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OCP Refresh

A step toward modernizing the Official Community Plan

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OCP Adaptative Management

A system of regular plan review, monitoring and adjustment to incorporate new information, prepare for uncertainty and adapt to change.
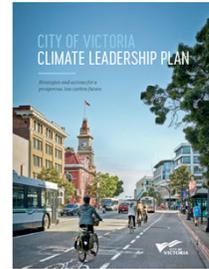

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A Focused Refresh for the Near Term

- Reflect recently approved plans
- Improve clarity and interpretation
- Respond to emerging trends
  - Design guidance
  - Housing needs

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Engagement

A focused and high-level approach

We are here

Early Information Sharing & Feedback	Drafting Updates	Engagement on Proposed Updates	Refining Changes	Council Consideration and Adoption Process
Summer 2021	Fall 2021 - Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Fall - Winter 2022	Winter 2023

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PROPOSED UPDATES

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Land Management

- Updated for clarity of interpretation; not to change existing framework.
- Edits reflect the high-level and comprehensive nature of the OCP.
- Clear and consistent language.
- New layout and maps reinforce intent.
- Edits reflect mobility related updates and integration of land use and transportation.

Land Management and Development

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Mobility

- Updated targets.
- New directions for transportation demand management, parking management, and streetscape modernization.
- Increased support for road safety and low-carbon mobility.
- Aligned network maps.
- Reinforcement of land use and public realm priorities.

Transportation and Mobility

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Climate and Energy

- Incorporating more aggressive targets for climate action.
- Updating emphasis on fuel-switching and efficiency.
- Decreasing emphasis on energy scarcity as an impetus for action.

Climate Change and Energy

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Housing and Homelessness

- Alignment with Housing Strategy and lessons learned.
- Addition of the housing continuum.
- Identifying additional tools to support affordability.
- Reinforcing provision of non-market housing.

Housing and Homelessness

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Economy

- Emphasizing economic resiliency.
- Reinforcing priority objectives and modern considerations for key sectors.
- Emphasizing the role of diverse local businesses.

Economy

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Well-being

- Edits throughout the plan but focused on Section 15: Community Well-being.
- Incorporating high-level principles for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Alignment with *Accessibility Framework and Action Plan* (2020).
- Fulfilling a discreet action in the *TGNBTS+ Inclusion Plan* (2019).

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Development Permit Areas

- Applying current guidelines to villages and corridors where older guidelines apply.
- Recommend advancing these amendments more immediately.

- ➤ Hillside Town Centre (DPA 4)
- ➤ Stadacona Village (DPA 5)
- ➤ Jubilee Village (except Hospital) (DPA 5)
- ➤ James Bay Village (DPA 5)
- ➤ Oak Bay Avenue Village (DPA 6)
- ➤ Hillside Corridor (DPA 7A)
- ➤ Oak Bay Avenue Corridor (DPA 7A)
- ➤ Fort Street Corridor (DPA 7A)
- ➤ Shelbourne Avenue Corridor (DPA 7A)
- ➤ Fort Street Corridor (DPA 7B (HC)

DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR:
Multi-Unit Residential, Commercial and Industrial

JULY 2012
Updated December 2019

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Neighbourhood Boundaries

- A separate engagement process, with an opportunity to advance implementation now.
- Changes in Section 21 boundaries:
  - Downtown (Harris Green)
  - Downtown / Fairfield
  - Jubilee / Oaklands

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NEXT STEPS

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Regional Context Statement Consideration

- Aligns OCP with the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Required to review every five years.
- Required to be accepted by CRD Board by resolution.

Regional Context Statement
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Finalizing the Process

- Submitting the Regional Context Statement to Capital Regional District (CRD) Board.
- Advancing Development Permit Area updates for consideration.
- Considering remainder of updates following CRD decision.
- Considering related bylaw updates.

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Considering Broader Changes

- Continue to add needed housing capacity.
- Continue to improve policy framework, language, and clarity.
- Consider parks, open space, environment, and urban forest objectives as we add capacity and make room for growth.
- Identify stronger connections and opportunities to advance affordability, climate action, and equity objectives together.
- Consider opportunities to implement shared values through action and regulatory improvements.

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Close

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