

# Official Community Plan Review

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# Overview

- What is an Official Community Plan?
  - Local government's statement of long-term vision for the future with broad community goals, objectives and policies to achieve this vision
  - Guides planning, land-use management and decision-making in the community
  - All bylaws enacted and works undertaken must be consistent with OCP
  - Does not commit or authorize a municipality to proceed with any aspect of the plan

# Overview

Authority to adopt an OCP is set out in *Local Government Act*

- Statements and designations for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and parkland uses
- Provision of affordable, rental and special needs housing
- Include targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Work towards purpose and goals outlined in *Regional Growth Strategy*

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- Enables municipalities to include policies on:
  - Transportation
  - Natural Environment
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Social Services
  - Financial Resiliency
- Is not a detailed implementation plan or static, unchanging document

# Current Plan

- Existing OCP adopted in 2011
  - Planning horizon to 2030
  - Considered a “living document” to be amended from time to time to respond to community needs and change
  - District-wide Integrated Sustainable Community Plan to provide a framework that aligns social, environmental and economic planning

# Framework of Current Plan

## Planning Hierarchy (4 Levels)

- Official Community Plan
- Centres Implementation Plans
- Neighbourhood Infill Plans
- Strategic Action Plans

Preparation of plans at all levels to involve meaningful public and stakeholder consultation

FIGURE 4: PLANNING HIERARCHY



# Monitoring of Current Plan

- Set of targets and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving the OCP's vision and goals
- Recommends a review every 5 years to ensure ongoing validity

# Review Items for Discussion

## Examples of Topic Areas

- Housing and Affordability
- Climate change
- Transportation
- Jobs and Employment Lands
- Development Permit Areas
- Other.....

## Key Questions to Consider

- New perspective or view on a topic area
- More or less emphasis in a particular area(s)
- New issues or emerging trends to consider since last review
- Anything you would like to modify