

Biodiversity

Goal: Determine and mitigate the impact of invasive plant species on biodiversity

Objective: Reduce impact of invasive plant species

Action Items

- Develop preliminary inventory of invasive plant species on public lands
- Develop an invasive plant management strategy
- Adopt development permit area guidelines for environmentally sensitive areas
- Require removal of invasive plant species and use of native landscaping for new developments as per the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Strategy and Official Community Plan

Relevant Pillars:



Wildlife Habitat

Goal: Preserve existing and restore damaged wildlife habitat

Objective: Ensure no net loss in wildlife habitat

Action Items:

- Implement recommendations from Environmentally Sensitive Areas Management Strategy (2003)
- Update Environmentally Sensitive Areas Management Strategy (2003) in 2013
- Continue to support existing volunteer activities for environmental stewardship groups

Relevant Pillars:



Community Economic Sustainability

Goal: Encourage economic hubs for service provision efficiency and economic growth

Objective: Establish economic hubs to create a climate for efficient service provision and economic growth

Action Items

- Update the commercial gap analysis every five years
- Participate in development review of mixed use proposals

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Encourage job creation opportunities in developments

Objective: Encourage developments applications which include opportunities for job creation

Action Items

- Promote Port Moody in suitable publications (Canadian Business, BC Business, Business in Vancouver, etc.)
- Estimate job creation counts for each development proposal as part of the sustainability checklist project review

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Encourage revitalization to attract investment

Objective: Increase the number of revitalization projects

Action Items:

- Explore fostering heritage revitalization through legislative tools and incentive programs

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Leverage culture as economic driver

Objective: Support the cultural sector to contribute to the economic vitality of Port Moody

Action Items:

- Collect statistics as to the economic contribution of the cultural sector
- Propose an initiative to monitor the increase and decrease of cultural businesses in the city
- Encourage coffee shops, banks, and retailers to display visual/exhibited art and incorporate performance art in their establishments
- Continue to support festivals and events that bring tourism dollars into the community
- Encourage the private sector to sponsor cultural events that bring revenue and business opportunities into the community

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Maintain a diversified tax base

Objective: Encourage a range of land uses that support a diversified tax base

Action Items

- Encourage the incorporation of non-residential uses in all suitable developments

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Press for municipal share of taxation of economic growth

Objective: Advocate for legislation that allows municipalities to share a portion of tax revenue derived from economic growth

Action Items

- Partner with other municipalities in the region through UBCM, FCM, Metro Vancouver committees, and other professional organizations to raise awareness of the inequities of the municipal taxation system and achieve a share of the financial benefit of economic growth
- Lobby against the port properties tax cap

Relevant Pillars: 

Community Programs and Services

Goal: Ensure adequate community centres and programs

Objective: Provide centres for community activities in every distinct Port Moody geographic area

Action Items:

- Conduct public consultation to determine if all areas of the City feel adequately served with the existing five community centre facilities

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Ensure adequate recreation facilities and programs

Objective: Ensure residents feel well served with Port Moody's recreation facilities and programs

Action Items:

- Continue to support the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Continuously review recreation facilities and services to ensure they continue to meet changing community needs
- Continue to support reciprocal arrangements with neighbouring municipalities which provide recreation services that Port Moody does not
- Initiate the process for updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Ensure adequate seniors' centres and programs

Objective: Provide access to spaces and programs that accommodate the needs of seniors throughout the city

Action Items:

- Continue to support the use of the Galleria as a space for seniors to meet

- Continue to support the Community Care Committee’s mandate related to seniors
- Continue to maintain seniors’ recreational opportunities at Kyle Centre
- Ensure that recreation facilities accommodate a range of users, including seniors
- Review and address the needs of seniors during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update
- Anticipate the demographic shift of an older but still active senior population in programming and facility development
- Hold education sessions about caring for aging parents

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Ensure adequate youth centres and programs

Objective: Provide access to spaces and programs that accommodate the needs of youth throughout the city

Action Items:

- Encourage the Arts Centre to continue to include the SK8 Park facility as a cultural venue.
- Include in the Arts and Culture Master Plan a goal to work with youth to create a youth arts festival
- Continue to maintain the SK8 Park facility and Bike Trials Park
- Ensure that recreation facilities accommodate a range of users, including youth
- That the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, when updated, reviews and addresses the needs of youth
- Continue to support the Youth Focus Committee

