



VISION



VISION: SURREY 2041

In responding to the Planning Challenges previously identified, Surrey's OCP is guided by a vision for a sustainable city.

This vision includes nine dimensions that, taken together, describe a city that embodies the goal of the *Sustainability Charter*; that is, to *"meet the needs of the present generation in terms of socio-cultural systems, the economy and the environment, while promoting a high quality of life but without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."*

By implementing the policies and plans in this Official Community Plan:

"The City of Surrey will continually become a **greener**, more **complete**, more **compact** and **connected** community that is **resilient, safer, inclusive, healthier** and more **beautiful**."

These nine "Building Blocks" of the Vision inform the policies within this OCP and serve as the guide by which the effectiveness of the OCP will be measured and monitored.

Surrey 2041 Vision Elements

For the purposes of this Official Community Plan, these nine Vision “ Building Blocks ” include the following considerations:

A **GREENER** Surrey includes:



- A connected network of protected natural ecosystems comprised of urban forests, riparian areas and wetlands, foreshore areas, grasslands and protected farmlands
- Green buildings that reduce energy use, reduce urban stormwater runoff and recycle wastewater
- Green neighbourhoods with a thriving, healthy tree canopy, low-impact rainwater management systems that protect fish habitat, and safe, convenient greenway networks of cycling and walking routes
- Programs and facilities which reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- Integrated and efficient land use and transportation networks that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

A more **COMPLETE** Surrey includes:



- A diversified and balanced economy attracting new and expanded business investment in growing sectors of the economy, adding high-quality employment at a rate that meets or exceeds population growth
- Growing and thriving creative cultural and entertainment industries providing local opportunities for Surrey’s residents and visitors and positioning Surrey as a tourism destination for cultural and entertainment experiences
- A diversified housing stock that meets the changing needs of families and individuals at all levels of income
- A growing post-secondary education sector that provides advanced skills training, research and life-long learning opportunities and that supports economic and socio-cultural development
- A network of community gathering places and centres for building community connections and spaces for celebrations.

A more **COMPACT** Surrey includes:



- A thriving City Centre and Town Centres with a mix of uses and sufficient density of jobs and residences to support public transit and a vibrant urban environment
- An efficient use of urban land so that green spaces are protected and development pressures on agricultural lands are reduced.

A more **CONNECTED** Surrey includes:



- Convenient access for residents to jobs, community amenities and services, close to where they live
- An efficient and connected network of streets, walkways, bike routes and public transit, such as Light Rail Transit, that provides safe, efficient alternative transportation choices throughout the city
- Extensive and connected natural areas, green spaces and farmland, that are defined and protected by clear and stable urban development boundaries.

Surrey 2041 Vision Elements (cont.)

A more **RESILIENT** Surrey includes:



- Community-wide preparation for expected future challenges including the effects of climate change, higher prices for energy and food, and increasing costs to renew public infrastructure
- Sufficient fiscal reserves and human resources to respond effectively to unpredictable future events or emergencies.

A **SAFER** Surrey includes:



- Safe and active neighbourhoods and public spaces that are also perceived as being safe by children, seniors, women and person with disabilities
- Streets, greenways and multi-use pathways that support traffic safety and that reduce accidents and injuries
- Emergency response and emergency management plans that support a safe and protected community.

A more **INCLUSIVE** Surrey includes:



- Community-building opportunities including programs and places that foster neighbourhood connections
- Celebrating Surrey's cultural diversity and growing inter-cultural and inter-generational appreciation
- Access to clean, safe, appropriate and affordable housing for all
- Open access to health, education, social and integration services for everyone including people with lower incomes or with special needs.

A **HEALTHIER** Surrey includes:



- Universal access to healthy local food and access to healthy food locally
- A land use mix and a network of safe cycling and walking routes that support everyday active lifestyles
- Clean air, water and soil that support human health as well as healthy and diverse vegetation and wildlife communities in Surrey.

A more **BEAUTIFUL** Surrey includes:



- Consistent excellence in the architecture and urban design of public and private buildings, parks, plazas and streets
- The protection of natural and cultural heritage elements including significant trees and landscapes and heritage sites and buildings
- Civic beautification initiatives developed in collaboration with businesses, community groups and neighbourhoods
- Abundant, diverse and prominent public art installations and place-making elements that highlight the distinctive character of Surrey's Town Centres and neighbourhoods.

