



Help Shape Your Neighbourhood and Build a Community for Everyone

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VICTORIA, BC – The City has launched the next phase of its village and corridor planning process for the North Park, Hillside-Quadra and Fernwood neighbourhoods to meet the needs of residents 20 years from now and ensure the creation of sustainable, vibrant communities.

The process will identify and work to bring more housing choice, better transportation options and improved public spaces in and near villages and public transit corridors. A dedicated project website, online surveys, discussion forums and virtual walking tour videos will help the community stay connected to the planning process in their neighbourhood, while staying safe during the pandemic.

Prior to the pandemic in early 2020, the City held in-person events, focused discussions and an online survey that helped to identify issues, opportunities and big ideas. For the past several months staff have reviewed the public feedback to help inform draft plan directions. In the fall, staff launched online workshops with working groups and community stakeholders focused on drafting initial concepts, options and opportunities to bring to the broader community for further public feedback, based on what has been heard to date.

Neighbourhood planning is an opportunity for the community to provide local knowledge, values and priorities to guide growth and change in a specific area of the city. While the Official Community Plan provides broad guidance for development and growth, local neighbourhood plans guide where new housing will go, where new businesses may open, and what services and amenities are desired.

The result is updated neighbourhood plans that guide new housing, business development and public space design. Home builders and developers planning new projects can refer to the plans for guidance, the City will use them to assist in evaluating proposed projects, and they may inform future capital or community-initiated projects.

To participate in the local area planning online engagement visit: engage.victoria.ca

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