



Port Moody is situated on the eastern shore of Burrard Inlet, located on the ancestral and Traditional Territories of the *kʷikwə́ləm* (Kwkwetlem), *səlilwətał* (Tsleil-Waututh), *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *Skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *q̓íçəy̓* (Katzie), *q'w̓a:n̓ ʔən̓* (Kwantlen), *q̓iqéyt* (Qayqayt), and *Stó:lō* (Sto:lo) Peoples. The waterway and surrounding area were important gathering places for seasonal camps and villages as well as for resource use and other cultural uses. This land that is now known as Port Moody today has been stewarded by First Nations since time immemorial.

Exploration and settlement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries led Port Moody to be an industrial hub. The creation of a deep-sea port, construction of several sawmills and development of two oil refineries established the City primarily as a resource industry town. A legacy of wood frame commercial and residential buildings contributed to the character and charm of the early development of Port Moody.

This legacy from First Nations stewardship and from settler history contributes to the City's spectacular natural environment, the diverse cultures that live in Port Moody today and the footprint of the built environment. With an estimated population of just over 39,000, Port Moody is situated within the Metro Vancouver region of British Columbia. As a thriving community with a mix of residential, commercial, industrial and natural areas, Port Moody is an attractive community to live, learn, work, play, shop and recreate for all ages. Known for its natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities, Port Moody is home to several parks, natural areas, and cultural amenities which include Rocky Point Park, neighbouring *təmtəmixʷtən*/Belcarra Regional Park, and other popular attractions including PoMoArts and Brewery Row. In addition, many historic buildings are protected and recognized as landmarks in the community, adding to the vibrancy and character of the City.

As we look toward the future through this Official Community Plan (OCP), with a horizon to 2050, we do so with respect for the stewardship of these lands since time immemorial. By learning from those who came before us, engaging meaningfully with those here today, and planning with intention, we aim to build a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable community for generations to come.

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As we look forward to 2050, these are the lenses we use to guide how the community grows and changes:



Climate Change

Port Moody's built environment and quality of life will continue to be impacted by the effects of climate change. More frequent and extreme weather events are currently impacting the community, and Port Moody can expect increased risk of wildfires, flooding, extreme heat, and other associated climate change impacts. The impacts of climate change will continue to become more prominent in many aspects of our lives and the environment. Port Moody is taking strong and immediate action today to reduce the risks of expected current and future extreme weather events due to climate change. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change will be central to how growth and change occur.



Low Carbon Resilience

Port Moody's OCP evokes a strong climate lens guided by the City's Climate Action Plan (2020) throughout all chapters of this document. A low carbon resilience framework has been integrated into all areas of policy and decision-making where possible to support the maintenance of the high quality of life in the community and advance the transition toward a more energy efficient, low carbon, resilient, and sustainable future. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the community and infrastructure will have worked to mitigate climate risk, will be prepared for, able to respond to, and recover quickly from climate events which will help to minimize impacts and ensure public safety, health, and livability in Port Moody.



"City of the Arts"

Port Moody strives to be known as City of the Arts and integrate arts into as many facets of the community as possible. The arts experience should be visible throughout Port Moody in neighbourhoods, facilities, amenities, activities, and in public places. Arts are important to Port Moody as a means of expression, city beautification, business, tourism, and sense of place. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, arts is a central theme in articulating how the community will grow and evolve.



Accessible, Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive

Port Moody strives to be a home for all regardless of age, ethnicity, orientation, or ability. The community is age-friendly and we are continuing to make adaptations to be universally accessible. As Port Moody grows the community should evolve to build not for the average, but for the full spectrum of the population. Port Moody has long since been home to a diversity of people and as the city grows and changes the cultural fabric will also grow and change. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the needs of both existing and new residents will be considered.



Natural and Urban Landscape Balance

Port Moody is part of a metropolitan region yet surrounded by nature. Situated within a diverse ecosystem with several critical habitats for wildlife and plants, intentioned and strategic growth will help the City retain its unique identity and sense of place. This strategic growth will encourage new housing and employment opportunities, connections between neighbourhoods, and access to services while preserving the quality of the natural environment, retaining and enhancing designated forest and riparian areas, and re-introducing trees and green space. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the City will integrate and balance both the urban and natural landscape.



Diverse and Affordable Housing

With a growing population and limited supply of affordable housing, many residents are struggling to find a place to live within their budget. Creating housing of all types and tenures across the housing spectrum is paramount to meeting current and future residents' needs, and to mitigate the housing crisis. Housing development and redevelopment needs to include a mix of market and affordable options including supportive housing and rental housing as well as a variety of unit types to meet diverse and changing household compositions. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the City will strive to provide housing options within the community for all. So, whether you are buying or renting your first home, upgrading to meet the needs of an expanding household, or downsizing due to a shrinking household, you should be able to find a home in Port Moody.



Connected

Port Moody is connected to the region through rapid transit and the major road network providing residents diverse options to move within the region and the community. Despite this infrastructure, the City will continue to focus on ways to alleviate traffic congestion and improve alternative transportation options including multi-use paths, walkable streets, and growth near transit stations. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the City will include multi-modal north-south and east-west connections that are safe and easy to navigate within the City and seamlessly connect to rapid transit and the region.



Community Well-Being

A city is more than buildings, streets, utilities, and parks. A city is also a place that provides space for recreation, social connection, healthy living, personal growth and overall well-being. As Port Moody grows and changes these social elements of the City are as important as the physical elements. New development in Port Moody will include a full spectrum approach to addressing community needs. As Port Moody looks out 25-years, the City will continue transitioning to complete neighbourhoods where residents can thrive.

Port Moody 2050, the City's Official Community Plan details the vision for the land uses in Port Moody and the policies that will guide the implementation.