METRO 2050 REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Metro 2050 Targets

The following section outlines the Official Community Plan policies (and additional policies) that demonstrate New Westminster's contribution to reaching the regional federation's Regional Growth Strategy targets. Supplementary information is provided on how these policies, along with other applicable plans and strategies, will work together to contribute to meeting these regional targets.

Metro 2050 Regional Targets		
Goal 1 Create a Compact Urban Area Targets		
Policy with Target	**Applicable OCP Policies**	**Supplementary Information**
1.1.9 b) Provide Member Jurisdiction population, dwelling unit, and employment projections, with reference to guidelines contained in Table 1, and demonstrate how local plans will work towards accommodating the projected growth within the Urban Containment Boundary in accordance with the regional target of **focusing 98% of residential growth inside the Urban Containment Boundary**	The City of New Westminster is entirely within the Urban Containment Boundary, except for Poplar Island as shown in Map 4 (Regional Land Use Designations). As a result, 100% of residential growth in New Westminster will occur within the Urban Containment Boundary. Figure 1 of the Official Community Plan (OCP) shows the City's demographic projections for 2024 – 2049. These generally align with Metro Vancouver's 2025 high growth scenario projections for population and dwelling units. Text in the Growth Management section of the OCP cites Metro Vancouver's 2025 high growth projection for employment growth. The land use designation maps in the Official Community Plan, and the Downtown and Queensborough Community Plans (schedules to the OCP) provide capacity for projected population, dwelling units and employment numbers.	
1.2.23 a) provide dwelling unit and employment projections that indicate the Member Jurisdiction's share of planned growth and **contribute to achieving the regional share of growth for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas as set out in Table 2** (Dwelling Unit and Employment Growth Targets for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas)	New Westminster is projected to accommodate 3.27% of regional population growth, 3.69% of regional dwelling units, and 2.72% of regional employment growth under the Metro Vancouver Medium Growth Scenario (2025 Update). The City acknowledges its central location in the region, and good supply of regional transit facilities, and commits to further intensification of housing and jobs within the Urban Containment Boundary. The City has an Urban Centre, being Downtown, and three Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs), being: • Sapperton and Braid; • 22nd Street; and • Uptown.	The Long Range Vision for the Neighbourhood Around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station imagines a high density mixed-use core at the transit hub, in the form of a Transit Village, with services and amenities that enable residents to meet their daily needs close to home. At build-out, the area could accommodate approximately 30,000 new residents. The 22nd Street Station FTDA aligns with the Vision.

Regional Targets for Residential Growth by Location: • All Urban Centre Types: 40% • Frequent Transit Development Areas: 28% Regional Targets for Employment Growth by Location: • All Urban Centre Types: 50% • Frequent Transit Development Areas: 27%	Significant population, dwelling unit, and employment growth will be accommodated in these locations. As an Urban Centre, the Downtown accommodates a larger share of the city's growth. The City has identified that Downtown (covered by the Downtown Community Plan (DCP)) is estimated to accommodate approximately 33% of the population growth. Queensborough (covered by the Queensborough Community Plan (QCP)) is estimated to accommodate approximately 13% of the population growth. The rest of the municipality (covered by the Official Community Plan) is estimated to accommodate 54% of the population growth. Figure 2 (Share of Projected Housing Growth (2024-2049)) provides a breakdown of the anticipated housing growth for each of the City's planning areas. The Downtown will accommodate approximately 34% of the City's dwelling unit growth. A large portion of population, dwelling unit and employment growth will be accommodated within the FTDAs, which aligns with the location of high density residential and mixed use land use designations in the OCP. A limited portion of the City's population, dwelling unit and employment growth is anticipated outside of the Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Areas. This will include growth within the City's Major Transit Growth Corridors. The City maintains an industrial land base which is outside of the Urban Centre and FTDAs. Employment growth is anticipated to occur in these locations through intensification of existing sites, in alignment with the regional objectives.	The City will work towards the creation of a new Downtown Community Plan (DCP) that will establish a renewed vision for the City's Urban Centre. The new community plan would remain consistent with the regional targets for residential and employment growth in Urban Centres. The City will work towards preparing further geographic breakdowns of the population, dwelling unit and employment projections for the City's Urban Centre and FTDAs. The investigation would inform future updates to the OCP and DCP. Employment growth will be accommodated through existing industrial, mixed employment and commercial properties more intensively and through the inclusion of commercial, office and retail space in mixed-use projects. The Land Use Designation Map in the OCP (Map 19) accommodates much of this growth in the Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Permit Areas.
1.2.23 b) ii) include policies and actions for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas that: **focus and manage growth and development in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas consistent with guidelines set out in Table 3** (Guidelines for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas) and demonstrate how that	All of the residential and employment growth in New Westminster will occur within the Urban Containment Boundary. Each of the City's five SkyTrain stations are encompassed by an Urban Centre or FTDA. The City is also well served by two Frequent Transit Network routes. The area with high density land use designations along these routes is also captured in a Frequent Transit Development Permit Area. The majority of population, housing and employment growth will be concentrated in these areas. The Land Use Designation Maps for the OCP (Map 19) and DCP (Schedule F) include land use designation maps that are consistent with	The City will work towards further investigating the location and distribution of projected future dwelling unit, population and employment growth. The investigation would inform updates to the OCP and DCP.

growth will contribute to the Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Area targets set out in Table 2 and Action 1.2.12 *1.2.12 Implement the strategies and actions of the Regional Growth Strategy that contribute to regional targets as shown on Table 2 to:* ***a) focus 98% of the region's dwelling unit growth to areas within the Urban Containment Boundary;*** ***b) focus 40% of the region's dwelling unit growth and 50% of the region's employment growth to Urban Centres; and*** c) ***focus 28% of the region's dwelling unit growth and 27% of the region's employment growth to Frequent Transit Development Areas.***	guidelines set out in Table 2 and Map 2 in Metro 2050, ensuring that growth is consistent with Metro 2050. These land use maps focus growth in the Urban Centre and the FTDAs. OCP Policy 8.6 states the City's intention to provide housing to meet the needs of the projected population in ways that ensures growth contributes positively to the neighbourhood context. The policy, combined with the land use designation map, ensures that most new residences outside of Downtown and Queensborough will be located within FTDAs that will be mixed use, pedestrian oriented nodes well served by transit. OCP Policies 3.2, 3.3 and 3.6 encourage employment growth to occur through more intensive use of existing industrial and commercial properties as well as through the inclusion of commercial, office and retail space in new mixed use projects. The DCP Strategies 7a and 7b direct the City to facilitate further population growth in the Urban Centre. A significant portion of the City's employment forecast is anticipated to occur within the Downtown Urban Centre through new commercial, office, retail and institutional development. DCP policy actions 6b and 6c also direct the City's to ensure the Downtown Urban Centre becomes a unique and successful regional business centre that attracts new office and employment uses in the centre.	

Goal 3 Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards Targets

Policy with Target	Applicable OCP Policies	Supplementary Information
3.2.7 a) identify local ecosystem protection and tree canopy cover targets, and demonstrate how these targets will contribute to the regional targets in Action 3.2.1: • increase the area of lands protected for nature from 40% to 50% of the region's land base by the year 2050; and • increase the total regional tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment	OCP Policy 5.3 states the City's intention to ensure natural features are integrated throughout the urban environment. OCP Action 5.3b directs the City to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city. The Environmental Strategy and Action Plan includes Strategy 13.3 "Increase the area of natural habitat." The City will continue to pursue this Strategy in an effort to align with the regional target for protected natural lands. OCP Action 5.3a directs the City's to Implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy. This Strategy sets a target of 27% tree canopy cover by 2035.	As stated in the Urban Forest Management Strategy, the City can retain and plant more trees while still supporting development and building high quality neighbourhoods. The Strategy will target an increase in tree canopy to the North American average of 27% by 2035 by protecting and creating space for large canopy trees as the City develops. Given the dense and land constrained context

Boundary from 32% to 40% by the **year 2050.**	OCP Action 5.1e directs the City to implement the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy. This Strategy identifies 10% of the City's land base be protected for natural areas.	of New Westminster, this will still be a significant contribution towards the region's larger goal for the year 2050.
3.3.7 a) identify how local land use and transportation policies will contribute to meeting the **regional greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 45% below 2010 levels by the year 2030** and **achieving a carbon neutral region by the year 2050**;	The City's OCP includes greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets that strives to meet the Metro 2050 targets (see Figure 10 in the "Energy, Emissions and Climate Change" chapter of the OCP). Implementation of the OCP includes pursuing complete communities with transit-supportive densities and land use mixes, and enabling transit-oriented development in the Downtown Urban Centre and in FTDAs through the Land Use Designation Map (Map 19 of the OCP, Schedule F of the DCP). The OCP promotes energy conservation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. OCP Goal 4 is that New Westminster is an energy-efficient and net-zero emissions community that takes equitable and bold climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is resilient to the impacts of climate change. This is supported by OCP Policies 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, which state the City's intentions related to energy conservation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and encouraging low carbon energy systems.	The City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan includes a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target that strives to match the Metro 2050 target. This Plan provides a roadmap to approaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The City's climate goals will also be achieved through the ongoing implementation of the City's Master Transportation Plan, which prioritizes sustainable transportation through completing a network of active transportation infrastructure, supporting transit use by improving customer facilities and information, and exploring transit priority measures, and supporting transportation demand management initiatives which promote shifts to sustainable transportation and a reduction in single occupancy vehicle trips.
Goal 4 Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices Target		
Policy with Target	**Applicable OCP Policies**	**Supplementary Information**
4.2.7 a) indicate how they will, within their local context, contribute toward the regional target of having **at least 15% of newly completed housing units built within all Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and Major Transit Growth Corridors combined, to the year 2050, be affordable**	OCP Policy 8.2 states the City's intention to facilitate access to affordable and non-market housing for low- to moderate-income households. OCP Actions are included that state the City should enable affordable housing through: implementation of the Inclusionary Housing Policy (8.2a); partnering with senior governments, charitable foundations, faith groups and non-profit organizations in the development of affordable and non-market housing, to help meet the objective for most of these new units to be located in or near FTDAs (8.2c); and partnering with Metro Vancouver	OCP Action 3.4b directs the City to implement reGENERATE, the Vision for the neighbourhood around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station. The Vision created for the 22nd Street Station FTDA includes the Goal 5.1: A neighbourhood of abundant housing with a mix of tenures and affordability levels, and somewhere for

rental housing units (recognizing that developing affordable rental housing units in transit-oriented locations throughout the urban area is supported)	to implement the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan (8.2d). DCP Strategy 7b states the City's intention to facilitate the provision of housing that meets all affordability levels in the City's Urban Centre. Action 7b states that new non-profit housing projects developed under bona fide affordable housing programs (Provincial Government partnership programs) will be granted bonus density without payment to the City, subject to meeting design principles. OCP Action 8.2c directs the City to partner with senior governments, charitable foundations, faith groups and non-profit organizations in the development of affordable and non-market housing, to help meet the objective for most of these new units to be located in or near FTDAs. The combination of these policies and actions will contribute toward the regional target of having at least 15% of newly completed housing units built within Urban Centres, FTDAs and Major Transit Growth Corridors be affordable rental housing units.	everyone to call home. The Vision also includes strategy 5.2.7 which identifies tools for encouraging affordable housing within the FTDA. The same approach will be taken to the future planning for the City's other FTDAs.

Metro 2050 Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area

New Westminster's Official Community Plan (OCP) contributes to the goal of creating a compact urban area by enabling all the city's growth to occur within the Urban Containment Boundary, and by focusing growth in the city's Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs). The Downtown Community Plan (DCP), a schedule to the OCP, details how growth will be focused in the Urban Centre and avoid sprawl. The policies within the Community and Individual Well-Being chapter of the OCP support the City's intention to develop complete communities and work towards the achievement of creating a compact urban area. There are no rural lands to protect from urban development in New Westminster.

