

1. VICTORIA 2020 - INTRODUCTION

Victoria 2020 is a review and update of the *Official Community Plan* for the City. It establishes direction for the next 25 years.

The *Official Community Plan* consolidates the strategic and regulatory policies the City believes should form the planning framework to guide overall development. Although adopted as a City bylaw, it is a dynamic planning framework that can be modified through amendments to the bylaw as the need arises.

The *Official Community Plan* and Local Area Plans or Neighbourhood Plans are separate documents, but their content is inter-related. A community plan is a general statement of the broad objectives and policies of the local government respecting the form and character of existing and proposed land use and servicing requirements in the area covered by the plan. It provides the policy framework for developing the detailed policies in the neighbourhood plans. The success of both sets of plans relies on a strong, interactive process between the *Official Community Plan*, which embodies city-wide planning policies, and the neighbourhood plans which deal in detail with local matters. Effective interaction will result in amendments to the *Official Community Plan* to respond to emerging planning issues and needs within neighbourhoods.

The content of the *Official Community Plan* deals with the economic, social and environmental development of Victoria. Directions in these areas influence City policies related to integrated land use planning, transportation planning, servicing, the harbour, housing and community development.

The *Official Community Plan* review began with an advertised, public meeting on February 28, 1995. Substantive feedback from a broad cross-section of residents (approximately 130) at that meeting helped establish the 'Key Directions' for this update. Comments at subsequent meetings on March 28 and April 19, refined the direction.

The advertised May 25 meeting, attended by approximately 30 residents, and the survey responses provided additional input.

Several new areas of policy have emerged as a result of the *Official Community Plan* review and public feedback. These include the following:

- the significance of social planning within the process, and the impact it has on quality of life;
- the concerns over preservation of environmental quality, and the implications for transportation;
- the recognition of the role arts and culture plays within the City;
- the growing concerns over the need to plan for the harbour and its activities.

Although the plan is focused on the City of Victoria, many of the policies are considered in a regional context and involve the support of adjacent municipalities and the Capital Region District.

Each chapter commences with a set of 'Key Directions'. These not only provide a synopsis of the policy direction for that particular area, but also reflect the more popular and consistent views expressed by the public and interest groups during the review.

A number of themes or 'Topics' are covered in each chapter and these have related 'Objectives and Policies'. The specific areas the City wants to pursue are identified under each topic as the 'Objectives' and the 'Policies' explain how the City will carry out the objectives.

A 'Glossary of Terms' is provided to explain the more technical terms used in this document. A summary of land use policies is provided in Map 1.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN, MAP 1









Plan Summary

LEGEND

Parks, Schools, Institutions and Open Spaces

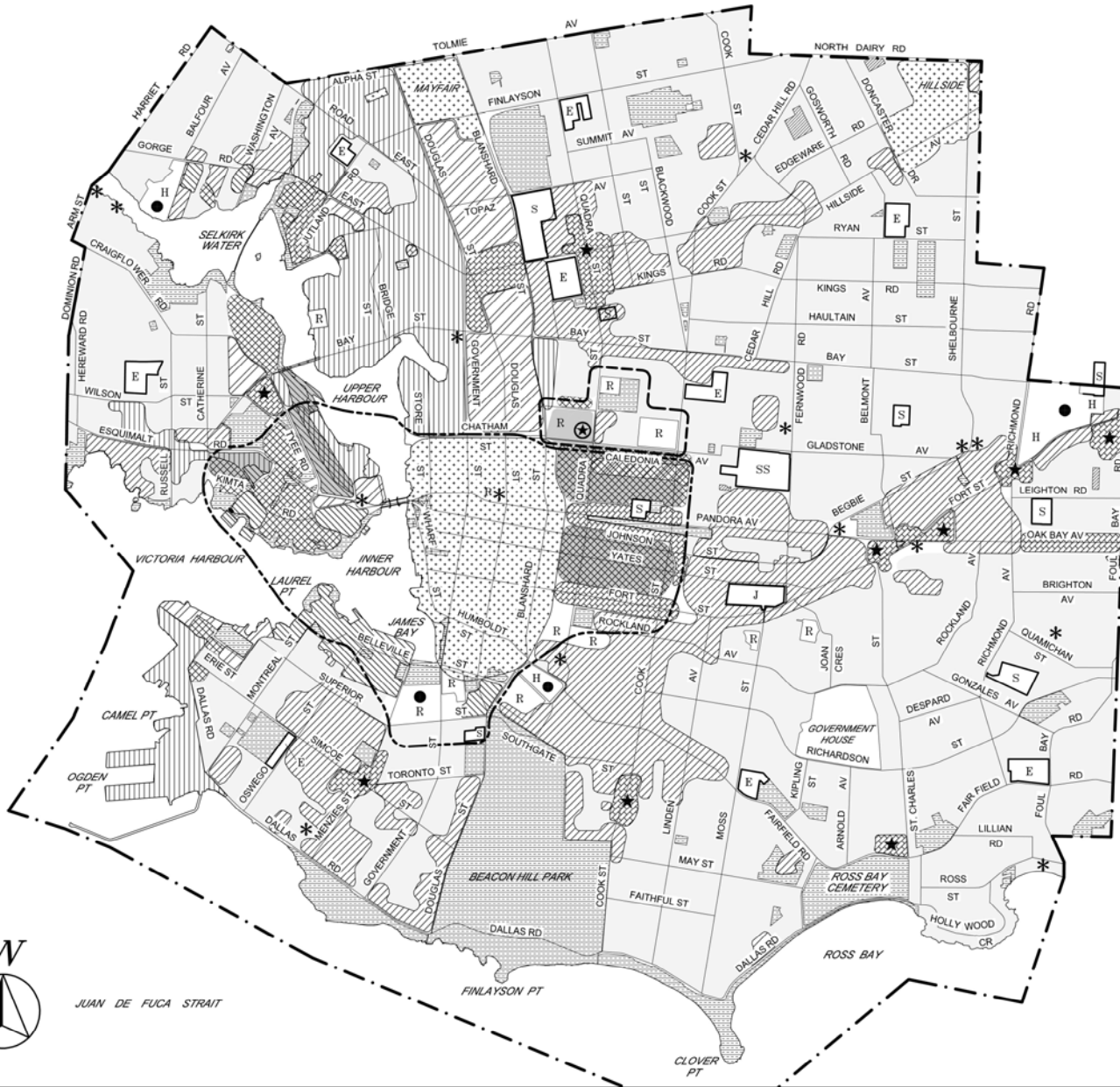
-  Parks & Public Open Space
-  Greens Or Small Park
-  School
-  Senior Secondary School
-  Junior Secondary School
-  Elementary School
-  Hospital
-  Cultural Service/ Institutional & Recreational
-  Main Police Station
-  Leisure Complex

Economic Structure

-  Primary Centres
-  Secondary Centres
-  General Services
-  Visitor Services
-  Industrial Services
-  Auxiliary Services
-  Major Insitutions
-  Developing Core

Residential Structure

-  General Residential
-  Apartment Residential (Established)
-  Apartment Residential (Developing)
-  District Centres



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