

Shape Your Future Victoria

Victoria is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP)

UPCOMING EVENTS >

- Watch for our survey kiosks at community events and other locations around town
- Attend the first Community Forum March 26 & 27 – Crystal Gardens, 713 Douglas Street
- Look for the second Community Forum – ‘Options for the Future’ June 25 & 26.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED >

- Visit our website for background information and the latest events: www.ShapeYourFutureVictoria.ca
- Complete our survey of top issues between February 10 – March 10. The survey is available online: ShapeYourFutureVictoria.ca/survey
- Watch for survey kiosks around town, at community events and other locations around town.
- Get on our mailing list: email us at ocp@victoria.ca or call 250.361.0534
- Tell your friends about this process

What is an OCP?

An OCP is the Official Community Plan. It sets out the vision, goals and overarching policies that will guide a municipality over the long-term. Council, staff and citizens use the OCP to help make decisions on things like where we locate housing, what our transportation priorities are, and how we provide recreational and municipal services. An OCP maps out how a municipality wants to progress as a community.

What does an OCP address?

The BC Local Government Act requires an OCP to address things like land uses for residential, commercial, industrial development; major road, sewer and water systems; housing policies; public facilities, including schools, parks, and waste treatment; and greenhouse gas emission policies, targets, and actions.

Victoria's OCP, guided by the themes of the Victoria Sustainability Framework, will address a much broader range of topics. Additional topics include heritage, urban design, neighbourhood planning, economic development, transportation, resiliency, and food security.

Why do we need a new one?

Much has changed in the world and in our community since the OCP was last updated in 1995. For example, provincial legislation now requires OCPs to include policies that address affordable, rental and special needs housing, as well as to establish targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. A new OCP will address today's issues and set a clear path for the future, while preserving what is best and most unique about Victoria.

What is the update process?

The OCP update has four phases, with a draft plan to be presented to Council in January 2011:

- **Phase 1:** Project Initiation and Background Research (October 2009 – February 2010)
- **Phase 2:** Community Engagement and Exploration of Concepts (March – June 2010)
- **Phase 3:** Information Analysis and Plan Drafting (July – October 2010)
- **Phase 4:** Draft Plan Review and Refinement (November 2010 – January 2011).

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