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Provide opportunities for education and literacy

Objective: Support a Public Library that provides a variety of educational and literacy programs

Action Items:

- Support the Library Board's planning and programs for education and literacy

Relevant Pillars:  

Cultural Diversity

Goal: Consider multi-lingual services

Objective: Ensure residents and businesses of Port Moody are well served regardless of ethnicity

Action Items:

- Add a note to important publications, in the most common foreign languages spoken in Port Moody, recommending that residents seek to have those publications translated for their purposes
- Maintain a list of staff members who can communicate with residents and business owners in a variety of languages
- Partner with community resources to assist the City in explaining programs and services to a variety of language groups

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Promote diversity of cultures

Objective: Support community festivals and events to ensure cultural diversity and expression

Action Items:

- Seek opportunities to work with minority groups to assist in developing new and diverse cultural programming
- Continue to work with local cultural groups to support cultural festivals and events

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Recognize various religions

Objective: Serve all religious groups equally

Action Items:

- When publishing messages about a particular religious holiday, such as Christmas, consider publishing messages for other religious groups in the community

Relevant Pillars:  

Cultural Services

Goal: Ensure opportunities for public art

Objective: Increase public art installations

Action Items:

- Create a large-scale public art installation at the Civic Centre to celebrate the City's centennial
- Propose a change to the existing policy of 1% allocation of funding of qualifying capital projects for public art to a flat annual dollar amount or a fixed percentage of all capital projects
- Continue to encourage the provision of public art as part of the development review process
- Propose a movement towards requiring public art as part of all new developments
- Review and update the Public Art Policy and the Public Visual Art Master Plan
- Continue to seek partnership opportunities with other organizations such as the Vancouver Biennale

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Promote local artists and the cultural sector

Objective: Strengthen marketing tools for arts and culture

- Redevelop a comprehensive cultural services section on the City website.

Objective: Consistently support artistic endeavours

Action Items:

- Continue to ensure local artists have opportunities to compete for public art installations, programs and events

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Support the Arts Centre, Museum, Inlet Theatre and cultural events, concerts and performances

Objective: Facilitate cultural learning and diversity in the community

Action Items:

- Maintain productive relationships with community cultural programming providers
- Continue to provide core funding to key arts and heritage organizations such as the Arts Centre Society, Heritage Society/Station Museum and ArtsConnect
- Provide support to new cultural events that benefit the community, with a view of assisting groups in becoming independent
- Continue to provide in-kind support to cultural groups who present major Port Moody festivals and events

Relevant Pillars:   

Energy Use Reduction

Goal: Increase use of geothermal technology

Objective: Implement geothermal technology as opportunities arise and encourage developers to consider geothermal technologies

Action Items:

- Explore feasibility of using geothermal technology in new City capital building projects
- Include geothermal technology consideration as part of the sustainability checklist update

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Undertake civic facility energy audits and retrofits

Objective: Reduce energy use in City assets

Action Items:

- Explore linking energy data available from utility providers to the city's asset management system or other applications. This is intended to provide feedback to the operator with respect to facility and infrastructure management
- Track energy use in city assets and update the 2006 Corporate Energy Plan every five years
- Develop action plans to complete facility energy retrofits

Relevant Pillars:  

Facility Planning

Goal: Conserve energy

Objective: Conserve energy in City facilities

Action Items:

- Conduct detailed energy audits on all City buildings in partnership with utility providers by 2017
- Establish a staff sustainability team to identify and implement opportunities for energy conservation (*completed*)

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Explore opportunities for facility rentals

Objective: Increase revenue from City facility rentals

Action Items:

- Identify opportunities to lease space in new and existing City facilities
- Market City arts and culture space for rentals or lease
- Market City facility space for rentals or lease

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Optimize use of space

Objective: Minimize redundancies and increase efficiencies

Action Items:

- Review City facilities on an annual basis to ensure optimal use of space

Relevant Pillars:  

Fleet Planning

Goal: Evaluate total cost of ownership of fleet assets

Objective: Adopt Green Fleet Policy by 2011

Action Items:

- Incorporate a life-cycle cost assessment for all new vehicle purchases, as outlined in the Green Fleet Policy

Relevant Pillars:  

GHG Emission Reduction/ Elimination

Goal: Adopt alternative energy solutions, e.g., geothermal, solar

Objective: Implement one renewable energy project by 2015

Action Items:

- Review City facilities for renewable energy opportunities; Select a renewable energy technology and propose the implementation of a pilot project

Objective: Educate the community on alternative energy solutions

Action Items:

- Raise public awareness when renewable energy is used in a public building (e.g., interpretative signage for geothermal in the Public Safety Building)

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Ensure energy efficiencies in new buildings and retrofits

Objective: Increase energy efficiency of buildings in Port Moody

Action Items:

- Draft a Green Building Policy
- Identify energy efficiency opportunities in new Firehall No. 1
- Promote green building technologies as part of the development review process through the use of the sustainability checklist
- Incorporate energy efficiency targets for new multi-family, commercial, and industrial buildings into the OCP (*complete*)

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Implement and enforce anti-idling bylaw

Objective: Reduce vehicle idling in Port Moody

Action Items:

- Draft an anti-idling bylaw by 2011 (*complete*)
- Raise awareness of anti-idling in conjunction with Clean Air Day
- Conduct educational sessions for City staff to increase knowledge and encourage staff to act as ambassadors for anti-idling

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Utilize hybrid vehicles in city fleet

Objective: Increase the number of hybrid vehicles in the city's fleet by 2011

Action Items:

- Develop a Green Fleet Policy (*complete*)
- Purchase two hybrid vehicles by 2011

Relevant Pillars:  

Housing

Goal: Ensure a full spectrum of housing options including single family, condos, townhouses, assisted seniors' housing

Objective: Increase prevalence of mixed housing in the City

Action Items:

- Encourage a mix of housing options within new developments as per the Official Community Plan
- Explore alternative housing options within established neighbourhoods and in consultation with neighbouring residents (e.g., Laneway Housing)

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Explore social housing and affordable housing initiatives

Objective: Increase number of social and affordable housing units in the City

Action Items:

- Continue to encourage the provision of affordable housing and contributions to the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund as part of the development review process
- Continue to support the Community Care Committees mandate related to affordable housing
- Explore opportunities to partner with affordable housing providers in the provision of additional affordable housing

Relevant Pillars:  

Infrastructure and Renewal Planning

Goal: Build financial reserves for infrastructure replacement

Objective: Implement plan for building reserves to an adequate level

Action Items:

- Make budget recommendations based on required level of service and reserve balance

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Develop long-term plan to build reserves to an adequate level to fund the replacements and maintenance of City's assets

Objective: Increase funding to financial reserves for the replacement and maintenance of infrastructure

Action Items:

- Establish adequate annual contribution levels for reserves to ensure appropriate replacement and maintenance of all City assets

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Identify controls, proper practices and procedures to ensure that assets are appropriately identified annually

Objective: Initiate Asset Management Program

Action Items:

- Refine policies and procedures for tracking the City's assets
- Meet PSAB 3150 reporting requirements for financial statements and incorporate tangible capital asset management into the City's financial system

- Develop fifty-year asset life cycle maintenance plan
- Develop fifty-year capital asset replacement plans (assets that do not meet TCA thresholds)

Objective: Provide a tool for management to make financial decisions on repair versus replacement of the City's assets

Action Items:

- Implement maintenance management system (Maintenance Connection)

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Undertake budgeting and full cost planning for new projects

Objective: New projects are analyzed to ensure full-cost planning that incorporates both capital and operating considerations

Action Items:

- Develop and introduce guidelines to identify full costs (capital and operating) of new projects for all departmental budget submissions

Relevant Pillars: 

Land Use Planning

Goal: Accept higher density trade-off for preservation of green space

Objective: Increase amount of green space in developments

Action Items:

- Offer developers incentives for preserving or increasing the amount of green space in developments
- Establish long term city-wide tree cover targets within an urban forest management strategy

Relevant Pillars:



Goal: Achieve compact/complete neighbourhoods with mixed use zoning

Objective: Encourage new developments to incorporate or contribute to a mix of uses

Action Items:

- Utilize the sustainability checklist section on compact community design to evaluate new development proposals
- Encourage a mix of uses through land use design as per the Official Community Plan

Relevant Pillars:



Goal: Plan for transit opportunities

Objective: Encourage new developments to be transit accessible

Action Items:

- Assess new development proposals for transit accessibility and transit oriented amenities
- Encourage transit-oriented development to support existing and planned transit systems

Relevant Pillars:



Neighbourhood Planning

Goal: Ensure accessibility for physically or otherwise challenged individuals

Objective: Ensure everyone, regardless of their abilities, can move about the community and access parks, facilities and programs on an equal basis

Action Items:

- Ensure that the universal accessibility considerations are included in park planning
- Review accessibility with the sustainability checklist, as part of the development review process
- Continue to support the mandate of the Community Care Committee to address accessibility issues
- Ensure that city facilities (buildings as well as street infrastructure) are planned and implemented with a view to universal accessibility

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Ensure safe communities

Objective: Ensure residents and businesses feel safe in the community

Action Items:

- Work in partnership with the Police Department to include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles (CPTED) and site safety reviews of facilities and parks
- Encourage developers to incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles (CPTED) in all new developments and redevelopment projects
- Continue to support the goals of Port Moody's Police Department

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Include accessibility and services for young, old, singles and families

Objective: Ensure everyone, regardless of their age or family status, feels welcome and included in community planning and programs

Action Items:

- Continue to support the mandate of the Community Care Committee to address accessibility and services for young, old, singles and families

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Include parks, meeting spaces and common spaces in development and redevelopment plans

Objective: Ensure new developments and redevelopments have a balanced approach to incorporating parks, meeting spaces and common spaces in their plans

Action Items:

- Continue to require common amenity spaces as part of new developments and redevelopments
- Analyze development applications to identify space needs, such as active or passive play areas and public open space

Relevant Pillars:    

Revenue Generation

Goal: Balance User Pay vs. Subsidy

Objective: Balanced approach to user pay vs. subsidies.

Action Items:

- Review Fees and Charges Bylaw on an annual basis to ensure that user pay and subsidy rates are balanced.

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Explore self-sufficiency through local energy generation

Objective: Install a district energy system or other renewable energy project by 2020

Action Items:

- Review opportunities for district energy systems as part of larger developments and within areas expected to experience significant redevelopment

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Identify and adopt revenue opportunities for city facilities and programs

Objective: Increase revenue from City facility rentals and programs

Action Items:

- Review Fees and Charges Bylaw on an annual basis to ensure rates for facility rentals and programs are market based
- Develop effective marketing programs for City facility use

Relevant Pillars:    

Goal: Identify cost recovery options e.g. development cost charges

Objective: Development cost charges and other fees recover full costs

Action Items:

- Review development cost charges and other fees on a regular basis to ensure full cost recovery

Relevant Pillars: 

Goal: Maximize return on investments

Objective: City funds and reserves are invested for terms that provide the greatest return on investment (ROI), taking into consideration the City's cash flow needs for operations and capital projects

Action Items:

- Invest excess funds in short and long term market instruments, in accordance with the City's Investment Policy

Relevant Pillars: 

Solid Waste Management (Garbage and Recycling)

Goal: Reduce the solid waste disposal stream through enhanced composting

Objective: Increase organic solid waste diversion by 10% over 2008 levels

Action Items

- Expand the organic waste program to include all multi-family residences
- Explore organic waste diversion for businesses
- Implement food scraps collection in schools

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Reduce packaging waste

Objective: Support the expansion of extended producer responsibility programs

Action Items

- Work with regional staff to advocate senior governments transfer some waste management responsibilities to producers and consumers (extended producer responsibility)
- Investigate opportunities to work with local businesses and business organizations to reduce the use of plastic bags
- Ensure the Corporate Purchasing Policy requires the purchase of reusable packaged products and minimizes the purchase of over-packaged products

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Reduce the solid waste disposal stream through enhanced recycling

Objective: Increase solid waste diversion to 70% by 2015

Action Items

- Educate the public about disposal bans and reducing the use of excess packaging, using online and print communication
- Implement Council's approved solid waste plan (bi-weekly garbage, weekly organic waste collection)
- Investigate best practices for public space recycling
- Develop a corporate policy that requires recycling at city sponsored events and festivals
- Review of school recycling programs to ensure maximized recycling
- Build relationship with businesses to encourage increased recycling
- Develop a corporate solid waste policy