Goal 1 Targets

Policy with Target	Applicable OCP Policies	Supplementary Information
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1.2.23 a) provide dwelling unit and employment projections that indicate the Member Jurisdiction's share of planned growth and **contribute to achieving the regional share of growth for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas as set out in Table 2** (Dwelling Unit and Employment Growth Targets for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas)	*Please see response in Targets section.*	*Please see response in Targets section.*

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Strategy 1.1: Contain urban development within the Urban Containment Boundary

	Section	Policy	Applicable OCP Policies
Policy 1.1.9	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	Depict the Urban Containment Boundary on a map, generally consistent with the Regional Land Use Designations map (Map 4)	The Regional Land Use Designation Map (Map 4) identifies the Urban Containment Boundary, in alignment with Map 3 of the Regional Growth Strategy.
	b)	Provide Member Jurisdiction population, dwelling unit, and employment projections, with reference to guidelines contained in Table 1, and demonstrate how local plans will work towards accommodating the projected growth within the Urban Containment Boundary in accordance with the regional target of focusing 98% of residential growth inside the Urban Containment Boundary	*Please see response in Targets section*
	c)	Include a commitment to liaise regularly with Metro Vancouver	OCP Action 12.1d directs the City to liaise with Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Services and Water Services to

		Liquid Waste Services and Metro Vancouver Water Services to keep them apprised of the scale and timeframe of major development plans as well as specific plans to separate combined sewers	keep them apprised of the scale and timeframe of major development plans as well as specific plans to separate combined sewers.
	d)	Integrate land use planning policies with local and regional economic development strategies, particularly in the vicinity of the port and airports, to minimize potential exposure of residents to environmental noise and other harmful impacts	OCP Action 8.5a and Queensborough Community Plan (QCP) Action 7.4c direct the City to create a Noise Attenuation Program in order to mitigate noise in residential units. QCP Action 2.4a directs the City to work with the Province, TransLink and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to minimize visual, noise and general mobility impacts on the community from goods transportation routes and related activities. DCP Strategy 5b directs the City to reduce and mitigate noise impacts from Downtown's goods movement corridor. The City's OCP, QCP and DCP development permit guidelines include noise related guidelines with the intent of encouraging new buildings to utilize noise abatement techniques to minimize impacts from adjacent activities. Industrial development permit area guidelines include direction to reduce the impact of noise on pedestrians and neighbours.
Strategy 1.2: Focus growth in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas			
Policy 1.2.23	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	provide dwelling unit and employment projections that indicate the Member Jurisdiction's share of planned growth and contribute to achieving the regional share of growth for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas as set out in Table 2 (Dwelling Unit and Employment Growth Targets for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas)	*Please see response in Targets section*
	b)	include policies and actions for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas that:	See below.
	i)	identify the location, boundaries, and types of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas on a map that is consistent with the guidelines set out in Table 3 (Guidelines for Urban	The Regional Centre and Frequent Transit Development Areas Map (Map 5) identifies the City's Regional City Centre and Frequent Transit Development Areas, in alignment with Map 4 of the Regional Growth Strategy.

		Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas) and Map 4	
	ii)	focus and manage growth and development in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas consistent with guidelines set out in Table 3 (Guidelines for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas) and demonstrate how that growth will contribute to the Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Area targets set out in Table 2 and Action 1.2.12	*Please see response in Targets section*
	iii)	encourage office development to locate in Urban Centres through policies, economic development programs, or other financial incentives	OCP Action 3.3e directs the City to continue to encourage office development in strategic locations, including the Downtown Urban Centre and the FTDAs.
	iv)	support modal shift by establishing or maintaining reduced residential and commercial parking requirements in Urban Centres and FTDAs and consider the use of parking maximums	OCP Policy 11.8 states the City's intention to implement parking management strategies and other transportation demand management measures. OCP Action 11.8a directs the City to develop parking strategies for SkyTrain stations, Frequent Transit Development Areas and for Frequent Transit corridors. OCP Action 11.6a directs the City to design the FTDAs and connecting corridors to prioritize road space for transit, while providing a safe, comfortable walking and cycling environment. DCP Strategy 10f encourages efficiency and sustainability by managing demand for and supply of parking. The City's Zoning Bylaw has been updated to reflect that residential parking requirements do not apply within Transit Oriented Areas.
	v)	consider the identification of appropriate measures and neighbourhood plans to accommodate urban densification and infill development in Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and, where appropriate, Major Transit Growth Corridors in a resilient and equitable way (e.g. through community vulnerability assessments, emergency services planning, tenant protection policies, and strategies to enhance community social connectedness and adaptive capacity)	OPC Policy 1.1 states the City's intention to facilitate a more equitable and livable city in which all residents can meet their basic needs. OCP Action 1.1a directs the City to develop and implement a Social Equity Policy. OCP Policy 1.4 states the City's intention to encourage social connectedness, neighbourliness and community building. OCP Action 6.2a directs the City to continue to develop emergency response strategies, in collaboration with public safety agencies and community organizations, that address the needs of vulnerable residents. These, and other Community and Individual Well-Being policies, are supported by a range of related City policies such as the Tenant Relocation Policy and initiatives such as the New Westminster Rent Bank, and Connect and Prepare.

	vi)	consider support for the provision of child care spaces in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas	OCP Policy 1.9 states the City's intention to facilitate the development of an adequate number of high-quality, accessible and affordable child care spaces that meet the needs of residents and workers. Action 1.9b directs the City to continue to implement the City's Child Care Strategy, which includes policy action to establish targets for child care spaces in sub-areas of the city, larger developments and master planned communities. DCP Strategy 8a states the City's intention to support Downtown Urban Centre as a family friendly neighbourhood, with sufficient services and amenities to meet the needs of households with children and youth. This includes supporting actions related to the provision of child care.
	vii)	consider the implementation of green infrastructure	OCP Action 5.1e directs the City to implement the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy to ensure continued protection, enhancement and restoration of natural ecosystems. OCP Action 5.3c directs the City to implement the actions of the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy, including those related to developing a green infrastructure network that supports local and regional biodiversity and connectivity. OCP Policy 12.2 states the City's intention to integrate stormwater management into the planning and design of buildings, infrastructure and open spaces. OCP Action 12.2a states the City's intention to Implement the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) which includes low-impact design strategies to ensure the reduction in volume of stormwater runoff, improvement of water quality, and enhancement of natural areas and receiving water bodies.
	viii)	focus infrastructure and amenity investments (such as public works and civic and recreation facilities) in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas, and at appropriate locations within Major Transit Growth Corridors	OCP Policy 1.10 states the City's intention to develop civic facilities, infrastructure, programs and services that are accessible to and inclusive of an aging population. The City will work towards an implementation approach that prioritizes investment in FTDAs. Section 14 of the DCP, Community Infrastructure, identifies a range of strategies to ensure infrastructure and amenities are capable of handling the anticipated future growth in the Urban Centre. This will be guided by the section goal: Downtown has infrastructure services and utilities that efficiently and adequately meet the neighbourhood's needs.
	ix)	support the provision of community services and spaces for non-profit organizations	OCP Goal 1 states New Westminster is an equitable, inclusive, safe and welcoming place where all community members have opportunities to contribute, while feeling connected and accepted. This goal is advanced through various initiatives involving collaboration with and support for community and social service agencies and non-profit organizations, such as New Westminster's Crisis Response Pilot Project. OCP Policy 2.3 states the City's intention to enhance the city's cultural facilities and creative community spaces. The

			City offers support to local arts, heritage and cultural non-profit organizations to create and present events and services that contribute to the artistic and cultural fabric of the city. Section 12 of the DCP includes the goal: Downtown is a vibrant arts and cultural hub of the City. This is supported by actions such as: encourage the creation of affordable and appropriate meeting space for small arts and culture groups; and create a flexible, affordable performance space that will support independent artists with little financial risk.
	x)	consider, where Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas overlap with Employment lands, higher density forms and intensification of commercial and light industrial	The City's Urban Centre and FTDAs do not overlap with the regionally designated Employment lands in the City of New Westminster.
	xi)	take appropriate steps to avoid or mitigate the negative health impacts of busy roadways on new or redeveloped residential areas	OCP Policy 11.7 states the City's intention to minimize the impacts of vehicles and goods movement within and through the city. OCP Actions, including 11.7b, aim to work with partners to minimize the impact of goods moment on adjacent land uses. OCP Action 8.5a and QCP Action 7.4c direct the City to create a Noise Attenuation Program in order to mitigate noise in residential units. QCP Action 2.4a states the City's intention to work with the Province, TransLink and Port of Vancouver to minimize visual, noise and general mobility impacts on the community from goods transportation routes and related activities. DCP Strategy 5b directs the City to reduce and mitigate noise impacts from Downtown's goods movement corridor. The City's OCP, QCP and DCP development permit guidelines include noise related guidelines with the intent of encouraging new buildings to utilize noise abatement techniques to minimize impacts from adjacent activities. This is also supported by policies in the City's Master Transportation Plan.
	c)	Include policies for General Urban lands that:	See below.
	i)	identify General Urban lands and their boundaries on a map generally consistent with Map 2	The Regional Land Use Designation Map (Map 4) identifies General Urban lands and their boundaries, in alignment with Map 2 of the Regional Growth Strategy.
	ii)	exclude new non-residential Major Trip- Generating uses, as defined in the Regional Context Statement, from those portions of General Urban lands outside of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas and direct new non-residential Major Trip-Generating uses to Urban	There are no new non-residential Major Trip-Generating Uses planned outside of the Urban Centre or FTDAs. Any applications would be referred to Metro Vancouver and TransLink for comment prior to the City of New Westminster considering approval of the proposal.

		Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas	
	iii)	encourage infill and intensification (e.g. row houses, townhouses, mid-rise apartments, laneway houses) in appropriate locations within walking distance of the Frequent Transit Network;	The OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) allows ground oriented housing (e.g. laneway houses, multiplexes) in all single detached and duplex areas covered by the OCP. Higher density forms (e.g. townhouses and low-rise apartments) are envisioned in areas within walking distance of the existing and anticipated Frequent Transit Network. The DCP Land Use Designation Map (Schedule F) anticipates higher density uses in the Urban Centre. The City will explore updating the QCP Land Use Designation Map to allow infill once research is completed to determine whether the area's infrastructure can support additional density.
	iv)	encourage neighbourhood-serving commercial uses	Neighbourhood-serving commercial uses, such as corner stores are encouraged and permitted as complementary uses within all residential land use designations, as shown on the Land Use Designation Maps (Map 19 and QCP Map 11).
	d)	with regards to Actions 1.2.15 and 1.2.23 c) ii), include a definition of "non-residential Major Trip Generating uses" that includes, but is not limited to, the following uses: office or business parks, outlet shopping malls, post-secondary institutions, and large-format entertainment venues	Non-Residential Major Trip-Generating Uses have been defined as any proposal that would require a change in the OCP designation for major non-residential uses exceeding 200,000 square feet in gross floor area in locations outside of the Urban Centre or a FTDA.
	e)	consider the identification of new Frequent Transit Development Areas in appropriate locations within Major Transit Growth Corridors, as part of the development of new or amended area or neighbourhood plans, or other community planning initiatives	New opportunities for new FTDAs in appropriate locations within Major Transit Growth Corridors will be considered as part of the development of new or amended area or neighbourhood plans, or other community planning initiatives. These Plans would be referred to Metro Vancouver and TransLink for comment prior to the City of New Westminster considering approval.
	f)	consider long-term growth and transportation planning coordination with adjacent municipalities, First Nations, TransLink, and Metro Vancouver for transit corridors that run through or along two or more adjacent jurisdictions	OCP Policy 11.5 states the City's intention to collaborate with TransLink to provide improved transit services and facilities that increase the attractiveness of transit. OCP Action 11.5e directs the City to work with neighbouring municipalities, external agencies and senior levels of government to achieve region-wide transit improvements to reduce vehicle use across the region. The City has similar OCP Actions related to using partnerships to achieve regional greenways and inter-municipal connectivity (11.3d) and to ensure seamless cycling connections across municipal boundaries (11.4f).

