CITY OF Vernon

Have Your Say About the Future of Our Community!

Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan Survey 1

Introduction

About the survey

We are updating our Official Community Plan (OCP) and Transportation Plan (TP) and we'd like to hear from you! Together, these plans are the blueprint for our community's growth and development, shaping our neighbourhoods and transportation networks for the next 20 years. In this first phase of engagement, we'd like to know what you value most about living in Vernon, and your ideas on the following topics:

- Housing and neighbourhood development
- Transportation and infrastructure
- Recreation, parks and trails
- Climate and environmental stewardship
- Economic development

Confidentiality

Your survey results will be kept confidential. Results of the survey will be reported without identifying any individual participants. At the end of the survey, we have a few questions about you. These questions help us to understand who we have heard from in our community so we can ensure that our engagements reach as many diverse people in our community as possible.

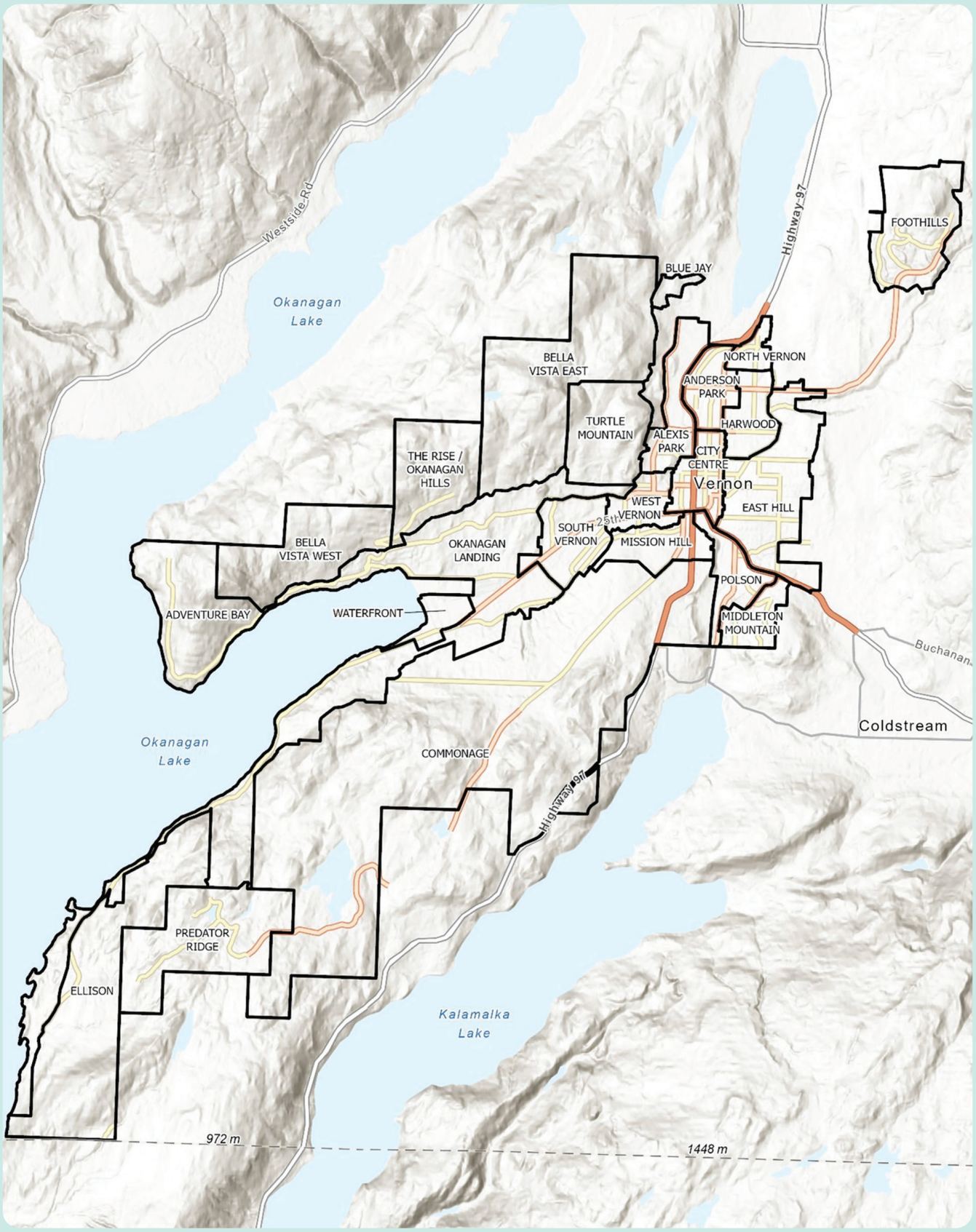
Questions?

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact Planning & Community Services by email at **ocp-tp@vernon.ca** or by phone at **250-550-3634.**

Please return your completed survey to the Community Services Building at 3001 32 Avenue by July 2, 2024.

Thank you very much for your participation!

Vernon Neighbourhoods



Neighbourhoods

1. What do you like most about living in Vernon?

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2. What are the three neighbourhoods you most prefer to spend your leisure time in? Please refer to the map on the previous page.

- ☐ Adventure Bay
- ☐ Alexis Park
- ☐ Anderson Park
- ☐ Bella Vista East
- ☐ Bella Vista West
- ☐ Blue Jay
- ☐ City Centre
- ☐ Commonage
- ☐ East Hill
- ☐ Ellison
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- ☐ Turtle Mountain
- ☐ Waterfront
- ☐ West Vernon

3. Using your top three, please tell us the reasons you like each neighbourhood. (Optional)

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4. What community improvements would you most like to see in Vernon over the next 20 years? Please select your top three from the list below.

