

Final Draft: Victoria Sustainability Framework

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Our Sustainability Commitment:

The City of Victoria is committed to working with our citizens, and local and regional partners to establish Victoria as a leader in sustainability from a community and municipal operations perspective. Our aim is to be a recognized model for urban sustainability. We will continue to enhance Victoria's ecological integrity, livability, economic vitality, and resiliency, to ensure high quality of life for all as we prepare for the changes facing our society and planet today and for generations to come.

Notes: Goals that refer to 'Victoria' include the collective goal for both Victoria the community, and Victoria the municipal corporation. Goals that refer to 'the City' refer to the municipal corporation only.

ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

Theme	Sub-theme	End-state Goal
Land Management	Land Development	Victoria has compact, human-oriented development patterns that use land efficiently.
	Natural Diversity and Habitat	Biodiversity thrives in the Victoria's urban environment, including urban forests, and public and private greenspaces.
Waste & Materials	Solid waste	The waste stream to the regional landfill has been reduced to a minimum, with recovery, re-use and recycling of materials undertaken as standard practice.
	Liquid Waste (sanitary)	Efficient and effective liquid waste management protects human health and the natural environment and makes use of resource potential.
	Materials	Durable and sustainable materials, including those that are local, green, and healthy are promoted and used.
Water	Potable Water	Victoria's healthy, clean, high-quality drinking water is used in a thrifty way and maintained through generations.
	Rainwater	Rainwater resources are carefully managed with collection, diversion, and re-use practices that moderate runoff volumes and maximize water quality.
	Aquatic Ecosystems	Victoria's Harbour, coastline, ponds and streams support healthy populations of fish and other marine life.
Energy & Air	Building Energy & Air	Buildings and their component systems are energy efficient, produce few greenhouse gases and have good air quality for occupants.
	Transportation Energy & Air Contaminants	Transportation options reduce fossil fuel dependence, help conserve energy and produce low greenhouse gas emissions and other air contaminants.
	Energy Supply	Victoria relies on clean, renewable, and efficient energy sources to meet the majority of its needs.



LIVABILITY & SOCIAL WELL-BEING

Theme	Sub-theme	End-state Goal
Housing	Housing Affordability	All residents have access to appropriate, secure, affordable housing every night.
	Housing Diversity	A wide range of housing types, tenures and prices gives residents choices to meet their housing needs.
Mobility and Accessibility	Mobility	Victorians move freely and efficiently via a safe, integrated and convenient network of public transit, bike routes, and a supportive, inviting pedestrian realm in preference to driving alone.
	Accessibility	Services, amenities, buildings, facilities, and public space are accessible.
Education / Learning	Lifelong Learning	Lifelong learning opportunities, that are culturally appropriate, are available for diverse learners of all ages and income levels.
	Formal Education	High quality, affordable formal education is available and accessible for students of all ages.
Health and Well Being	Health Care and Wellness	Victorians are healthy and have a network of health related amenities, facilities and programs to promote wellness and meet the needs of all levels of mental and physical care.
	Recreation	Victoria is an active community where everyone enjoys convenient access to community parks, open spaces, facilities, amenities and programs.
	Poverty	All Victorians have income and access to public services sufficient to meet basic needs and live with dignity.
Sense of Community	Social Interaction	Victorians know their neighbours, are connected to communities of interest and have diverse opportunities for social interaction.
	Inclusion	Victoria is a place where all people come to live, work, and play, regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, culture, income, sexual orientation, ability and family status.
	Heritage	Victoria's cultural and natural heritage resources are protected and celebrated.
	Arts, Culture and Entertainment	Victoria is a place where artists are able to thrive and where people from all walks of life enjoy formal and informal opportunities to create and enjoy the arts, cultural, and entertainment activities and to celebrate the diversity of the city.
Food Security	Local Food Supply	Nourishing, safe food that supplies most of Victoria's daily needs is sustainably grown, processed and packaged in the city, in surrounding agriculture areas, and on Vancouver Island.
Governance	Accountability	Local government decision-making processes are defensible, clear and transparent to the public.
	Community Engagement	Victorians are interested, informed, empowered and involved in their communities and the process of democratic governance.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

Theme	Sub-theme	End-state Goal
Economic Development	Economic Diversity	Victoria generates most of its economic growth, through innovation, entrepreneurship and new business formation, while continuing to attract and retain new, sustainable enterprises well-suited to the region.
	Downtown and Harbour	Victoria's bustling downtown and harbour is a prominent centre for business, government, arts and culture on Vancouver Island.
	Tourism	As the provincial capital, Victoria is a premier international tourism destination and the gateway to Vancouver Island.
	Employment	A broad range of employment opportunities exist across the City and region providing workers with income to financially support themselves and their families.
	Infrastructure	Victoria's well-maintained infrastructure and facilities meet the needs of residents and business in ways that reduce environmental impacts.
	Research & Development	Victoria contributes to global knowledge, produces and attracts talented researchers, incubates innovation, and brings new goods and services to market.
	Training & Development	Victorians have the skills, training and abilities to support a vibrant regional economy and the capacity to creatively adapt to economic change.
Finance	Financial Management	City finances are managed responsibly, incorporating a triple bottom line and full life cycle cost perspective in spending and investment decisions, reflecting the priorities of medium to long-term planning horizons.
	Revenue	City income supports municipal services that meet current priorities and investment for the future while ensuring stable, equitable and affordable property taxes to residents and businesses.

RESILIENCY

Theme	Sub-theme	End-state Goal
Security	Safety	Victoria is a safe city, where everyone feels secure in public, in their homes and workplaces.
	Resource Security	Victorians can rely on significant local sources for food, energy and materials to meet daily needs and under emergency conditions.
	Human Capacity	Victorians can support themselves and their neighbours in difficult times.
Adaptive Capacity	Proactive Preparation	Victoria is prepared to deal with known hazards and emerging threats, to limit the adverse impacts of events, and effectively manage emergencies.
	Response & Recovery	Victoria is able to respond rapidly and effectively to all emergencies, including events with long term impacts and recoveries.
	Monitoring	The City monitors and reports its progress so that it can learn and adapt as needed.