Strategy 1.3: Develop resilient, healthy, connected, and complete communities with a range of services and amenities			
	Section	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
Policy 1.3.7	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	support compact, mixed-use, transit, walking, cycling and rolling-oriented communities	OCP Policies 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6 state the City's intention to support enhanced transit, walking, cycling and rolling in New Westminster. OCP Action 11.6a directs the City to design the FTDAs and connecting corridors to prioritize road space for transit, while providing a safe comfortable walking and cycling environment. Similar policies are included in the DCP (Section 10) and QCP (Section 9). The greenway, bike and transportation network outlined in the City's Master Transportation Plan are reflected in the Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19), QCP (Map 11) and DCP (Schedule F).
	b)	locate and support community, arts, cultural, recreational, institutional, medical/health, social service, education and child care facilities, and local serving retail uses in Urban Centres or areas with good access to transit	OCP (Map 19) and DCP (Schedule F) Land Use Designation Maps locate land use designations that allow community, institutional, medical/health, education and local serving retail uses in Urban Centres or areas with good access to transit.
	c)	provide and encourage public spaces and other place-making amenities and facilities (e.g. community gardens, playgrounds, gathering places, etc.) in new and established neighbourhoods, for all ages, abilities, and seasons, to support social connections and engagement	Recognizing that with limited land available, innovative approaches are needed to create new parks and open spaces throughout existing developed areas, OCP Policy 9.4 states the City's intention to find innovative opportunities to create parks and open spaces. In addition, OCP Action 10.2c directs the City to create a placemaking strategy which will identify innovations in public space animation, enhancement and management. OCP Action 11.2a directs the City to explore opportunities through development projects along designated Great Streets to implement walking, cycling, transit and place-making elements in accordance with the Great Street policies contained in the Master Transportation Plan.
	d)	respond to health and climate change-related risks by providing equitable access to:	See below.
	i)	recreation facilities	OCP Policy 4.4 states the City's intention to prepare for and reduce the impacts of and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. Through OCP Action 4.4b the City recognizes the role access to recreation facilities plays in the City's response to extreme weather events by directing the City to ensure

			neighbourhoods are well served by civic and community facilities that could function as emergency gathering centres or places of refuge during or after extreme weather events. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines. OCP Policy 9.3 states the City's intention to ensure versatile recreation facilities and programming that are responsive to the changing needs of the community. OCP Action 4.1b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Master Transportation Plan and Community Energy and Emissions Plan related to active transportation and transit oriented neighbourhoods as key strategies to improve quality of life while reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. The Active Transportation Network Plan, which serves as an extension to the Master Transportation Plan, identifies a core network connecting commercial areas, civic facilities, schools, parks, and interregional routes. The Active Transportation Network Plan has guiding principles to have a network that is comfortable for people of all ages and abilities, all year round; that places all residents within a short walking, rolling, or cycling distance; and is connected to all neighbourhoods and major destinations.
	ii)	green spaces and public spaces (e.g. parks, trails, urban forests, public squares, etc.)	OCP Policy 9.1 states the City's intention to maintain and develop a network of trails and greenways to ensure a high-quality recreational experience. OCP Policy 9.2 states the City's intention to provide well-designed parks and open spaces that accommodate and respond to the needs and demands of the diverse and growing community. OCP Policy 5.3 states the City's intention to ensure natural features are integrated throughout the urban environment. Natural features along greenways and in public spaces can help connect nature within the city and improve overall ecological health, while providing access to high quality green spaces.
	iii)	safe and inviting walking, cycling, and rolling environments, including resting spaces with tree canopy coverage, for all ages and abilities	OCP Policies 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6 state the City's intention to support enhanced transit, walking, cycling and rolling for all ages and abilities. Policy 11.4 recognizes that the network must include facilities that support cycling, such as well-located bike racks, places to rest along routes, drinking fountains and secure end-of-trip bike parking and supporting facilities at destinations. OCP Action 11.6a directs the City to design the FTDAs and connecting corridors to prioritize road space for transit, while providing a safe comfortable walking and cycling environment. Similar policies are included in the DCP (see Section 10) and QCP (see Section 9). OCP Action 10.2b directs the City to develop a Street Tree Master Plan that is compatible with the tree

			canopy cover target as outlined in the city-wide Urban Forest Management Strategy.
	e)	support the inclusion of community gardens (at-grade, rooftop, or on balconies), grocery stores and farmers' markets to support food security, and local production, distribution and consumption of healthy food, in particular where they are easily accessible to housing and transit services	OCP Policy 1.6 states the City's intention to facilitate opportunities for growing food and participating in food culture. OCP Action 1.6a directs the City to support the development of a comprehensive food strategy in collaboration with community stakeholders. OCP Action 1.6b directs the City to continue to develop community gardens in public spaces. Community gardens in private spaces are encouraged through the City's development permit guidelines. Similar policies and actions are included in the DCP and QCP.
	f)	consider, when preparing new neighbourhood and area plans, the mitigation of significant negative social and health impacts, such as through the use of formal health and social impact assessment methods in neighbourhood design and major infrastructure investments	The City established a Memorandum of Understanding with Fraser Health to ensure that a comprehensive health lens was imbedded in every section of the OCP. OCP Policy 1.3 states the City's intention to foster a community that proactively addresses health issues and facilitates healthy built environments. The Policies of the OCP (11.7), QCP (2.4) and DCP (5b) focus on working with various partners to minimize the impact of goods movement on adjacent land uses. Actions identified include the creation of a Noise Attenuation Program for new residential units (OCP Action 8.5a), and incorporate the FCM's guidelines, found in Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations (OCP Action 6.4a). The City will work towards identifying additional approaches to mitigate significant negative social and health impacts during the development of community plans.
	g)	provide design guidance for existing and new neighbourhoods to promote social connections, universal accessibility, crime prevention through environmental design, and inclusivity while considering the impacts of these strategies on identified marginalized members of the community	OCP Policy 1.1 states the City's intention to facilitate a more equitable and livable city in which all residents can meet their basic needs. OCP Policy 1.4 states the City's intention to encourage social connectedness, neighbourliness and community building. The City's development permit guidelines give specific direction to development applicants with the intent of promoting social connections and universal accessibility.
	h)	consider where appropriate, opportunities to incorporate recognition of Indigenous and other cultures into the planning of Urban Centres, FTDAs, and other local centres	The City is committed to identifying opportunities to incorporate recognition of Indigenous and other cultures into the planning of Urban Centres and FTDAs. OCP Action 3.4b directs the City to implement reGENERATE, the Vision for the neighbourhood around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station. The creation of the Vision for the 22nd Street Station FTDA was framed by the City's commitments to truth and reconciliation such as applying lessons from the City's A Year of Truth. As a result, the Vision includes Goal 8.1: A community that celebrates the Coast Salish context of

			the lands, and where opportunities for cultural revitalization and reconciliation are provided. The same approach will be taken to the future planning for the City's other FTDAs and the Urban Centre.
Strategy 1.4: Protect Rural lands from urban development			
Policy 1.4.3	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	identify Rural lands and their boundaries on a map generally consistent with Map 2	There are no regionally designated agricultural or rural lands in the City of New Westminster. There are no Agricultural Land Reserve lands in the City of New Westminster.
	b)	limit development to a scale, form, and density consistent with the intent for the Rural land use designation, and that is compatible with on-site sewer servicing	
	c)	specify the allowable density and form, consistent with Action 1.4.1, for land uses within the Rural regional land use designation	
	d)	prioritize and support agricultural uses within the Agricultural Land Reserve, and where appropriate, support agricultural uses outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve	
	e)	support the protection, enhancement, restoration, and expansion of ecosystems identified on Map 11 to maintain ecological integrity, enable ecosystem connectivity, increase natural carbon sinks and enable adaptation to the impacts of climate change	OCP Policy 5.1 states the City's intention to protect, enhance and connect natural habitat areas and ecological systems, including the Fraser River, Brunette River, Glenbrook Ravine and large treed parks. The Fraser River, Brunette River and Glenbrook Ravine are identified as sensitive ecosystems on Map 9 of the OCP. OCP Action 5.3b states the City's intention to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city. OCP Action 5.2b directs the City to protect and enhance the ecological function of waterways and associated riparian and foreshore areas on public and private lands, working with Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and other significant waterway stakeholders, as appropriate. Similar policies and actions are included in the QCP and DCP.

Metro 2050 Goal 2: Support a Sustainable Economy

New Westminster's Official Community Plan (OCP) contributes to the goal of supporting a sustainable economy by promoting land development patterns that support a diverse economy, and enabling employment opportunities close to where people live. The Downtown Community Plan (DCP), a schedule to the OCP, provides further detail to this goal by locating a concentration of mixed residential and employment uses in the Urban Centre. All policies within the Economy and Employment chapter of the OCP support the City's intention to promote land development patterns that support a diverse economy and to work towards locating employment opportunities close to residential uses. The supply of industrial lands in New Westminster will be maintained and protected by this OCP, and there are no agricultural lands to protect within New Westminster.

The City's work to support a sustainable economy is further supported by the City's Economic Development Plan, which establishes an overarching strategy for guiding the activity of the City's Economic Development Office that is synchronous with other City plans and initiatives. City actions are also guided by the Retail Strategy, which identifies how to best support the sustainability of New Westminster's retail sector.

Strategy 2.1 Promote land development patterns that support a diverse regional economy and employment opportunities close to where people live

	Section	Policy	Applicable OCP Policies
Policy 2.1.10	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	include policies to support appropriate economic activities, as well as context-appropriate built form for Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, Industrial lands, and Employment lands	OCP Goal 3 states: New Westminster has a diverse and adaptive economy and is a desirable place to work, live, shop and invest. This is supported by a range of policies that state the City's intention to support its diverse economic base including for industrial (3.2), office (3.3), retail and services (3.4) and institutional uses (3.5). The DCP, which covers the City's Urban Centre, has similar policies in place. The land use designations on the OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) include land use designations designed to deliver medium and high density mixed-use buildings, with retail, office, and institutional, in strategic areas of the city that align with the FTDAs (22nd Street, Uptown and Sapperton and Braid). Some additional density is permitted on other current and future Frequent Transit Network routes. The DCP Land Use Designation Map (Schedule F) anticipates higher density mixed use buildings, in alignment with the regional-serving and city-serving employment and commercial services. The building form is further controlled by the OCP and DCP development permit guidelines.
	b)	support the development and expansion of large-scale office and retail uses in Urban Centres, and lower-scale uses in Frequent Transit Development Areas through policies such as: zoning that reserves land for commercial uses, density bonus provisions to encourage	OCP Policy 3.1 states the City's intention to foster knowledge-based and creative industries that cultivate innovation, promote entrepreneurship and generate employment. OCP Action 3.3c directs the City to review the Zoning Bylaw to minimize barriers to achieving office development and versatile workspace in new and existing units. OCP Action 3.3e

		office development, variable development cost charges, and/or other incentives	directs the City to encourage office development in strategic locations, including the Downton Urban Centre and the FTDAs. OCP Policy 3.4 states the City's intent to promote a diverse range of retail and services for all residents and employees. There are similar policies in the DCP and QCP.
	c)	discourage the development and expansion of major commercial uses outside of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas and that discourage the development of institutional land uses outside of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas	The land use designations on OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) include land use designations designed to deliver medium and high density mixed-use buildings, with retail, office, institutional, in strategic areas of the city that align with the FTDAs (22nd Street, Uptown and Sapperton and Braid). Some additional density is permitted on other current and future Frequent Transit Network routes. The limited additional commercial and service space is focused on current and future Frequent Transit Network routes. Map 19 reduced the amount of land designated for commercial uses compared to the previous OCP. The DCP Land Use Designation Map (Schedule F) anticipates higher density mixed use buildings, in alignment with regional and city-serving employment and commercial services.
Strategy 2.2 Protect the supply and enhance the efficient use of Industrial land			
Policy 2.2.9	**Section**	**Policy Text**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	identify the Industrial and Employment lands and their boundaries on a map generally consistent with Map 7	The Regional Land Use Designation Map (Map 4) identifies the Industrial and Employment, in alignment with Map 7 of the Regional Growth Strategy. The Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19), DCP (Schedule F) and QCP (Map 11) identify Industrial and Employment designations that align with Metro 2050 Map 7.
	b)	identify Trade-Oriented lands, if applicable, with a defined set of permitted uses that support inter-regional, provincial, national, and international trade (e.g. logistics, warehouses, distribution centres, transportation and intermodal terminals) and location needs (e.g. large and flat sites, proximity to highway, port, or rail infrastructure) on a map consistent with the goals in the Regional Growth Strategy. Strata and/or small lot subdivisions on these lands should not be permitted	There are no Trade-Oriented lands identified within the City of New Westminster.

