

Community Vision and Goals



Shared community values informed by community engagement processes guided *Port Moody 2050's* overall vision and goals. Combined, the visions and goals serve as a roadmap for the community to grow to 2050 and beyond.

Port Moody residents value nature, parks, walkability, inclusivity, sense of community, green space, the ocean and being known as City of the Arts. When looking to the future, residents expressed the need to manage the City's growth and evolution by protecting natural areas and biodiversity, expanding parks and community services, creating a pedestrian and cycling friendly environment, focusing on economic growth, increasing affordability and livability and expanding the City's Arts presence.

Community Vision

The Community Vision for *Port Moody 2050* sets the foundation for the Official Community Plan (OCP). A clear, shared vision defines and brings meaning to what is important for the future of Port Moody and guides the goals, objectives, and policies of the Plan to inform decision making. The Community Vision is based on public feedback provided during the OCP update process:



In 2050, Port Moody is a carbon neutral, resilient, inclusive, safe, and vibrant waterfront city of complete and connected neighbourhoods.



Port Moody has unique and complete neighbourhoods with diverse amenities within a 10-minute walk, connected by an active transportation network.



Port Moody is a friendly, walkable, healthy, and green community that values its natural environment, environmentally sensitive areas, heritage character and assets, parks and recreation areas.



As the City of the Arts, Port Moody's commitment to arts and culture brings residents together through social connectedness, mutual understanding and placemaking.

Port Moody's Community Vision will be implemented through the following Community Goals:



Climate Change

1. Strive to integrate climate mitigation and adaptation and a balance between environment, economic, social and cultural sustainability in all decision-making in Port Moody.
2. Promote low carbon, energy efficient and resilient planning, design and construction as part of new development projects as well as building retrofits.
3. Support sustainable transportation options to increase lower emission trips from non-vehicular modes, transit and zero emission vehicles.
4. Strive to protect, restore and strengthen urban forests which provide benefits such as carbon sequestration, shading and cooling, improved air quality and enhanced community well-being.
5. Target a 40% reduction in emissions from 2007 levels by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050.



Overall Land Use Strategy

1. Incorporate climate change risks and vulnerability assessments into land use planning and development.
2. Aspire to develop complete, connected, and compact communities to minimize emissions from transportation and housing and enhance livability and affordability.
3. Focus employment and residential growth in transit-oriented development areas.
4. Encourage sensitive development which incorporates thoughtful urban design, including high quality architecture, opportunities for green space, appropriate transitions in building forms and protection of view corridors between designated features and established public vantage points.
5. Consider urban forestry and tree canopy in new development to maintain or increase the tree canopy where feasible and site trees to maximize natural shade and cooling.



Natural Environment

1. Protect, restore and strengthen natural areas so that ecosystems and species are more likely to adapt to the effects of a changing climate and help buffer the impacts.
2. Protect and enhance environmentally sensitive terrestrial and aquatic areas and biodiversity.
3. Promote incorporation of green infrastructure to create habitat and support biodiversity, improve connectivity and mitigate climate change impacts.
4. Strive to effectively and safely manage hazards in the natural environment as well as those resulting from the built environment.
5. Support community partnerships, outreach and public education to conserve and enhance the natural environment.



Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation Facilities

1. Strive to protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity in parks to increase the capacity of natural areas to be adaptive and resilient to climate change.
2. Pursue inclusive, accessible and safe parks, open space, community facilities and services to meet the health, educational, recreation and cultural needs of all residents and strive for their equitable distribution across neighbourhoods.
3. Aim to expand parkland supply and provide a range of recreation facilities to serve existing and future residents and respond to evolving community needs.
4. Enhance and increase opportunities for public access to and enjoyment of the waterfront and support marine recreational opportunities.
5. Pursue a connected and accessible trail system that links parks, recreation and community centres, schools and key destinations.



