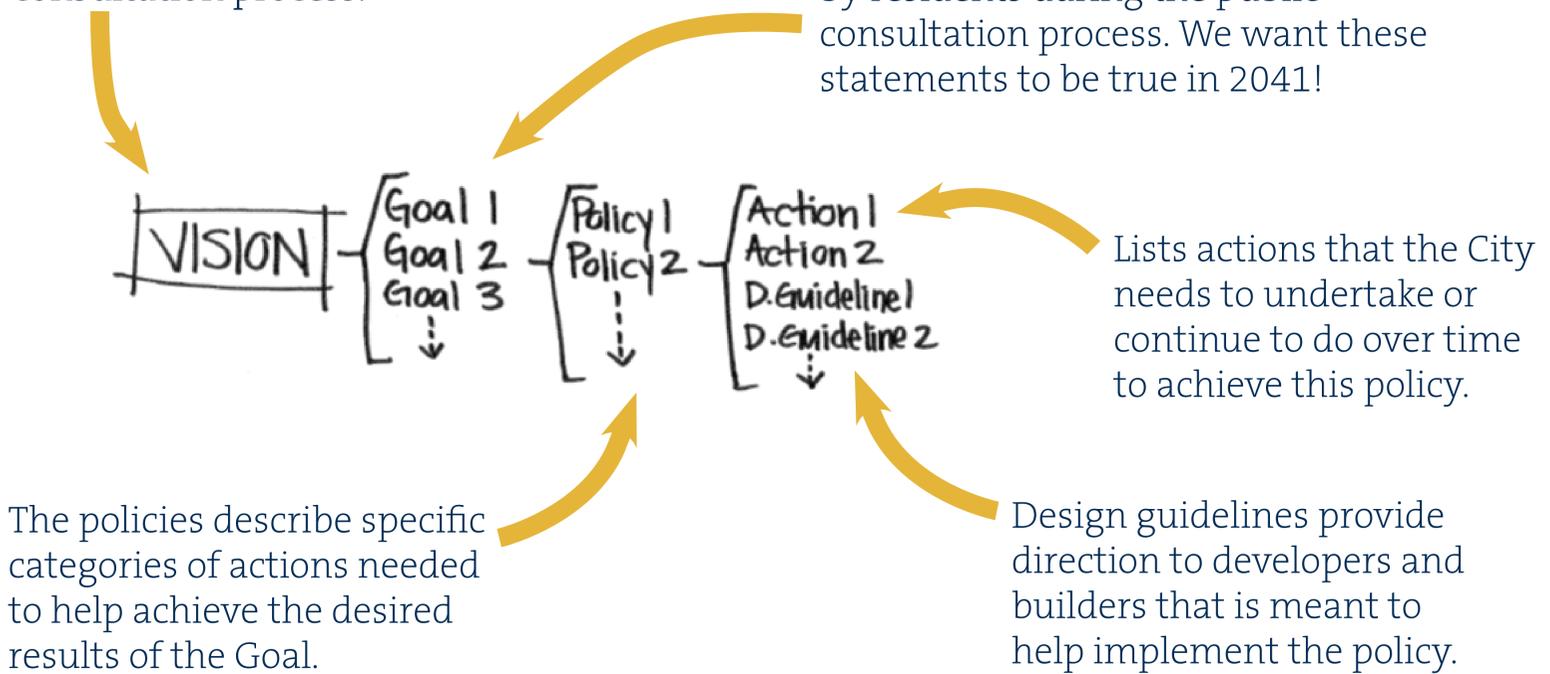


POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Vision is a vivid description of the community's aspirations for the future of the city. It provides a clear, yet brief direction for the plan. It summarizes community ideals as expressed by community members who have taken part in the public consultation process.

The Goals are broad statements describing the results that the plan would seek to achieve in relation to the policy areas. They address the community's priorities, as expressed by residents during the public consultation process. We want these statements to be true in 2041!



VISION

New Westminster is a healthy, inclusive and thriving community where people feel connected with each other. This sustainable city showcases a spectacular natural environment, public spaces and unique neighbourhoods that are well-connected and accessible. Superior urban design integrates its distinctive character, heritage assets and cultural identity. Growth and development provide a variety of services and employment opportunities that contribute to a high quality of life for all.

BOARD #21



COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING

GOAL

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.

POLICIES

1. Facilitate a more equitable and livable city in which all residents can meet their basic needs.
2. Create a community that is welcoming, inclusive and accepting of people with different backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles.
3. Foster a community that proactively addresses health issues and facilitates healthy built environments. .
4. Encourage social connectedness, neighbourliness and community building.
5. Facilitate and support civic engagement, including with at-risk, marginalized and vulnerable populations.
6. Facilitate opportunities for growing food and participating in food culture.
7. Create a safe community for residents, students, visitors and workers.
8. Foster a community in which children, youth and families can meet their diverse needs and feel a sense of belonging.
9. Facilitate the development of an adequate number of high-quality, accessible and affordable child care spaces that meet the needs of residents and workers.
10. Develop civic facilities, infrastructure, programs and services that are accessible to and inclusive of an aging population.

BOARD #22



CULTURE

GOAL

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

POLICIES

1. Foster a deeper understanding of the city's cultural heritage.
2. Support and promote arts and cultural activities that celebrate and contribute to the city's distinct identity.
3. Enhance the city's cultural facilities and creative community spaces.
4. Incorporate public art into the public realm to reinforce a sense of place.