	c)	include policies for Industrial lands that:	
	i)	consistently define, support, and protect Industrial uses, as defined in Metro 2050, in municipal plans and bylaws, and ensure that non-industrial uses are not permitted	The land use designations for Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) clearly define industrial land purpose as to allow industrial uses including heavy and light industrial uses and those industrial uses that are dependent on riverfront access. OCP Action 3.2a and QCP Action 2.3e direct the City to protect industrial designated sites by providing clear direction to land owners, the real estate community and potential purchasers that conversion to non-industrial uses will not be supported.
	ii)	support appropriate and related accessory uses, such as limited-scale ancillary commercial spaces, and caretaker units	The land use designations for Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) define complementary uses that are permitted. The City will work towards allowing limited-scale ancillary commercial spaces.
	iii)	exclude uses that are not consistent with the intent of Industrial lands and not supportive of Industrial activities, such as medium and large format retail uses, residential uses, and stand- alone office uses, other than ancillary uses, where deemed necessary	The land use designations for Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) clearly define industrial lands. Uses that are not supportive of industrial activities, including medium and large format retail uses, residential uses, and standalone office uses, are not permitted.
	iv)	encourage improved utilization and increased intensification/densification of Industrial lands for Industrial activities, including the removal of any unnecessary municipal policies or regulatory barriers related to development form and density	OCP Policy 3.2 and QCP Policy 2.3 states the City's intent to protect the industrial land base and encourage employment-intensive and sustainable industrial uses. OCP Action 3.2a directs the City to work with commercial real estate firms, developers, Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to encourage efficient use of industrial lands, in compliance with the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority policies. QCP Action 2.3a directs the City to include Queensborough industrial businesses in outreach activities undertaken by the City's Economic Development Office to learn more about challenges and opportunities facing them, as well as to gather input on how the City can assist in their success. These policies are supported by the Zoning Bylaw, which has limited regulations in place for development form and density.
	v)	review and update parking and loading requirements to reflect changes in Industrial forms and activities, ensure better integration with the surrounding character, and reflect improvements to transit service, in an effort to avoid the over- supply of parking	OCP Policy 11.8 states the City's intent to implement parking management strategies and other transportation demand management measures.

	vi)	explore municipal Industrial strategies or initiatives that support economic growth objectives with linkages to land use planning	OCP Policy 3.2 and QCP Policy 2.3 state the City's intent to protect the industrial land base and encourage employment intensive and sustainable industrial uses. OCP Action 3.2a directs the City to work with commercial real estate firms, developers, Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to encourage efficient use of industrial lands, in compliance with the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority policies. QCP Action 2.3a directs the City to include Queensborough industrial businesses in outreach activities undertaken by the City's Economic Development Office to learn more about challenges and opportunities facing them, as well as to gather input on how the City can assist in their success.
	vii)	provide infrastructure and services in support of existing and expanding Industrial activities	OCP Policy 3.2 and QCP Policy 2.3 states the City's intent to protect the industrial land base and encourage employment intensive and sustainable industrial uses. OCP Action 3.2c directs the City to explore ways to improve transportation access to each of the city's industrial areas. OCP Policy 12.1 states the City's intent to plan, construct and operate City services in a manner that best serves the community while protecting public health and the environment.
	viii)	support the unique locational and infrastructure needs of rail-oriented, waterfront, and trade-oriented Industrial uses	New Westminster is located at the crossroads of major regional transportation networks, including provincial highways, TransLink's Major Road Network, railways and water shipping routes. The Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) locate industrial lands along goods movement routes. This includes locating industrial lands along rail lines and along the waterfront, and allowing for goods movement by rail and by short sea shipping. OCP Action 3.2c directs the City to explore ways to improve transportation access to each of the city's industrial areas. OCP Action 11.7a directs the City to implement the goods movement policies and actions identified in the Master Transportation Plan. QCP Action 9.7a directs the City to encourage increased use of rail and marine transportation routes over trucks and truck routes for goods movement. There are no identified Trade-Oriented lands in the City of New Westminster.
	ix)	consider the preparation of urban design guidelines for Industrial land edge planning, such as interface designs, buffering standards, or tree planting, to minimize potential land use conflicts between Industrial and	Development Permit Areas in the OCP (6.4) and QCP (C1 and C2) include guidelines that require applicants to consider appropriate measures such as buffers and screening, lighting, and tree planting to minimize impacts on neighbours. Additional guidelines are in place with the intent that building energy

		sensitive land uses, and to improve resilience to the impacts of climate change	performance be optimized by employing passive strategies and where possible by using energy from renewable sources. The City will work towards updating industrial design guidelines to follow best practices for improving air quality and reducing the impact of air emissions.
	x)	do not permit strata and/or small lot subdivisions on identified Trade-Oriented lands	There are no identified Trade-Oriented lands in the City of New Westminster.
	d)	include policies for Employment lands that:	See below.
	i)	support a mix of Industrial, small scale commercial and office, and other related employment uses, while maintaining support for the light Industrial capacity of the area, including opportunities for the potential densification/intensification of Industrial activities, where appropriate	The Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) designate land as Mixed Employment in strategic locations. The purpose of this designation is to allow a variety of commercial, light industrial and service commercial uses with a focus on employment generation. OCP Policy 3.2 and QCP Policy 2.3 state the City's intent to protect the industrial land base and encourage employment-intensive and sustainable industrial uses. OCP Action 3.1b also directs the City to create a master plan for Lower Twelfth Street that encourages a creative and non traditional mix of uses, including residential, commercial, and ultra light industrial.
	ii)	allow large and medium format retail, where appropriate, provided that such development will not undermine the broad objectives of the Regional Growth Strategy	Large and medium retail is not permitted in the City's Mixed Employment Land Use in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11). Instead the City designates strategic locations as medium or high density mixed use to enable retail in close proximity to housing and frequent transit. The QCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 11) includes the one site designated for large format retail in New Westminster.
	iii)	support the objective of concentrating larger- scale commercial, higher density forms of employment, and other Major Trip-Generating uses in Urban Centres, and local-scale uses in Frequent Transit Development Areas	The Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and QCP (Map 11) designate land Mixed Employment in strategic locations. The purpose of this designation is to allow a variety of commercial, light industrial and service commercial uses with a focus on employment generation. Density will range based on the context of the subject site. Instead, the Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19) and DCP (Schedule F) provide opportunities for commercial and employment land uses in medium and high density mixed use forms within the FTDAs and Urban Centre. The limited additional commercial and employment land permitted by the OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) outside of an FTDA is focused on current and future Frequent Transit Network routes.

	iv)	support higher density forms of commercial and light Industrial development where Employment lands are located within Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas, and permit employment and service activities consistent with the intent of Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas, while low employment density and low transit generating uses, possibly with goods movement needs and impacts, are located elsewhere	There are no regionally-designated Employment lands in FTDAs or the Urban Centre in New Westminster. However, the Land Use Designation Map in the OCP (Map 19) provides opportunity for commercial and employment land uses in medium and high density mixed use forms within the FTDAs. The limited additional commercial and employment land permitted by the OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) outside of an FTDA is focused on current and future Frequent Transit Network routes. The Land Use Designation Map in the DCP (Schedule F) envisions the highest density development in the City, as the Downtown, the City's Urban Centre, is anticipated to have city-serving employment and commercial services.
	v)	do not permit residential uses, except for: • an accessory caretaker unit; or • limited residential uses (with an emphasis on affordable, rental units) on lands within 200 m of a rapid transit station and located within Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas, provided that the residential uses are located only on the upper floors of buildings with commercial and light Industrial uses, where appropriate and subject to the consideration of municipal objectives and local context.	Regionally designated Employment lands in New Westminster generally have the municipal Mixed Employment land use designation applied. No residential land use is permitted. The purpose of this designation is to allow a variety of commercial, light industrial and service commercial uses with a focus on employment generation. Retail uses are only permitted when ancillary to the business on these properties (e.g. small scale retail).
	e)	include policies to assist existing and new businesses in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions, maximizing energy efficiency, and mitigating impacts on ecosystems	OCP Policy 4.2 states the City's intent to encourage retrofitting existing buildings and require new buildings be built to high energy efficiency and low carbon standards. OCP Action 4.2b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 to reduce energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings. The Community Energy and Emissions Plan includes specific actions related to retrofitting existing and requiring new commercial and industrial buildings to be built to high energy efficiency standards that helps reduce emissions.
	f)	include policies that assist existing and new businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change and reduce their exposure to natural hazards risks, such as those identified within the Regional Growth Strategy (Table 5)	OCP Policy 4.4 demonstrates the City's intent to prepare for and reduce the impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines.

Strategy 2.3 Protect the supply of agricultural land and strengthen Agricultural viability			
	Section	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
Policy 2.3.12	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	specify the Agricultural lands within their juris- diction, denoting those within the Agricultural Land Reserve, on a map generally consistent with Map 8	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
	b)	consider policies and programs that increase markets and the distribution of local food in urban areas to strengthen the viability of agriculture and increase availability of local food for all residents	OCP Policy 1.6 states the City's intent to facilitate opportunities for growing food and participating in food culture. OCP Action 1.6a directs the City to support the development of a comprehensive food strategy. OCP Action 1.6d directs the City to work with appropriate stakeholders to implement the Metro Vancouver Regional Food System Strategy. OCP Action 1.6b develops community gardens in public spaces. Community gardens in private spaces are encouraged through the City's development permit guidelines. Similar policies and actions are included in the DCP and QCP.
	c)	include policies that protect the supply of Agricultural land and strengthen agriculture viability including those that:	See below.
	i)	assign appropriate land use designations to protect Agricultural land for future generations and discourage land uses on Agricultural lands that do not directly support and strengthen Agricultural viability	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
	ii)	encourage the consolidation of small parcels and discourage the subdivision and fragmentation of Agricultural land	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
	iii)	support climate change adaptation including: • monitoring storm water, flooding, and sea level rise impacts on Agricultural land, • implementing flood construction requirements for residential uses, and • maintaining and improving drainage and irrigation infrastructure that support Agricultural production, where appropriate and in collabo- ration with other governments and agencies	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.

	iv)	protect the integrity of Agricultural land by requiring edge planning along the Urban Containment Boundary and adjacent to Agricultural operations through activities such as screening, physical buffers, roads, or Development Permit area requirements	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
	v)	demonstrate support for economic development opportunities for Agricultural operations that are farm related uses, benefit from close proximity to farms, and enhance primary Agricultural production as defined by the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
	vi)	align policies and regulations, where applicable, with the Minister's Bylaw Standards and Agricultural Land Commission legislation and regulations	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster.
Policy 2.3.13	**Section**	**Policy**	**Supplementary Information**
		In partnership with other agencies and organizations, support agricultural awareness and promote the importance of the agricultural industry, the importance of protecting agricultural land, and the value of local agricultural products and experiences	There are no regionally designated agricultural lands and no Agricultural Land Reserve areas within the City of New Westminster. However, OCP Policy 1.6 states the City's intent to facilitate opportunities for growing food and participating in food culture.

Metro 2050 Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards

New Westminster's Official Community Plan (OCP) contributes to the goals of protecting the environment, addressing climate change and responding to natural hazards by directing the City to implement the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy, the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan, the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan, and the Urban Forest Management Strategy. These plans all include guidance on how the City will work towards protecting, enhancing, restoring and connecting ecosystems, and confirm the City's commitment to protecting and enhancing conservation and recreation lands. The OCP also directs the implementation of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan and the eMobility Strategy. These plans reflect the City's commitment to playing a part in regional, national and international efforts related to both energy conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Both the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) and the Queensborough Community Plan (QCP) include directions for how the City will work towards advancing land use patterns that improve resilience to climate change impacts and natural hazards, and well as reducing green house gas emissions and energy consumption to achieve a net zero region by 2050.

