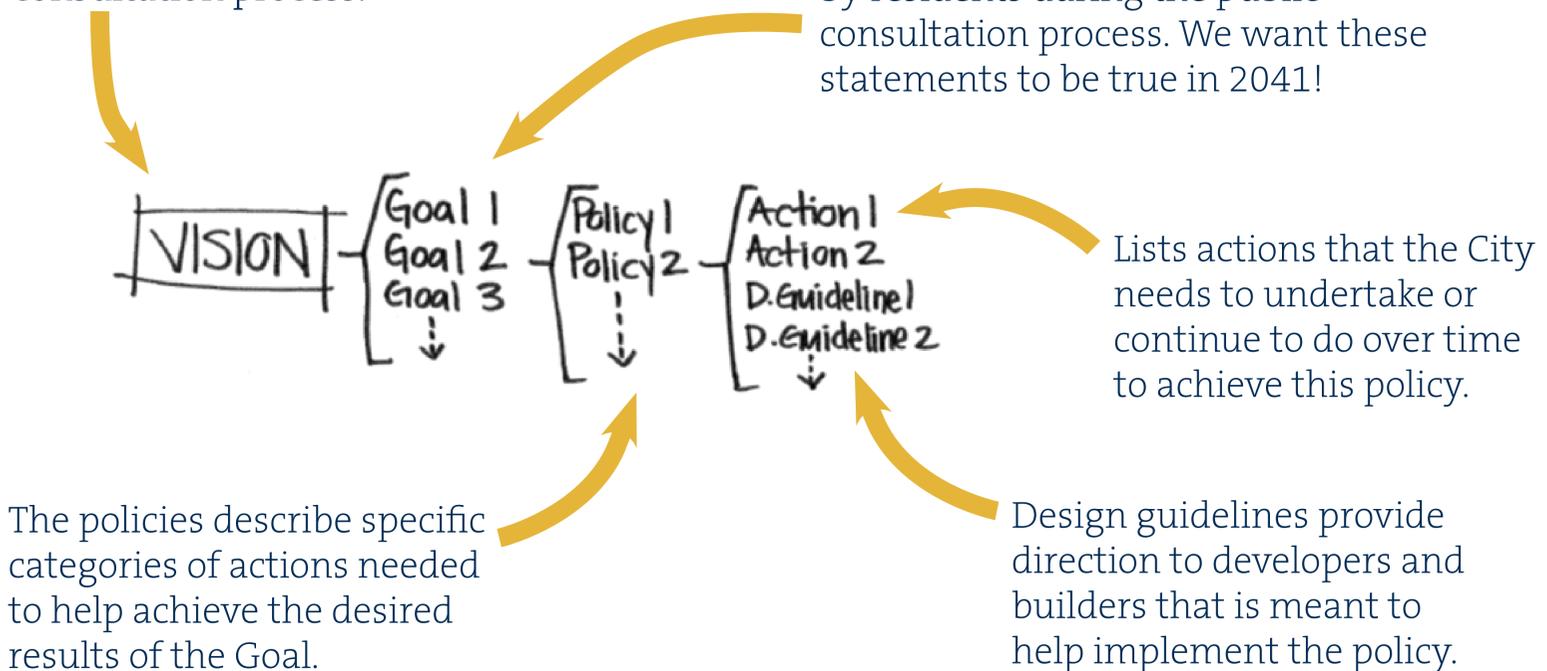


# POLICY FRAMEWORK

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

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New Westminster is a caring, healthy, inclusive, sustainable, complete and prosperous city where investment, growth and development contribute to a high quality of life for all. Community members have opportunities to connect to the natural environment and to each other. The city is well connected by exceptional public spaces and is easily accessible by foot and by wheels. Each neighbourhood has a unique character and cultural identity, and exhibits a high quality of urban design that is well integrated with the city's heritage assets.





# 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

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





# CULTURE

## GOAL

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

## POLICIES

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1. Enhance the city's cultural facilities and creative community spaces.
2. Foster a deeper understanding of the city's cultural heritage.
3. Support and promote arts and cultural activities that celebrate and contribute to the city's distinct identity.
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

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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.



# ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

## GOAL

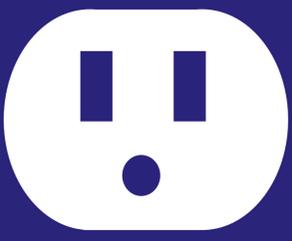
New Westminster in an intelligent city that has a diverse and adaptive economy and is a desirable place to work, live, shop and invest.

## POLICIES

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





# 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

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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



# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL AREAS

## GOAL

New Westminster protects and enhances its urban green spaces and natural habitat areas that connect the region and support biodiversity and healthy communities.

## POLICIES

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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 work, leisure and ecology.
3. Ensure natural areas and ecological elements are integrated and enhanced throughout the urban environment.
4. Facilitate community environmental stewardship initiatives that protect and restore ecological health.



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# HAZARDS

## GOAL

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

## POLICIES

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

1. Use emergency management programs to protect critical City infrastructure from emergency events.
2. Promote community awareness and personal preparedness activities that help residents and local businesses prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency 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 hazards.



# UTILITIES AND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

## GOAL

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

## POLICIES

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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 and potable water conservation into the planning and design of buildings and infrastructure.
3. Decrease the amount of waste generated and divert as much material from the waste stream as possible.
4. Provide the infrastructure that enables a digital economy.





# HOUSING

## GOAL

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

## POLICIES

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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. Provide housing to meet the needs of the projected population in ways that ensure growth contributes positively to the neighbourhood.
6. Design housing to be livable and foster social cohesion and connectivity.





# 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

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

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



# 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

Have an idea for making these better? Notice something that is missing? Let us know! Use a Post It Note or write right on the board.

1. Require a high standard of urban design to establish 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 linger.



# TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

## GOAL

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

## POLICIES

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1. Contribute to the creation of livable neighbourhoods by prioritizing active transportation and reducing the impact of motor vehicles.
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 it safer, more comfortable and more convenient to walk throughout the city.
4. Develop a complete network of bikeways and greenways, providing convenient routes that feel safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.
5. Collaborate with TransLink to provide transit services and amenities that encourage people to use transit.
6. Manage the City's road network for the safety and efficiency of all road users.
7. Minimize the impacts of goods and services moving through and to the community.
8. Mitigate the health impacts of motor vehicles and trains.
9. Manage parking so that sustainable modes of transportation are supported.

