What is an Official Community Plan?

In British Columbia, an Official Community Plan (OCP) is a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management to establish a long-term vision for the community.

The OCP guides policy decisions and outlines the community's long-term vision and values. It includes:



Housing and neighbourhood development



Transportation and infrastructure



Recreation, parks and trails



Climate and environmental stewardship



Economic development

In 2023, the Province of British Columbia directed municipalities to increase housing supply and to facilitate an increase in the number of homes being approved. This included setting housing targets, requiring municipalities to prepare and update Housing Needs Reports (HNRs), Zoning Bylaws, and Official Community Plans (OCPs), to streamline development regulations.

Moving forward, the housing needs report, zoning bylaw, and OCP must be reviewed and updated every five years.

What is a Transportation Plan?

The Transportation Plan guides how our community’s transportation system, such as roads, public transit, and bike and walking paths, will grow and develop in line with the OCP. The Transportation Plan will outline how we move and connect to all the places we go safely and efficiently, while making life better for everyone in our community and helps guide future investments, policies, and street design and infrastructure.