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Re-use waste materials

Objective: Increase organic solid waste diversion by 10% over 2008 levels

Action Items

- Undertake a worm composting pilot project and consider implementing a worm composting program
- Review the city's solid waste program to identify mechanisms to implement a comprehensive green waste program
- Review collection schedules and pick-up frequencies to facilitate increased organic waste diversion

Objective: Encourage the community to reuse materials prior to recycling or disposal

Action Items

- Develop new ideas to encourage reuse opportunities within our community (e.g., city-wide garage sale)

Relevant Pillars:  

Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Management

Goal: Complete and enhance integrated stormwater management plans

Objective: Complete integrated stormwater management plans (ISMP) for all watersheds in Port Moody per the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Management Plan

Action Items:

- Prioritize watersheds for initiation of integrated stormwater management plans in selected areas
- Complete ISMP's in all Port Moody watersheds based on the priority designation

Objective: Develop integrated stormwater demonstration sites that show best management practices at City facilities and parks

Action Items:

- Design and install 3 ISMP demonstration sites

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Enhance infrastructure to eliminate loss/leakage

Objective: Implement comprehensive inflow & infiltration (I&I) as per the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Management Plan

Action Items:

- Complete North Shore Inflow and Infiltration Study Phase One
- Complete stormwater and sewer rehabilitation and replacement

Relevant Pillars:  

Taxation and Financial Planning

Goal: Undertake cost leadership initiatives.

Objective: Reduce expenses and/or increase revenues

Action Items:

- Invite all staff to develop and implement cost leadership ideas

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Undertake program evaluations and reviews

Objective: Deliver programs at a service level established by Council policy

Action Items:

- Implement program evaluations on a seasonal basis to support decision making for the annual budget process

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Undertake service level reviews

Objective: Conduct service level reviews annually as part of the budget review process

Action Items:

- Annually select a service area to perform a service level review

Relevant Pillars:  

Transportation Planning

Goal: Address mass transit improvements and priorities vs. single occupant vehicles

Objective: Support efforts to shift focus from automobiles to transit

Action Items:

- Encourage TransLink link to provide more frequent service to Port Moody's neighbourhoods including rapid transit and shuttle buses

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Enhance opportunities for pedestrian and cycling movements

Objective: Increase cycling and walking as a transportation choice

Action Items:

- Finish three pedestrian crossings over the CP Rail tracks by 2020
- Ensure pedestrian and cycling objectives are addressed for the Evergreen Line Project and Murray Clarke Connector
- Develop and implement a Cycling Master Plan with cycling infrastructure targets, timeframes, and budgets

Relevant Pillars:   

Goal: Focus on neighbourhood planning to reduce short trip vehicle movements

Objective: Encourage a mix of uses within walking distance of new residential properties

Action Items:

- Use the sustainability checklist sections related to compact community design, diversity of use, and smart locations

Relevant Pillars:   

Water Use

Goal: Enhance infrastructure to eliminate loss/leakage

Objective: Implement leak identification and repair programs and implement operational programs to reduce leakage as per the Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Management Plan

Action Items:

- Complete leak detection assessment by 2011
- Complete leak detection remedial work between 2011 and 2015

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Enhance infrastructure to eliminate loss/leakage

Objective: Increase water conservation in City facilities and parks

Action Items:

- Review existing water conservation measures in City parks irrigation (e.g., rains sensors, controllers, use of drip irrigation, etc) and identify any needed changes for new infrastructure
- Implement water conservation measures in City facilities (e.g., low flow toilets, low flow shower heads, etc)

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Re-use wastewater

Objective: Identify opportunities for grey water and rainwater recycling.

Action Items:

- Conduct a grey water and rainwater recycling pilot that meets cross-connection requirements of the Building Code.

Relevant Pillars:  

Goal: Use green roof technology to capture stormwater to replace serviced water use

Objective: Increase green roof technology use

Action Items:

- Select one city facility to propose a pilot project feasibility study for capture and reuse of green roof rainwater
- Encourage green roof technology for private development applications, using the sustainability checklist

Relevant Pillars:  