Built Environment

1. Provide a range of housing forms, sizes and tenures to meet the changing needs of a diverse population of varying ages, income levels, household types, accessibility and lifestyles.
2. Encourage higher density development that is well served by public transit, amenities, parks, pedestrian connections, cycling infrastructure, civic facilities, schools, and commercial and employment opportunities.
3. Encourage rental housing stock through the renewal of existing purpose built rental housing as well as creating new rental housing.
4. Strive to build new and retrofit existing housing to be climate ready and resilient.
5. Facilitate and develop partnerships to address local housing needs and advocate for senior government action to support housing affordability, tenant protections and equity.



Transportation and Mobility

1. Focus new development in areas well-served by transit increasing access and efficiency in moving goods and people.
2. Create a walkable and bicycle friendly city by providing safe and attractive pedestrian and cycling connections between and within neighbourhoods.
3. Manage traffic congestion on major streets and intersections to increase safety and reduce the negative impacts of regional through-traffic on the livability of the City.
4. Collaborate with TransLink and Metro Vancouver to find integrated regional solutions to transportation congestion and connection challenges.
5. Support the use of alternative and zero emission transportation options at the community level and in the City's operations.



Economic Development

1. Endeavor to increase the overall amount of employment floor space in the community to diversify the tax base and provide more job opportunities in the region.
2. Encourage a range of office, retail, high technology, tourism, home-based and local business, and other commercial opportunities which meet existing and future market, service and employment needs of the community and contribute towards the achievement of a more complete community.
3. Strive to expand and diversify the City's economic base by encouraging a range of technology, environmentally sensitive, and employment intensive businesses that achieves a better balance between the resident labour force and jobs in the City.
4. Encourage and support growth in arts, culture, heritage, filming and tourism related businesses and opportunities for arts uses in urban industrial areas.
5. Support existing industrial, new clean industrial, and facilitate the retention and optimization of industrial lands.



Arts and Culture

1. Build cultural capacity and expand creative placemaking through collaboration and partnerships in the community to foster social inclusion and wellness, pride of place, identity and arts awareness.
2. Recognize arts and culture as an important employment sector in the City and continue to promote cultural industries, attract further art industry investments and support the creation of arts in innovation areas.
3. Support the development of a cultural node in Moody Centre and enhance the unique position of Port Moody in the region as the "City of the Arts".
4. Maintain, enhance and fund art in public spaces.
5. Enhance the diversity of cultural expression and increase opportunities to share unique cultural experiences in this place.



Heritage

1. Acknowledge truth of intergenerational impacts experienced by Indigenous People and take action to recognize Indigenous unceded Territories, and their connection to these lands since time immemorial.
2. Protect and enhance the City's heritage buildings and maintain the heritage character of these neighbourhoods and original commercial areas for future generations.
3. Encourage heritage preservation as part of new developments.
4. Provide opportunities for increased public awareness and educational opportunities through heritage planning, information, technology, and communication.
5. Explore partnerships with local businesses, residents and community organizations to identify a plan to improve the vibrancy of Clarke Street as a destination area.



Community Well-Being and Resilience

1. Create a healthy, equitable, inclusive and supportive environment that contributes to the overall wellness of Port Moody's diverse community.
2. Be an age-friendly community that supports all ages and abilities and incorporates social infrastructure, universal and accessible design into a healthy built environment.
3. Develop partnerships and advocate to senior governments to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of child care.
4. Strive to ensure all members of the community have equal access to information, support, and resources related to preparing, responding, and recovering from climate change impacts.
5. Strengthen the City's readiness to respond to climate-related hazards, such as flooding, wildfires, and extreme heat.



Community Infrastructure

1. Effectively manage and enhance civic infrastructure and natural assets so they continue to function at an optimal and sustainable level and are more resilient to the current and anticipated effects of climate change.
2. Encourage water conservation measures in the community and city operations and collaborate with Metro Vancouver and other Tri-City municipalities to support regional water conservation efforts.
3. Target zero waste by 2050.
4. Enhance stormwater management practices to improve watershed health, water quality and the impacts of runoff.
5. Manage the City's assets through enhanced data collection, maintenance programs, and incorporating green infrastructure where feasible.