All policies within the Environment and Natural Areas chapter, the Energy, Emissions and Climate Change chapter and the Hazard Management chapter of the OCP support the City's intention to protect the environment, address climate change and respond to natural hazards.

Goal 3 Targets		
Policy with Target	**Applicable OCP Policies**	**Supplementary Information**
3.2.7 a) identify local ecosystem protection and tree canopy cover targets, and demonstrate how these targets will contribute to the regional targets in Action 3.2.1: • increase the area of lands protected for nature **from 40% to 50% of the region's land base by the year 2050**; and • increase the total regional tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary **from 32% to 40% by the year 2050.**	*Please see response in Targets section.*	*Please see response in Targets section.*
3.3.7 a) identify how local land use and transportation policies will contribute to meeting the **regional greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 45% below 2010 levels by the year 2030** and achieving a carbon neutral region by the year 2050;	*Please see response in Targets section.*	*Please see response in Targets section.*

Strategy 3.1: Protect and enhance Conservation and Recreation lands			
Policy 3.1.9	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	identify Conservation and Recreation lands and their boundaries on a map generally consistent with Map 2	The Regional Land Use Designation Map (Map 4) identifies Conservation and Recreation lands, in alignment with Map 2 of the Regional Growth Strategy. The OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19) designates lands as Habitat/Natural Areas in alignment with the lands identified on Metro 2050 Map 2.
	b)	include policies that support the protection and enhancement of lands with a Conservation and Recreation land use designation, which may include the following uses:	OCP Action 5.1e directs the City to implement the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy to ensure continued protection, enhancement and restoration of natural ecosystems. The Strategy includes an action to explore partnerships with First Nations, non-profit organizations, and Federal and Provincial governments to acquire, enhance, protect and manage natural areas.
	i)	drinking water supply areas	There are no drinking water supply areas within the City of New Westminster.
	ii)	environmental conservation areas	OCP Actions 5.1a and 5.3b directs the City to protect conservation areas such as Glenbrook Ravine and implement the Environmental Strategy and Action

			Plan to further guide the protection of conservation areas. Regionally designated environmental conservation areas are also protected by the Habitat/Natural Area Land Use Designation and the Parks, Open Space and Community Facilities Land Use Designation. Both of these land use designations ensure that the conservation lands are preserved as natural areas. Please see OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19).
	iii)	wildlife management areas and ecological reserves	OCP Policies 5.1 and 5.4 state the City's intention to ensure that wildlife management areas and ecological areas such as the Fraser River, the Brunette River, Glenbrook Ravine and the city's various parks are protected and enhanced.
	iv)	forests	OCP Policies 5.1 and 5.4 state the City's intention to protect ecological systems, and are further supported by OCP Action 5.3a which directs the City to implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy to protect forests within the city.
	v)	wetlands (e.g. freshwater lakes, ponds, bogs, fens, estuarine, marine, freshwater, and intertidal ecosystems)	OCP Action 5.2c directs the City to apply the Riparian Area Protection Regulation in the evaluation of development applications adjacent to watercourses. Additionally, the Habitat / Natural Area Land Use Designation preserves intertidal areas of the Fraser River foreshore in a predominantly natural state. See OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19).
	vi)	riparian areas (i.e. the areas and vegetation surrounding wetlands, lakes, streams, and rivers)	OCP Actions 5.2a, 5.2b, 5.2c and 5.2d direct the City to support the implementation of the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation. Similar Actions are included in the DCP and QCP.
	vii)	ecosystems not covered above that may be vulnerable to climate change and natural hazard impacts, or that provide buffers to climate change impacts or natural hazard impacts for communities	All ecosystems which are on lands with a Conservation and Recreation regional designation within the city are protected with either the Habitat / Natural Area Land Use Designation or the Parks, Open Space and Community Facilities Land Use Designation. See OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19).
	viii)	uses within those lands that are appropriately located, scaled, and consistent with the intent of the designation, including: • major parks and outdoor recreation areas; • education, research and training facilities, and associated uses that serve conservation and/or recreation users; • commercial uses, tourism activities, and public, cultural, or community amenities;	The purpose of the OCP Habitat / Natural Area Land Use Designation is to preserve intertidal areas of the Fraser River foreshore in a predominantly natural state. The principal use permitted is natural habitat areas. Complementary uses may include trails, parks, open space, and log boom storage where they do not conflict with the principal use. The purpose of the OCP Parks, Open Space and Community Facilities Land Use Designation is to provide places of public assembly and recreation. Principal uses include parks, open space, natural areas, community activities, cultural uses, and community facilities such as libraries or community

		• limited agricultural use, primarily soil-based; and • land management activities needed to minimize vulnerability / risk to climate change impacts	centres, and City facilities. Complementary uses may include retail and restaurant uses, and other similar activities and uses if these enhance the unique character of a site or increase social activity and interest. See OCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 19).
	c)	Include policies that:	See below.
	i)	protect the integrity of lands with a Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation from activities in adjacent areas by considering wildland interface planning, and introducing measures such as physical buffers or development permit requirements	All lands that are adjacent to regionally designated Conservation and Recreation lands have development permit requirements that require that sites are sensitively developed to consider neighboring sites. Additionally, OCP Action 9.2f directs the City to implement the Queen's Park Master Plan which includes considerations for buffering of adjacent land uses.
	ii)	encourage the consolidation of small parcels, and discourage subdivision and fragmentation of lands with a Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation.	The City of New Westminster or Metro Vancouver own the lands with a Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation. Each site is operating as a consolidated site. OCP Action 9.2d directs the City to consolidate City parks into one parcel per park, including those parks with a Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation.
Policy 3.2.7	**Section**	**Policy Text**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	identify local ecosystem protection and tree canopy cover targets, and demonstrate how these targets will contribute to the regional targets in Action 3.2.1	*Please see response in Targets section*
	b)	refer to Map 11 or more detailed local ecological and cultural datasets and include policies that:	See below.
	i)	support the protection, enhancement, and restoration of ecosystems through measures such as land acquisition, density bonusing, development permit requirements, subdivision design, conservation covenants, land trusts, and tax exemptions	OCP Policies 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 state the City's intention to protect, enhance and restore natural habitat areas and ecosystems. OCP Action 5.1e directs the City to implement the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy to ensure continued protection, enhancement and restoration of natural ecosystems. The Strategy includes policies that support the protection, enhancement and restoration of natural areas. OCP Action 5.2b directs the City to protect and enhance the ecological function of waterways and associated riparian and foreshore areas on public and private lands, working with Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and other significant waterway stakeholders, as appropriate. OCP Action 5.3b directs the City to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the

			ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city. Development Permit Areas in the OCP (7.1) and QCP (QD1) protect natural areas with development permit requirements.
	ii)	seek to acquire, restore, enhance, and protect lands, in collaboration with adjacent member jurisdictions and other partners, that will enable ecosystem connectivity in a regional green infrastructure network	OCP Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 9.1 and 9.5 state the City's intention to create connections across natural habitats and green spaces. OCP Action 5.1c directs the City to develop a Green Infrastructure Network for the City that is consistent with the regional network proposed by Metro Vancouver. OCP Action 5.2b directs the City to protect and enhance the ecological function of waterways and associated riparian and foreshore areas on public and private lands, working with Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and other significant waterway stakeholders, as appropriate. OCP Action 5.2f directs the City to support and collaborate with Metro Vancouver on regional green infrastructure such as the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway. OCP Action 5.3c directs the City to implement the actions of the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy, including those related to developing a green infrastructure network that supports local and regional biodiversity and connectivity.
	iii)	discourage or minimize the fragmentation of ecosystems through low impact development practices that enable ecosystem connectivity	OCP Action 5.3c directs the City to implement the actions of the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy, including those related to developing a green infrastructure network that supports local and regional biodiversity and connectivity. OCP Action 5.3a directs the City to implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy, which includes guidance to improve connectivity between natural areas and parks.
	iv)	indicate how the interface between ecosystems and other land uses will be managed to maintain ecological integrity using edge planning, and measures such as physical buffers, or development permit requirements.	Development permit guidelines in the OCP, QCP and DCP require setbacks and sensitive edges to neighbouring properties. OCP Development Permit Area 7.1 was developed to provide direction on the interface between the Brunette River and adjacent development. OCP Policy 5.3 states the City's intention to ensure natural features are integrated throughout the urban environment. OCP Action 5.3b directs the City to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city.
	c)	Include policies that:	See below.

	i)	support the consideration of natural assets and ecosystem services in land use decision-making and land management practices	OCP Action 5.3b directs the City to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city. OCP Action 5.2a directs the City to explore expanding the Brunette River Development Permit Area to further protect the entire segment of the river within New Westminster. OCP Actions 5.2b, 5.2c, 5.2d and 5.2e direct the City to protect waterways through the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation. OCP Action 5.3a directs the City to implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy, which includes an action to improve development permit guidelines.
	ii)	enable the retention and expansion of urban forests using various tools, such as local tree canopy cover targets, urban forest management strategies, tree regulations, development permit requirements, land acquisition, street tree planting, and reforestation or restoration policies, with consideration of resilience	OCP Action 5.3a directs the City to implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy, which includes protections and enhancement such as canopy cover targets, urban forest management strategies, and suggested actions to improve development permit regulations. DCP Strategy 5f states the City's intention to enhance the ecological function of the streetscape, parks and other public spaces.
	iii)	reduce the spread of invasive species by employing best practices, such as the implementation of soil removal and deposit bylaws, development permit requirements, and invasive species management plans	OCP Action 5.1b directs the City to develop an Invasive Species Action Plan to control and prevent the introduction of new invasive plants and animals.
	iv)	increase green infrastructure along the Regional Greenway Network, the Major Transit Network, community greenways, and other locations, where appropriate, and in collaboration with Metro Vancouver, TransLink, and other partners	OCP Actions 5.1c and 5.3c direct the City to develop a Green Infrastructure Network per the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy that is consistent with the regional network proposed by Metro Vancouver. OCP Action 5.3c also directs the City to implement the actions of the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Strategy, which include enhancing green infrastructure along Regional Greenway Networks and other greenway links. Additionally, OCP Action 5.2f directs the City to support and collaborate with Metro Vancouver on the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway to create places for recreation and education about the natural environment. DCP Strategy 5j states the City's intention to incrementally develop "Green Amenity Streets."
	v)	support watershed and ecosystem planning, the development and implementation of Integrated Stormwater Management Plans, and water conservation objectives.	OCP Action 12.2a directs the City to implement the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) which includes low-impact design strategies to ensure the reduction in volume of stormwater runoff, improvement of water quality, and enhancement of natural areas and receiving water bodies. OCP Action

			5.3b directs the City to implement the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan to manage and protect the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural assets in the city. Maximizing the conservation and protection of drinking water is Goal #9 of the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan.