- ☐ Paths connecting parks and beaches to shopping and dining areas
- ☐ More trees, parks, green spaces and environmentally protected areas
- ☐ More lakeside places to shop, eat, and enjoy
- ☐ Beautification and development of the downtown area
- ☐ Recognizing syilx language, culture and history
- ☐ Recognizing and conserving local heritage
- ☐ Thriving arts and culture scene
- ☐ Improved safety and security in parks and public spaces
- ☐ Improved accessibility of streets and city buildings
- ☐ Other: Please describe _____

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5. What other public investments would you most like to see in Vernon over the next 20 years? Please select your top three from the list below.

- ☐ More public facilities
- ☐ More housing options for everyone
- ☐ Connected transportation network for all modes
- ☐ Better emergency preparedness and wildfire protection
- ☐ More small-scale neighbourhood shops and cafes
- ☐ Reducing community greenhouse gas emissions
- ☐ More indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities
- ☐ Renewing and improving existing infrastructure (drains, pipes, streets, etc.)
- ☐ Greater community food security and agricultural enterprise
- ☐ Other: Please describe _____

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Housing

6. Which statement best describes your current housing situation?

- ☐ I own the home I live in
- ☐ I rent the home I live in
- ☐ I am staying with family or friends and not paying rent
- ☐ I live in housing with ongoing supports
- ☐ I am currently unhoused

7. Do you live within a 10-minute walk to a public park, trail or green space?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

8. How do you think the City can best meet its goal to ensure there is housing to meet the needs of everyone? Please select your top three.

- ☐ More supports for temporary shelter
- ☐ More subsidized housing units
- ☐ More housing with ongoing supports
- ☐ More housing on major transportation routes
- ☐ More rental-only units
- ☐ More units at attainable price points for purchase
- ☐ New upmarket residential housing projects
- ☐ Other: Please describe _____

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9. What types of housing forms would you like to see more of in Vernon to meet the urgent need for more housing? Please select your top three.

- ☐ Single family homes
- ☐ Secondary suites and accessory dwellings
- ☐ Townhouses or rowhouses
- ☐ Duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes
- ☐ Apartment buildings up to 6 storeys
- ☐ Apartment buildings above 6 storeys
- ☐ Manufactured homes
- ☐ Other: Please describe _____

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Transportation

10. How do you think the City can best meet its goal to build a safe and accessible transportation network that offers many ways to move around? Please select your top three.

- ☐ More transit routes and connections
- ☐ Improved road safety
- ☐ More active transportation options (e.g. Neuron scooters)
- ☐ New paths and trails for walking and biking
- ☐ More ride-share and ride hail options
- ☐ More age-friendly and accessible streets
- ☐ More traffic calming in residential areas
- ☐ More parking in shopping areas
- ☐ Support for electric vehicle adoption
- ☐ Support for more regional transit options

11. In the last year, what modes of transportation have you used to travel through Vernon? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Driving, including carpooling, rideshare, taxi, etc
- ☐ Public transit or handyDART
- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Biking or e-biking
- ☐ E-scootering, including Neuron or my own
- ☐ Mobility device, including wheelchair, walker, guide dog, white cane, etc
- ☐ Other wheel options, including strollers, skateboard, push scooter, etc.

12. For each of the modes of transportation selected above, how do you feel using it?

	In Your Neighbourhood		**Downtown**		
	Safe	**Unsafe**	**Safe**	**Unsafe**	**N/A**
Driving, including carpooling, rideshare, taxi, etc					
Public transit or handyDART					
Walking					
Biking or e-biking					
E-scootering, including Neuron or my own					
Mobility device, including wheelchair, walker, guide dog, white cane, etc					
Other wheel options, including strollers, skateboard, push scooter, etc.					

Economic Development

13. What is your favorite part of town for shopping? Why?

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14. How much in-person shopping do you do in Vernon compared to in surrounding communities or online? Please select the statement that best applies to you.

- ☐ I find almost all the goods and services I need in Vernon
- ☐ I find most goods and services in Vernon but shop outside for certain things
- ☐ I find about half of what I need in Vernon and half outside of Vernon
- ☐ I mostly go outside of Vernon to shop for what I need

15. What are the main goods or services you find yourself having to order online or go to another city for because you can't find them in Vernon?

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16. What other types of businesses (shopping, recreational, food, entertainment) would you like to see more of in Vernon?

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Conclusion

17. How can we make Vernon an even better place to live, work, and play over the next 20 years?

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About you

18. Where do you live? Please refer to the map on the previous page.

- ☐ Adventure Bay
- ☐ Alexis Park
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- ☐ Waterfront
- ☐ West Vernon
- ☐ I am a neighbour to Vernon
- ☐ I am a visitor to Vernon

19. What do you identify as?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Please specify: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to say

20. In which age category do you belong?

- ☐ Under 18 years of age
- ☐ 18 – 24 years
- ☐ 25 – 44 years
- ☐ 45 – 64 years
- ☐ 65 years and over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

21. What is your annual household income before taxes?

- ☐ Under $30,000
- ☐ $30,000 - $50,000
- ☐ $50,000 - $80,000
- ☐ $80,000 - $125,000
- ☐ More than $125,000
- ☐ I am not sure
- ☐ I prefer not to say

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