



# VISION



# VISION: SURREY 2041

In responding to the Planning Challenges previously identified, Surrey's OCP is guided by a vision for a sustainable city.

This vision includes nine dimensions that, taken together, describe a city that embodies the goal of the *Sustainability Charter*; that is, to *"meet the needs of the present generation in terms of socio-cultural systems, the economy and the environment, while promoting a high quality of life but without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."*

By implementing the policies and plans in this Official Community Plan:

"The City of Surrey will continually become a **greener**, more **complete**, more **compact** and **connected** community that is **resilient, safer, inclusive, healthier** and more **beautiful**."

These nine "Building Blocks" of the Vision inform the policies within this OCP and serve as the guide by which the effectiveness of the OCP will be measured and monitored.

## Surrey 2041 Vision Elements

For the purposes of this Official Community Plan, these nine Vision “ Building Blocks ” include the following considerations:

A **GREENER** Surrey includes:



- A connected network of protected natural ecosystems comprised of urban forests, riparian areas and wetlands, foreshore areas, grasslands and protected farmlands
- Green buildings that reduce energy use, reduce urban stormwater runoff and recycle wastewater
- Green neighbourhoods with a thriving, healthy tree canopy, low-impact rainwater management systems that protect fish habitat, and safe, convenient greenway networks of cycling and walking routes
- Programs and facilities which reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- Integrated and efficient land use and transportation networks that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

A more **COMPLETE** Surrey includes:



- A diversified and balanced economy attracting new and expanded business investment in growing sectors of the economy, adding high-quality employment at a rate that meets or exceeds population growth
- Growing and thriving creative cultural and entertainment industries providing local opportunities for Surrey’s residents and visitors and positioning Surrey as a tourism destination for cultural and entertainment experiences
- A diversified housing stock that meets the changing needs of families and individuals at all levels of income
- A growing post-secondary education sector that provides advanced skills training, research and life-long learning opportunities and that supports economic and socio-cultural development
- A network of community gathering places and centres for building community connections and spaces for celebrations.

A more **COMPACT** Surrey includes:



- A thriving City Centre and Town Centres with a mix of uses and sufficient density of jobs and residences to support public transit and a vibrant urban environment
- An efficient use of urban land so that green spaces are protected and development pressures on agricultural lands are reduced.

A more **CONNECTED** Surrey includes:



- Convenient access for residents to jobs, community amenities and services, close to where they live
- An efficient and connected network of streets, walkways, bike routes and public transit, such as Light Rail Transit, that provides safe, efficient alternative transportation choices throughout the city
- Extensive and connected natural areas, green spaces and farmland, that are defined and protected by clear and stable urban development boundaries.

## Surrey 2041 Vision Elements (cont.)

A more **RESILIENT** Surrey includes:



- Community-wide preparation for expected future challenges including the effects of climate change, higher prices for energy and food, and increasing costs to renew public infrastructure
- Sufficient fiscal reserves and human resources to respond effectively to unpredictable future events or emergencies.

A **SAFER** Surrey includes:



- Safe and active neighbourhoods and public spaces that are also perceived as being safe by children, seniors, women and person with disabilities
- Streets, greenways and multi-use pathways that support traffic safety and that reduce accidents and injuries
- Emergency response and emergency management plans that support a safe and protected community.

A more **INCLUSIVE** Surrey includes:



- Community-building opportunities including programs and places that foster neighbourhood connections
- Celebrating Surrey's cultural diversity and growing inter-cultural and inter-generational appreciation
- Access to clean, safe, appropriate and affordable housing for all
- Open access to health, education, social and integration services for everyone including people with lower incomes or with special needs.

A **HEALTHIER** Surrey includes:



- Universal access to healthy local food and access to healthy food locally
- A land use mix and a network of safe cycling and walking routes that support everyday active lifestyles
- Clean air, water and soil that support human health as well as healthy and diverse vegetation and wildlife communities in Surrey.

A more **BEAUTIFUL** Surrey includes:



- Consistent excellence in the architecture and urban design of public and private buildings, parks, plazas and streets
- The protection of natural and cultural heritage elements including significant trees and landscapes and heritage sites and buildings
- Civic beautification initiatives developed in collaboration with businesses, community groups and neighbourhoods
- Abundant, diverse and prominent public art installations and place-making elements that highlight the distinctive character of Surrey's Town Centres and neighbourhoods.