Strategy 3.3: Advance land use, infrastructure, and human settlement patterns that reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, create carbon storage opportunities, and improve air quality

	Section	Policy	Applicable OCP Policies
Policy 3.3.7	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	identify how local land use and transportation policies will contribute to meeting the regional greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 45% below 2010 levels by the year 2030 and achieving a carbon neutral region by the year 2050	*Please see response in Targets section*
	b)	identify policies, actions, incentives, and / or strategies that reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, create carbon storage opportunities, and improve air quality from land use, infrastructure, and settlement patterns, such as: • existing building retrofits and construction of new buildings to meet energy and greenhouse gas performance guidelines or standards (e.g. BC Energy Step Code, passive design), the electrification of building heating systems, green demolition requirements, embodied emissions policies, zero-carbon district energy systems, and energy recovery and renewable energy generation technologies, such as solar panels and geoexchange systems, and zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure; and • community design, infrastructure, and programs that encourage transit, cycling, rolling and walking	OCP Policy 4.2 states the City's intention to encourage retrofitting existing buildings and require new buildings be built to high energy efficiency and low carbon standards. OCP Policy 4.3 states the City's intention to pursue energy conservation and demand management, and encourage local renewable energy systems. OCP Actions 4.2b and 4.3a direct the City to implement the actions and policies of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan to reduce energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions in buildings. The Community Energy and Emissions Plan also includes actions related to reducing transportation energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions, including through the provision of zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure. OCP Action 4.1c directs the City to continue to implement the eMobility Strategy, which outlines actions the City can take to support the community's transition to electric modes of transportation. Development Permit Area Guidelines in the OCP includes measures such as buffering and screening to improve air quality from land uses. OCP Policies 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 state the City's intention to improve transit service, cycling infrastructure and pedestrian environments which reduce reliance on vehicle and consequently reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while improving air quality. OCP Actions 4.1b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Master Transportation Plan and Community Energy and Emissions Plan related to active transportation and transit oriented

			neighbourhoods as key strategies to improve quality of life while reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions.
	c)	focus infrastructure and amenity investments in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas, and at appropriate locations along Major Transit Growth Corridors	OCP Goal 12 states New Westminster has reliable and innovative servicing that efficiently and effectively meets the needs of the community and reduces impacts on the environment. Policy 12.1 states the City's intent to plan, construct and operate City services in a manner that best serves the community while protecting public health and the environment. OCP Action 12.1a directs the City to update and implement asset management, operation and maintenance action plans. This update will include a focus on investments in the Urban Centre and FTDAs. OCP Action 11.6a directs the City to prioritize transportation infrastructure and amenities in FTDAs.
Strategy 3.4 Advance land use, infrastructure, and human settlement patterns that improve resilience to climate change impacts and natural hazards			
Policy 3.4.5	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	include policies that minimize risks associated with climate change and natural hazards in existing communities through tools such as heat and air quality response plans, seismic retrofit policies, and flood-proofing policies	OCP Policy 4.4 states the City's intention to prepare for and reduce the impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines. This Plan will identify the climate related risks to the city and actions to improve resiliency. Through OCP Action 4.4b the City recognizes the role access to recreation facilities plays in the City's response to extreme weather events by directing the City to ensure neighbourhoods are well served by civic and community facilities that could function as emergency gathering centres or places of refuge during or after extreme weather events. OCP Action 4.4c directs the City to regularly update hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessments. OCP Goal 6 states New Westminster protects against land use related hazards and manages associated risks. OCP Policy 6.3 states the City's intent to protect against and minimize the impacts of sea level rise and Fraser River flooding. OCP Policy 6.4 states the City's intent to ensure that buildings are designed, built, maintained and retrofitted in ways that minimize the risk of hazard impacts. OCP Action 6.4b directs the City to regularly update hazard maps. The QCP recognizes that the entire neighbourhood is a flood hazard area. QCP Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 all state the City's intention to protect against and manage incidents of flooding. A Flood Hazard Development

			Permit Area (QE1) includes specific guidelines for building in the floodplain. Development in this area is protected by perimeter dykes. However, new buildings and structures in Queensborough should be constructed at an elevation that is sufficient to minimize the potential for loss of life and property damage in the event of dyke failure, or an extreme flood event that tops the perimeter dykes. The minimum flood construction levels are set in the Development Permit Area.
	b)	include policies that discourage new development in current and future hazardous areas to the extent possible through tools such as land use plans, hazard-specific Development Permit Areas, and managed retreat policies, and where development in hazardous areas is unavoidable, mitigate risks	The QCP recognizes that the entire neighbourhood is a flood hazard area. QCP Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 all state the City's intention to protect against and manage incidents of flooding. A Flood Hazard Development Permit Area (QE1) includes specific guidelines for building in the floodplain. Development in this area is protected by perimeter dykes. However, new buildings and structures in Queensborough should be constructed at an elevation that is sufficient to minimize the potential for loss of life and property damage in the event of dyke failure, or an extreme flood event that tops the perimeter dykes. The minimum flood construction levels are set in the Development Permit Area. The Land Use Designation Maps of the OCP (Map 19) and DCP (Schedule F) accommodate the majority of the City's anticipated growth, rather than being accommodated through the QCP Land Use Map (Map 11).
Policy 3.4.6	**Section**	**Policy**	
		Incorporate climate change and natural hazard risk assessments into planning and location decisions for new municipal utilities, assets, operations, and community services.	OCP Policy 4.4 states the City's intention to prepare for and reduce the impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines. OCP Action 4.4c directs the City to regularly update hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessments. OCP Goal 6 states New Westminster protects against land use related hazards and manages associated risks. OCP Policy 6.1 directs the City to use emergency management programs to protect critical City infrastructure from hazard events. OCP Action 6.1a and QCP Action 5.4a direct the City to prepare emergency and recovery plans including a Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan. OCP Action 6.4b directs the City to regularly update hazard maps.

	Section	Policy	
Policy 3.4.7		Integrate emergency management, utility planning, and climate change adaptation principles when preparing land use plans, transportation plans, and growth management policies.	OCP Policy 4.4 states the City's intention to prepare for and reduce the impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines. OCP Action 4.4c directs the City to regularly update hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessments. OCP Goal 6 states: New Westminster protects against land use related hazards and manages associated risks. OCP Action 6.1a and QCP Action 5.4a direct the City to prepare emergency and recovery plans including a Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan. OCP Action 6.4b directs the City to regularly update hazard maps. The findings of these studies will be considered in the development of new land use plans, including how growth is accommodated in the City through the Land Use Designation Maps.
Policy 3.4.8	**Section**	**Policy**	
		Adopt appropriate planning standards, guidelines, and best practices related to climate change and natural hazards, such as flood hazard management guidelines and wildland urban interface fire risk reduction principles.	OCP Policy 6.4 states the City's intention to ensure that buildings are designed, built, maintained and retrofitted in ways that minimize the risk of hazard impacts. OCP Action 6.3c directs the City to continue implementing and managing Flood Hazard Development Permit Area and associated guidelines to protect against identified natural hazard risks. The QCP recognizes that the entire neighbourhood is a flood hazard area. QCP Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 all state the City's intention to protect against and manage incidents of flooding. A Flood Hazard Development Permit Area (QE1) includes specific guidelines for building in the floodplain. Development in this area is protected by perimeter dykes. However, new buildings and structures in Queensborough should be constructed at an elevation that is sufficient to minimize the potential for loss of life and property damage in the event of dyke failure, or an extreme flood event that tops the perimeter dykes. The minimum flood construction levels are set in the Development Permit Area.

Metro 2050 Goal 4: Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices

New Westminster's Official Community Plan (OCP) contributes to the goal of providing diverse and affordable housing choices by enabling an expansion to the supply of housing, increasing the diversity of housing choices available, protecting tenants and rental housing supply, and meeting the needs of lower income households and populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Both the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) and the Queensborough Community Plan (QCP) include policies that demonstrate the City's intention to provide diverse and affordable housing choices. The policies within the Housing chapter of the Official Community Plan support the City's intention to expand housing supply and housing choices, to ensure protection of all residential tenures and to meet the housing needs of people across the income spectrum.

The housing goals of the OCP are supported by a range of housing policies including the Affordable Housing Strategy, Tenant Relocation Policy, Secured Market Rental Housing Policy, and Family Friendly Housing Policy. The City also leverages other tools, such as the Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw, and programs, such as the New Westminster Rent Bank, to help protect tenants.

Goal 4 Targets

Policy with Target	Applicable OCP Policies	Supplementary Information
4.2.7 a) indicate how, within the local context, contribute toward the regional target of having **at least 15% of newly completed housing units built within all Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas combined, to the year 2050, be affordable rental housing units** (recognizing that developing affordable rental housing units in transit-oriented locations throughout the urban area is supported)	*Please see response in Targets section.*	*Please see response in Targets section.*

Strategy 4.1 Expand the supply and diversity of housing to meet a variety of needs

	Section	Policy	Applicable OCP Policies
Policy 4.1.8	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	indicate how you will work towards meeting estimated future housing needs and demand, as determined in their housing needs report or assessment	OCP Policy 8.6 states the City's intention to provide housing to meet the needs of the projected population in ways that ensure growth contributes positively to the neighbourhood context. OCP Action 8.6c directs the City to use the Housing Needs Report findings to strengthen understanding of current and future housing needs, and ensure local policies, plans, and development decisions are based on recent evidence. As part of the 2025 Official Community Plan update, a residential development capacity analysis was completed. This analysis took into account the area available for residential development based on the Land Use Designation Map, recent development trends, and assumptions regarding the future development of

			sites. This analysis confirmed that the Land Use Designation Map includes enough capacity to provide the total housing units required to address the finding of the City's 2024 Interim Housing Needs Report.
	b)	articulate how local plans and policies will meet the need for diverse (in tenure, size, and type) and affordable housing options	OCP Policies 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 each support the creation of new housing that is diverse in tenure, affordability, size and type. Each is supported by OCP Actions that direct the City to develop and implement additional housing policies to address these needs (e.g. Secured Market Rental Housing Policy, Family Friendly Housing Policy, Affordable Housing Strategy). OCP Action 8.6c directs the City to use the Housing Needs Report findings to strengthen understanding of current and future housing needs, and ensure local policies, plans, and development decisions are based on recent evidence. Similar polices and actions are included in the DCP and QCP.
	c)	identify policies and actions that contribute to the following outcomes	See below.
	i)	increased supply of adequate, suitable, and affordable housing to meet a variety of needs along the housing continuum	OCP Policy 8.1 states the City's intention to create and maintain housing that offers options for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. OCP Action 8.1h directs the City to implement the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan, which recommends actions and timing priorities for the provision of shelter beds and supportive housing units. OCP Policy 8.2 states the City's intent to facilitate access to affordable, below- and non-market housing for low- to moderate-income households. OCP Policy 8.3 states the City's intention to foster a rental housing stock in which tenants have adequate opportunities to live in healthy, safe and secure housing. These policies focus on the areas of highest need, as identified in the City's Housing Needs Report.
	ii)	increased supply of family-friendly, age-friendly, and accessible housing	OCP Policy 8.4 states the City's intention to create neighbourhoods with housing options for people of all ages, abilities and household types to meet their changing needs. The Actions identified to support this policy direct the City to continue to implement the Adaptable Housing Policy (OCP Action 8.4a), Family Friendly Housing Policy (8.4b) and ground oriented infill housing (8.4c) which will increase housing choice in the city. Each of these policy documents also apply to the area covered by the DCP and QCP.
	iii)	increased diversity of housing tenure options, such as attainable homeownership, rental, co-op housing, rent-to-own models, and cohousing	OCP Policy 8.3 states the City's intention to foster a rental housing stock in which tenants have adequate opportunities to live in healthy, safe and secure housing. OCP Policy 8.4 states the City's intention to create neighbourhoods with housing options for people