HERITAGE

GOAL

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

POLICIES

1. Identify and recognize physical heritage assets as a key component of the city's distinct character.
2. Retain and protect physical heritage assets city-wide.
3. Manage heritage assets and the city's historic narrative within a context of change.

BOARD #23



ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

GOAL

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

POLICIES

1. Foster knowledge-based and creative industries that cultivate innovation, promote entrepreneurship and generate employment.
2. Protect the industrial land base and encourage employment-intensive and sustainable industrial uses.
3. Encourage office development in new and existing buildings and support more versatile workspaces.
4. Promote diverse range of retail and aservices for all residents and employees.
5. Collaborate with and support government organizations and institutions as major employers and economic generators.
6. Support the growth and well-being of new and existing businesses.
7. Foster a strong tourism sector with a focus on the waterfront, cultural amenities and historic assets.

BOARD #24



ENERGY, EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

GOAL

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.

POLICIES

1. Reduce transportation energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Foster continuous improvements in energy conservation, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions for new and existing buildings.
3. Encourage renewable and low-carbon energy systems to service homes, businesses and institutions.
4. Prepare for and reduce the future impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change.



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL AREAS

GOAL

New Westminster values its natural habitat areas that support biodiversity and healthy communities.

POLICIES

1. Protect and enhance natural habitat areas and ecological systems including, the Fraser River, Brunette River, Glenbrooke Ravine and large treed parks.
2. Enhance and celebrate waterway corridors as a place of ecology, leisure and work.
3. Ensure ecological elements are integrated throughout the urban environment.
4. Facilitate community environmental stewardship initiatives that protect and restore ecological health.

BOARD #25



HAZARDS

GOAL POLICIES

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

1. Use emergency management programs to protect critical City infrastructure from hazard events.
2. Promote community awareness and personal preparedness activities that help residents and local businesses prepare for, respond to and recover from hazard events.
3. Protect against and minimize the impacts of sea level rise and Fraser River flooding.
4. Ensure that buildings are designed, built, maintained and retrofitted in ways that minimize the risk of hazard impacts.



UTILITIES AND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL POLICIES

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

1. Plan, construct and operate City services in a manner that best serves the community while protecting public health and the environment.
2. Integrate stormwater management into the planning and design of buildings, infrastructure and open spaces.
3. Decrease the amount of waste generated and divert the maximum amount of material possible from the waste stream.
4. Provide the infrastructure that enables a digital economy.

BOARD #26





HOUSING

GOAL

New Westminster's neighbourhoods are great places to live and have diverse housing choices that meet the needs of the community.

POLICIES

1. Facilitate the creation and maintenance of housing that offers options for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
2. Facilitate access to affordable and non-market housing for low- to moderate-income households.
3. Foster a rental housing stock in which tenants have adequate opportunities to live in healthy, safe and secure housing.
4. Create neighbourhoods with housing options for people of all ages, abilities and household types which meet their changing needs.
5. Design housing to be livable and foster social cohesion and connectivity.
6. Provide housing to meet the needs of the projected population in ways that ensure growth contributes positively to the neighbourhood context.

BOARD #27



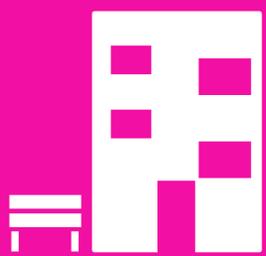
PARKS AND RECREATION

GOAL

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

POLICIES

1. Maintain and develop a network of trails and greenways to ensure a high-quality recreational experience.
2. Provide well-designed parks and open spaces that accommodate and respond to the needs and demands of the diverse and growing community.
3. Ensure versatile recreation facilities and programming that are responsive to the changing needs of the community.
4. Find opportunities to reallocate existing remnant and underutilized public lands (i.e. easements and right-of-ways) to create innovative parks and open spaces.
5. Create connections to and along the city's waterfront while also enhancing the diversity of experiences and activities.



PUBLIC REALM AND URBAN DESIGN

GOAL

New Westminster is a liveable city, with an attractive, dynamic urban character demonstrating innovation and leadership in the design of the built environment.

POLICIES

1. Require a high standard of urban design to facilitate attractive and well-integrated development throughout the city.
2. Design complete streets that promote livability, animate the public realm and encourage people of all ages to mingle and socialize.

BOARD #28



TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

GOAL

New Westminster's transportation system is accessible for people of all ages and abilities, supporting a compact, sustainable, resilient and prosperous community.

POLICIES

1. Promote transportation choice and a safe, well-functioning transportation system by allowing no net increase in vehicle capacity and expanding use of transit, walking and cycling.
2. Support the development of Great Streets as destinations unto themselves and as corridors that connect key destinations.
3. Encourage people to walk more by making the pedestrian environment safe, comfortable and more convenient.
4. Develop a complete bicycle network, providing convenient routes that are safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.
5. Collaborate with TransLink to provide transit services and facilities that increase the attractiveness of transit.
6. Manage the City's road network for the safety and reliability of all road users.
7. Minimize the impacts of vehicles and goods movement within and through the city.
8. Implement parking management strategies and other transportation demand management measures.

BOARD #29