6: Final Adoption!

Infill Housing
- We have been working on implementation strategies for laneway and carriage houses and for townhouse and rowhouses.

- We are now revising the design guidelines based on community feedback and Council direction. We are expecting to take a report to Council in late March that will include draft Development Permit Areas (including design guidelines), draft zoning regulations, and a suggested approval process for laneway and carriage houses and for townhouses and rowhouses.

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Don’t have a lot of time today? Take the online SURVEY!
Your feedback on the draft OCP is important. It will help us refine the document and create the final draft. Find the survey online at: www.newwestcity.ca/ourcity

Stay UP-TO-DATE
- Do you want to stay informed about the OUR CITY 2041 process? Make sure to sign up for the distribution list by sending an email to ourcity@newwestcity.ca. This is a great way to stay connected to hear about next steps!

The draft OCP is here!

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is the policy document that sets out the vision, goals and policies for the future of New Westminster. The updated OCP will provide a renewed vision for the city, and the regulatory framework to guide growth toward that vision.

The OCP will also include a land use designation map (the future land use map), which will indicate the future land uses that will guide future development and redevelopment of property within the city.

The policies and map, together with design guidelines and actions will help to shape the future growth of OUR CITY.

The Revised Draft of the Future Land Use Map
- The land use designations and Future Land Use Map are policy tools that show the type and location of development expected in the future (e.g. detached and semi-detached housing). Not all properties will be eligible for all of the permitted uses listed in the land use designations (e.g. due to site size).

A land use designation is different than zoning. The Zoning Bylaw is a regulatory tool that identifies the specific type of development permitted on a property and includes more specific requirements. no changes to zoning of properties is being proposed through this process.

TODAY’S OPEN HOUSE
The OCP being presented today is the result of a three year process with your input along the way. Start by reviewing the “How We Got Here” board to learn about all the past steps in the process. Then visit each of the stops that will cover the following:
- Step 1: Tell us a bit about yourself
- Step 2: How we got here: Creating the Map
- Step 3: The revised Future Land Use Map: See what’s new
- Step 4: The rest of the plan: Vision, Goals and Policies
- Step 5: Infill Housing Update
- Step 6: Next Steps: Adopting the OCP

Have a Question? ASK US!
Staf members are here to answer questions and gather feedback.

NEW WESTMINSTER’S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

NEW WESTMINSTER'S DESIGN HANDBOOK

February 2017
What has changed on the map?
The changes from the first draft of the Future Land Use Map from August 2016 are summarized below:

- Townhouses and rowhouses are now permitted in "Residential - Ground Oriented Housing."
- All properties in Brow of the Hill that were designated "Residential - Infill Townhouse" are now designated "Residential - Ground Oriented Infill Housing."
- Properties previously designated for Infill Townhouse along Fifth St are now designated for Detached and Semi-Detached Housing.
- New areas are in Glenbrooke North have been designated "Residential - Ground Oriented Infill Housing." and "Residential - Infill Townhouse."

- Properties along East Columbia St are now designated “Residential - Ground Oriented Infill Housing” instead of "Residential - Townhouse."
- Properties between Debeck St and Keary St are now designated "Residential - Ground Oriented Infill Housing."
- Sharpe Street is now designated "Study Area" instead of "Mixed Employment."
- More properties are designated Mixed Use - Low Rise in the Special Employment Area.
- Land use designations are now shown for the area around the 22nd Street Station. However, more work needs to be completed by the City (after the adoption of the OCP) before development can take place.