			of all ages, abilities and household types to meet their changing needs. The Land Use Designation Maps in the OCP (Map 19), QCP (Map 11) and DCP (Schedule F), confirm that residential buildings (or residential portions of buildings) can include rental housing, co-op housing, and various levels of supportive housing (e.g. complex care, supportive care, or assisted living) when in compliance with the form in the land use designation and when in keeping with City policies.
	iv)	increased density and supply of diverse ground-oriented and infill housing forms in low-density neighbourhoods, such as duplex, four-plex, townhouse, laneway/coach houses, and apartments, particularly in proximity to transit	OCP Action 8.4c directs the City to implement opportunities to increase the variety and stock of ground oriented infill housing such as duplexes, triplexes, and multiplexes. The Land Use Designation Map in the OCP (Map 19) allows a mix of ground oriented infill housing forms including duplexes, triplexes, quadraplexes, cluster houses, infill townhouses, infill rowhouses and other equivalent ground oriented housing forms in all single detached and duplex areas covered by this Plan. The City will work towards updating the QCP Land Use Designation Map (Map 11) to allow ground oriented infill housing once research is completed on whether the area's infrastructure can support more housing.
	v)	integration of land use and transportation planning such that households can reduce their combined housing and transportation costs	The Land Use Designation Map in the OCP (Map 19) was created to align with the City's Master Transportation Plan. The Land Use Designation Map locates the highest number of new housing units within the FTDAs surrounding the SkyTrain stations outside of Downtown. The next highest number of new housing units is located along pedestrian-oriented transit corridors such as Sixth Street, Twelfth Street and East Columbia Street. Growth will be accommodated in the Uptown FTDA.
	vi)	increased social connectedness in multi-unit housing	OCP Policy 8.5 states the City's intention to design housing to be livable and to foster social cohesion and connectivity. OCP Policy 1.4 states the intention to encourage social connectedness, neighbourliness and community building. OCP Action 1.4a directs the City to fund community grant programs that facilitate social connectedness, neighbourliness and community building. Action 8.5b directs the City to collaborate with the Hey Neighbour Collective to develop and implement tools that encourage more socially connected, inclusive, and resilient communities for all.
	vii)	integrated housing within neighbourhood contexts and high quality urban design	OCP Policy 10.1 states the City's intention to require a high standard of urban design to facilitate attractive and well-integrated development throughout the city. The Development Permit Area guidelines of the OCP, DCP and QCP all have all been drafted with the intent of

			integrated housing within neighbourhood contexts and high quality urban design.
	viii)	existing and future housing stock that is low carbon and resilient to climate change impacts and natural hazards	OCP Policy 4.2 states the City's intention to encourage retrofitting existing buildings and require new buildings be built to high energy efficiency and low carbon standards. Action 4.2b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 to reduce energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings. OCP Policy 4.4 states the City's intention to prepare for and reduce the impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change. OCP Action 4.4a directs the City to develop a Climate Adaptation Strategy for New Westminster that includes recommended implementation actions and timelines. OCP Policy 6.4 states the City's intention to ensure that buildings are designed, built, maintained and retrofitted in ways that minimize the risk of hazard impacts.
Policy 4.1.9	**Section**	**Policy**	**Supplementary Information**
	Prepare and implement housing strategies or action plans that:		
	a)	are aligned with housing needs reports or assessments, and reviewed or updated every 5-10 years to ensure that housing strategies or action plans are based on recent evidence and responsive to current and future housing needs	Please see New Westminster's Housing Needs Report. OCP Policy 8.6 states the City's intention to provide housing to meet the needs of the projected population in ways that ensure growth contributes positively to the neighbourhood context. OCP Action 8.6c directs the City to use the Housing Needs Report findings to strengthen understanding of current and future housing needs, and ensure local policies, plans, and development decisions are based on recent evidence. After the Housing Needs Report is updated in 2028 the OCP will be updated to reflect the updated findings.
	b)	are based on an assessment of local housing market conditions, by tenure, including assessing housing supply, demand, and affordability	Please see New Westminster's Housing Needs Report. In addition to using the Province's standardized methodology to identify the number of housing units needed, the City conducted further analysis to understand housing needs specific to New Westminster to provide a breakdown of need by housing type. This breakdown allows for progress tracking and advocacy to senior government for funding for supportive, below- and non-market housing projects.
	c)	identify housing priorities, based on the assessment of local housing market conditions, household incomes, changing population and household demographics, climate change and natural hazards resilience, and key categories of local housing need, including specific statements	Please see New Westminster's Housing Needs Report. In addition to using the Province's standardized methodology to identify the number of housing units needed, the Report outlines the key areas of housing need. Bringing together community engagement themes, housing demand indicators, and projected housing needs, eleven priority sub-populations have been identified. These findings demonstrate that

		about special needs housing and the housing needs of equity-seeking groups	housing need and demand exist along New Westminster's Housing Spectrum, with a particular need for additional shelter beds, supportive/ transitional housing units, and affordable rental units.
	d)	identify implementation measures within their jurisdiction and financial capabilities, including actions set out in Action 4.1.8	Please see New Westminster's Housing Needs Report. OCP Actions direct the City to implement housing policies that include detailed implementation measures. This include policies such as the Affordable Housing Policy (OCP Action 8.2b), Adaptable Housing Policy (8.4a), Family Friendly Housing Policy (8.4b) and ground oriented infill housing (8.4c) which will increase housing choice in the city. OCP Action 8.6c directs the City to use the Housing Needs Report findings to strengthen understanding of current and future housing needs, and ensure local policies, plans, and development decisions are based on recent evidence.
Strategy 4.2 Protect tenants and expand, retain, and renew rental housing supply			
Policy 4.2.7	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	indicate how they will, within their local context, contribute toward the regional target of having at least 15% of newly completed housing units built within all Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas combined, to the year 2050, be affordable rental housing units (recognizing that developing affordable rental housing units in transit-oriented locations throughout the urban area is supported)	*Please see response in Targets section*
	b)	articulate how local plans and policies will mitigate impacts on renter households, particularly during redevelopment or densification of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas	OCP Action 8.3b directs the City to update the Tenant Relocation Policy (2018), which assists tenants of purpose-built market rental housing displaced by redevelopment. OCP Action 8.3a directs the City to complete a Rental Replacement Policy to ensure that redevelopment of older purpose-built market rental buildings does not lead to the untimely loss of affordable rental housing, and to add to the supply of affordable rental in New Westminster.
	c)	identify the use of regulatory tools that protect and preserve rental housing	OCP Action 8.3a directs the City to complete the Rental Replacement Policy to ensure that redevelopment of older purpose-built market rental buildings does not lead to the untimely loss of affordable rental housing, and to add to the supply of affordable rental in New Westminster. OCP Action 8.3c directs the City to protect existing rental housing through the continued implementation of the Secured Market Rental Housing

			Policy, which includes action to retain the existing rental housing stock. OCP Action 8.3d directs the City to seek necessary resources to support the enforcement of the Standards of Maintenance Bylaw to ensure buildings are maintained to a livable standard. OCP Action 8.3e directs the City to encourage the development and implementation of additional measures from senior governments that assist in the creation, retention, maintenance and revitalization of rental housing.
	d)	identify policies and actions that contribute to the following outcomes:	See below.
	i)	increased supply of affordable rental housing in proximity to transit and on publicly-owned land	OCP Policy 8.2 states the City's intention to facilitate access to affordable, below and non market housing for low to moderate income households. OCP Actions are included that state the City should enable affordable housing through an updated Inclusionary Housing Policy (8.2a) and through partnerships with senior governments, charitable foundations, faith groups and non-profit organizations (8.2c). OCP Action 8.1h directs the City to implement the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan, which recommends actions and timing priorities for the provision of shelter beds and supportive housing units. This Plan acknowledges the need for an equitable distribution of projects across the City, and that all neighbourhoods play a role in supporting housing needs. It is an objective for all new projects to be located with access to services, community amenities and transit. DCP Strategy 7b states the City's intention to facilitate the provision of housing that meets all affordability levels in the City's Urban Centre. Action 7b states that new non-profit housing projects developed under bona fide affordable housing programs (Provincial Government partnership programs) will be granted bonus density without payment to the City, subject to meeting design principles. OCP Action 3.4b directs the City to implement reGENERATE, the Vision for the neighbourhood around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station. The Vision created for the 22nd Street Station FTDA includes Goal 5.1: A neighbourhood of abundant housing with a mix of tenures and affordability levels, and somewhere for everyone to call home. The Vision also includes strategy 5.2.7 which identifies tools for encouraging affordable housing within the FTDA. The same approach will be taken to the future planning for the City's other FTDAs. In addition, uses that address needs identified through a BC Public Health Emergency Declaration; or a BC State of Emergency Declaration; or a crisis affecting the

			Metro Vancouver region that is publicly recognized by multiple member municipalities, including the City of New Westminster, may be permitted in all land use designations. Given the affordable housing crisis, supportive housing may be developed in any of the City's land use definitions.
	ii)	increased supply of market and below-market rental housing through the renewal of aging purpose-built rental housing and prevention of net rental unit loss	OCP Action 8.3a directs the City to complete the Rental Replacement Policy to ensure that redevelopment of older purpose-built market rental buildings does not lead to the untimely loss of affordable rental housing, and to add to the supply of affordable rental in New Westminster. OCP Action 8.3c directs the City to protect existing rental housing through the continued implementation of the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy, which includes action to retain the existing rental housing stock. OCP Action 8.3d directs the City to seek necessary resources to support the enforcement of the Standards of Maintenance Bylaw to ensure buildings are maintained to a livable standard. OCP Action 8.3e directs the City to encourage the development and implementation of additional measures from senior governments that assist in the creation, retention, maintenance and revitalization of rental housing.
	iii)	protection and renewal of existing non-market rental housing	OCP Action 8.3a directs the City to complete the Rental Replacement Policy to ensure that redevelopment of older purpose-built market rental buildings does not lead to the untimely loss of affordable rental housing, and to add to the supply of affordable rental in New Westminster. OCP Action 8.3c directs the City to protect existing rental housing through the continued implementation of the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy, which includes action to retain the existing rental housing stock. OCP Action 8.3d directs the City to seek necessary resources to support the enforcement of the Standards of Maintenance Bylaw to ensure buildings are maintained to a livable standard. OCP Action 8.3e directs the City to encourage the development and implementation of additional measures from senior governments that assist in the creation, retention, maintenance and revitalization of rental housing.
	iv)	mitigated impacts on renter households due to renovation or redevelopment, and strengthened protections for tenants	OCP Action 8.3b directs the City to update the Tenant Relocation Policy (2018), which assists tenants of purpose-built market rental housing displaced by redevelopment. OCP Action 8.3a directs the City to complete the Rental Replacement Policy to ensure that redevelopment of older purpose built market rental buildings does not lead to the untimely loss of affordable rental housing, and to add to the supply of affordable rental in New Westminster.

	v)	reduced energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from existing and future rental housing stock, while considering impacts on tenants and affordability	OCP Policy 4.2 states the City's intention to encourage retrofitting existing buildings and require new buildings be built to high energy efficiency and low carbon standards. Action 4.2b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 to reduce energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings. The Community Energy and Emissions Plan includes several actions related to reducing energy and emissions, and prioritized the unique retrofit needs of existing multi unit residential buildings, especially rental buildings.
Policy 4.2.8	**Section**	**Policy**	**Supplementary Information**
	Prepare and implement housing strategies or action plans that:		
	a)	encourage the supply of new rental housing and mitigate or limit the loss of existing rental housing stock	OCP Policy 8.3 states the City's intention to foster a rental housing stock in which tenants have adequate opportunities to live in healthy, safe and secure housing. OCP Action 8.3c directs the City to facilitate new rental housing construction and protect existing rental housing through the continued implementation of the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy. OCP Action 8.3e directs the City to encourage the development and implementation of additional measures from senior governments that assist in the creation, retention, maintenance and revitalization of rental housing.
	b)	encourage tenant protections and assistance for renter households impacted by renovation or redevelopment of existing purpose-built rental housing	OCP Action 8.3b directs the City to update the Tenant Relocation Policy (2018), which assists tenants of purpose built market rental housing displaced by redevelopment. OCP Action 8.3c directs the City to facilitate new rental housing construction and protect existing rental housing through the continued implementation of the Secured Market Rental Housing Policy.
	c)	cooperate with and facilitate the activities of Metro Vancouver Housing under Action 4.2.2	OCP Action 8.2d directs the City to partner with Metro Vancouver to Implement the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan, and to seek opportunities to partner with Metro Vancouver Housing and others to expand affordable rental housing in the city.
Strategy 4.3 Meet the housing needs of lower income households and populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness			
Policy 4.3.7	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	indicate how they will collaborate with the Federal Government, the Province, and other partners, to assist in increasing the supply of	OCP Action 8.2c directs the City to partner with senior governments, charitable foundations, faith groups and non-profit organizations in the development of affordable and non-market housing, to help meet the objective for most of these new units to be located in

