

Council Adopts Growing Forward 2046: Summerland's Official Community Plan

SUMMERLAND – District of Summerland Council has adopted its new Official Community Plan (OCP) - *Growing Forward 2046: Summerland's Official Community Plan*. This milestone marks a forward-looking vision to guide Summerland's growth and change over the next decade and beyond.

Developed after extensive community engagement, *Growing Forward 2046: Summerland's Official Community Plan* reflects the aspirations and priorities of residents, businesses, and community organizations. The OCP serves as the District's highest-level planning document and is a long-term compass for decision-making, providing direction on land use, housing, climate action, transportation, environmental protection, economic development, and more.

The updated OCP replaces the previous plan by providing a modern, simplified framework, making the overall plan more accessible to support decision-making for residents, developers, staff and Council. Key changes to the plan include:

- Updated context information, housing and population projections
- Revised document structure (and approach to growth management)
- Adjusted Growth Boundary and six defined growth areas
- Updated land use designations and land use mapping
- New policies on infrastructure, quality of life, and sustainability
- Updates to the Development Permit Areas with a focus on the Multi-Unit Development Permit Area
- Identifying the Housing Needs requirements and designating land uses accordingly
- Terminology updates and mapping updates including the use of distinct colours

In British Columbia, municipalities are required to adopt an OCP and update it at least every five years under provincial legislation (Bill 44). While an OCP does not commit a municipality to proceed with any specific project identified in the plan, all bylaws enacted and works undertaken by the local government must be consistent with it.

The OCP and additional information on this project are available at <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/official-community-plan>.

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