		permanent, affordable, and supportive housing units	or near FTDAs. OCP Action 8.2b directs the City to implement the Affordable Housing Strategy. This Strategy provides a framework for the City to work towards being an inclusive city where all residents live in safe, appropriate and affordable housing and where there are housing choices for people of all ages and abilities. OCP Action 8.1h directs the City to implement the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan, which recommends actions and timing priorities for the provision of shelter beds and supportive housing units. This plan recommends actions and timing priorities for the provision of shelter beds and supportive housing. This plan aims to help address the three concurrent and inter-related crises of homelessness, mental health and substance use. The Plan focuses on securing funding from BC Housing to construct permanent, purpose-designed supportive housing that would be equitably distributed in neighbourhoods throughout the city.
	b)	identify policies and actions to partner with other levels of government and non-profit organizations in order to create pathways out of homelessness and contribute to meeting the housing and support needs of populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness	OCP Action 8.1h directs the City to implement the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan, which recommends actions and timing priorities for the provision of shelter beds and supportive housing units. OCP Action 8.1g directs the City to implement the Five-Year Prevention, Support and Transition Services Plan, which is aimed at addressing the immediate needs of people experiencing the three concurrent and inter-related crises of homelessness, mental health and substance use with the goal of stabilizing their lives. These two plans aim to help address the three concurrent and inter-related crises of homelessness, mental health and substance use. The Five-Year Prevention, Support and Transition Services Plan identifies shorter term recommendations for the Provincial Government that are aimed at addressing the immediate needs of people experiencing the three crises with the goal of stabilizing their lives. These shorter-term actions work in concert with the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan, which identifies longer-term and sustainable actions. These longer-term actions focus on securing funding from BC Housing to construct permanent, purpose-designed supportive housing that would be equitably distributed in neighbourhoods throughout the city.
Policy 4.3.8	**Section**	**Policy**	**Supplementary Information**
	Prepare and implement housing strategies or action plans that		
	a)	identify opportunities to participate in programs with other levels of government to secure additional housing units to meet the housing needs of lower income households	OCP Action 8.2c directs the City to partner with senior governments, charitable foundations, faith groups and non-profit organizations in the development of affordable and non-market housing, to help meet the objective for most of these new units to be located in or near FTDAs. OCP Action 8.2d directs the City to

			partner with Metro Vancouver to implement the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan, and to seek opportunities to partner with Metro Vancouver Housing and others to expand affordable rental housing in the city.
	b)	identify strategies to increase community acceptance and communicate the benefits of affordable and supportive housing development	OCP Policy 1.2 states the City's intention to create a community that is welcoming, inclusive and accepting of people with different backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles. As such, community acceptance is generally supported through initiatives that raise awareness and understanding. OCP Action 8.1a directs the City to develop a communications strategy to clearly outline the benefits of affordable housing development.
	c)	are aligned with or integrate plans to address homelessness, and identify strategies to reduce the total number of households that are in core housing need and populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness	OCP Policy 8.1 states the City's intention to facilitate the creation and maintenance of housing that offers options for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. OCP Actions identify a range of strategies to implement this policy including the Homelessness Action Strategy (OCP Action 8.1c), Community Poverty Reduction Strategy (8.1d), the Ten-Year Supportive Housing and Wrap-Around Services Plan (8.1h), and the Five-Year Prevention, Support and Transition Services Plan (8.1g). OCP Actions also direct the City to work with partners to address homelessness, including Metro Vancouver (8.1e) and the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society (8.1f).

Metro 2050 Goal 5: Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

New Westminster's Official Community Plan (OCP) contributes to the goal of supporting sustainable transportation choices by coordinating land use and transportation to encourage and support transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling, walking and the safe and efficient movement of passengers, goods and services.

Both the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) and the Queensborough Community Plan (QCP), schedules to the OCP, include directions that demonstrate the City's intention to improve transportation for all road users and to improve the strength of the Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs) with appropriate land use patterns.

The policies within the Transportation chapter of the Official Community Plan support the City's intention to encourage sustainable transportation choices like transit, multi-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking, and support efficient vehicle movement for the safe delivery of passengers, goods and services.

The City's transportation goals are further supported by the City's Master Transportation Plan, as well as the Active Transportation Network Plan.

Strategy 5.1 Coordinate land use and transportation to encourage transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking			
	Section	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
Policy 5.1.14	**Adopt Regional Context Statements that:**		
	a)	identify land use and transportation policies and actions to encourage a greater share of trips made by transit, shared mobility options, cycling, walking, and rolling	OCP Policies 11.1, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 state the City's intention to encourage land use and transportation strategies that will result in a greater share of trips made by transit, cycling, walking and rolling. Many of these policies point to the Master Transportation Plan, which further articulates how mode share change will be achieved. Strategies 10a, 10b, 10c and 10d of the DCP state the City's intention to increase the mode share of transit, cycling and walking specifically in the Downtown Urban Centre.
	b)	support the development and implementation of transportation demand management strategies, such as: parking pricing and supply measures, transit priority measures, end-of-trip facilities for active transportation and micro-mobility, and shared mobility services	OCP Policy 11.8 states the City's intention to implement transportation demand management measures such as parking policy and car sharing measures. OCP Actions 11.5f and 11.4e direct the City to work with TransLink to implement transit priority measures and end-of-trip facilities at key locations. DCP Strategies 10c, 10d and 10f state the City's intention to manage parking supply with transportation demand measures, improve the convenience of transit and provide end-of-trip facilities for active transportation.
	c)	manage and enhance municipal infrastructure in support of transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling, walking, and rolling	OCP Policy 11.1 states the City's intention to achieve the goals of the Master Transportation Plan and support improved transit, cycling, walking and rolling. Similar policies are included in the DCP and QCP.
	d)	support the transition to zero-emission vehicles	OCP Action 4.1a directs the City to work with the Province, Metro Vancouver, and regional and local partners to fund programs such as Plug In BC that advance infrastructure to support clean energy vehicles. Furthermore, OCP Action 4.1b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Master Transportation Plan and Community Energy and Emissions Plan related to active transportation and transit oriented neighbourhoods as key strategies to improve quality of life while reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. Within the Transportation section are actions to explore partnering with TransLink, Metro Vancouver, or other agencies as appropriate, to establish zero emissions vehicle zones in which access is limited to persons using active transportation modes and zero emissions vehicles only. As well, the Transportation Section includes guidance to accelerate EV and eMicromobility adoption by implementing the eMobility Strategy which is dedicated

			to the transition to zero emissions vehicles. Specifically, this strategy includes actions to support the achievement of TransLink's regional Transport 2050 goal of transitioning to zero emission vehicles, including by increasing availability and access to electric bikes, scooters, and other forms of electric micromobility, accelerating the electrification of light duty passenger vehicles and supporting the transition of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to low emissions in the short term and zero emissions over the long term. The strategy also calls for improved access to EV charging in public spaces, homes and workplaces, supporting the affordability of electric vehicles and proactively managing electricity grid impacts of EV charging.
	e)	support implementation of the Regional Greenway Network and Major Bikeway Network, as identified in Map 10	OCP Action 9.1e directs the City to implement the Trail and Greenway Master Plan, while OCP Policy 11.4 states the City's intention to support the development of a complete bicycle network which would incorporate regional routes as identified in Map 13 of the OCP. Additionally, OCP Action 5.2f directs the City to support and collaborate with Metro Vancouver on the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway to create places for recreation and education about the natural environment.
	f)	support implementation of local active transportation and micro-mobility facilities that provide direct, comfortable, all ages and abilities connections to the Regional Greenway Network, Major Bikeway Network, transit services, and everyday destinations	OCP Action 4.1b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Master Transportation Plan and Community Energy and Emissions Plan related to active transportation and transit oriented neighbourhoods as key strategies to improve quality of life while reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. Goal 11 of the OCP specifies that New Westminster's transportation system will be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and this goal is reiterated throughout the Master Transportation Plan to be implemented by OCP Policy 11.1.
Strategy 5.2 Coordinate land use and transportation to support the safe and efficient movement of vehicles for passengers, goods, and services			
Policy 5.2.6	**Section**	**Policy**	**Applicable OCP Policies**
	Adopt Regional Context Statements that:		
	a)	identify routes on a map for the safe and efficient movement of goods and service vehicles to, from, and within Urban Centres; Frequent Transit Development Areas; Major Transit Growth Corridors; Industrial, Employment, and Agricultural lands; ports; airports; and international border crossings	OCP Policy 11.6 directs the City to manage the road network for the safety and reliability of all road users, including goods and service vehicles. Please see Map 15 (Street Network Classification) for details on how the movement of goods and service vehicles will be facilitated to and from the Downtown Urban Centre, the FTDAs, the Major Transit Growth Corridor and Industrial and Employment lands. The DCP provides further detail

			on the safe movement of goods through the Urban Centre in Figure 23.
	b)	identify land use and related policies and actions that support the optimization and safety of goods movement via roads, highways, railways, aviation, short sea shipping, and active transportation	Safe and efficient goods movement is supported by OCP Action 11.7b, which directs the City to work with various partners to minimize the impact of goods movement on adjacent land uses and to provide safe and efficient goods movement connections. This policy is further supported by OCP Action 11.7a which directs the City to implement the goods movement policies and actions of the Master Transportation Plan. The DCP provides further detail on the safe movement of goods through the Urban Centre in Figure 23.
	c)	support the development of local and regional transportation system management strategies, such as the provision of information to operators of goods and service vehicles for efficient travel decisions, management of traffic flow using transit priority measures, coordinated traffic signalization, and lane management	OCP Action 11.7a directs the City to implement the goods movement policies and actions identified in the Master Transportation Plan, which will include transit priority treatments and managing access for goods movement networks.
	d)	identify policies and actions that support the protection of rail rights-of-way, truck routes, and access points to navigable waterways in order to reserve the potential for goods movement	OCP Action 11.7a directs the City to implement the goods movement policies and actions identified in the Master Transportation Plan, which includes policies to improve rail travel, truck routes, and water travel for goods movement. The DCP provides further detail on the safe movement of goods through the Urban Centre in Figure 23.
	e)	identify policies and actions to mitigate public exposure to unhealthy levels of noise, vibration, and air pollution associated with the Major Road Network, Major Transit Network, railways, truck routes, and Federal / Provincial Highways	OCP Action 11.7b directs the City to work with various partners to minimize the impact of goods movement on adjacent land uses. This Action is complimented by OCP Action 11.7d, which directs the City to achieve whistle cessation of rail movement through the city, and OCP Action 11.7a which implements the goods movement policies and actions identified in the Master Transportation Plan which are sensitive to mitigating the negative impacts of goods movement. OCP Action 8.5a also directs the City to create a city-wide Noise Attenuation Program that includes development permit guidelines for mitigating noise in residential units to help new development meet CMHC noise reduction targets.
	f)	identify policies and actions that anticipate the land and infrastructure requirements for goods movement and drayage, such as truck parking, zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure, and	OCP Action 11.7a directs the City to implement the goods movement policies and actions identified in the Master Transportation Plan, which includes policies to improve rail travel, truck routes, and water travel for goods movement. OCP Action 4.1c directs the City to continue to implement the eMobility Strategy, which

		e-commerce distribution centres, and mitigate any negative impacts of these uses on neighbourhoods	outlines actions the City can take to support the community's transition to electric modes of transportation. The Strategy includes actions to improve access to EV Charging in public spaces and to incorporate eMicromobility into City planning and outreach. Additionally, the eMobility Strategy includes actions to explore creating low- or zero-emission zones in New Westminster which are designated with the intention that, by some point in the future, only people walking, rolling, biking or driving EVs and other zero-emission vehicles may access the area. These zones provide additional incentive for EV ownership, while also reducing congestion and improving air quality. OCP Action 4.1b directs the City to implement the actions and policies of the Master Transportation Plan and Community Energy and Emissions Plan related to active transportation and transit oriented neighbourhoods as key strategies to improve quality of life while reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. This includes online deliveries, by supporting fleet transitions to zero emissions, off-peak deliveries, small urban consolidation centres, and cargo bike deliveries.