

2.0 View Royal 2050

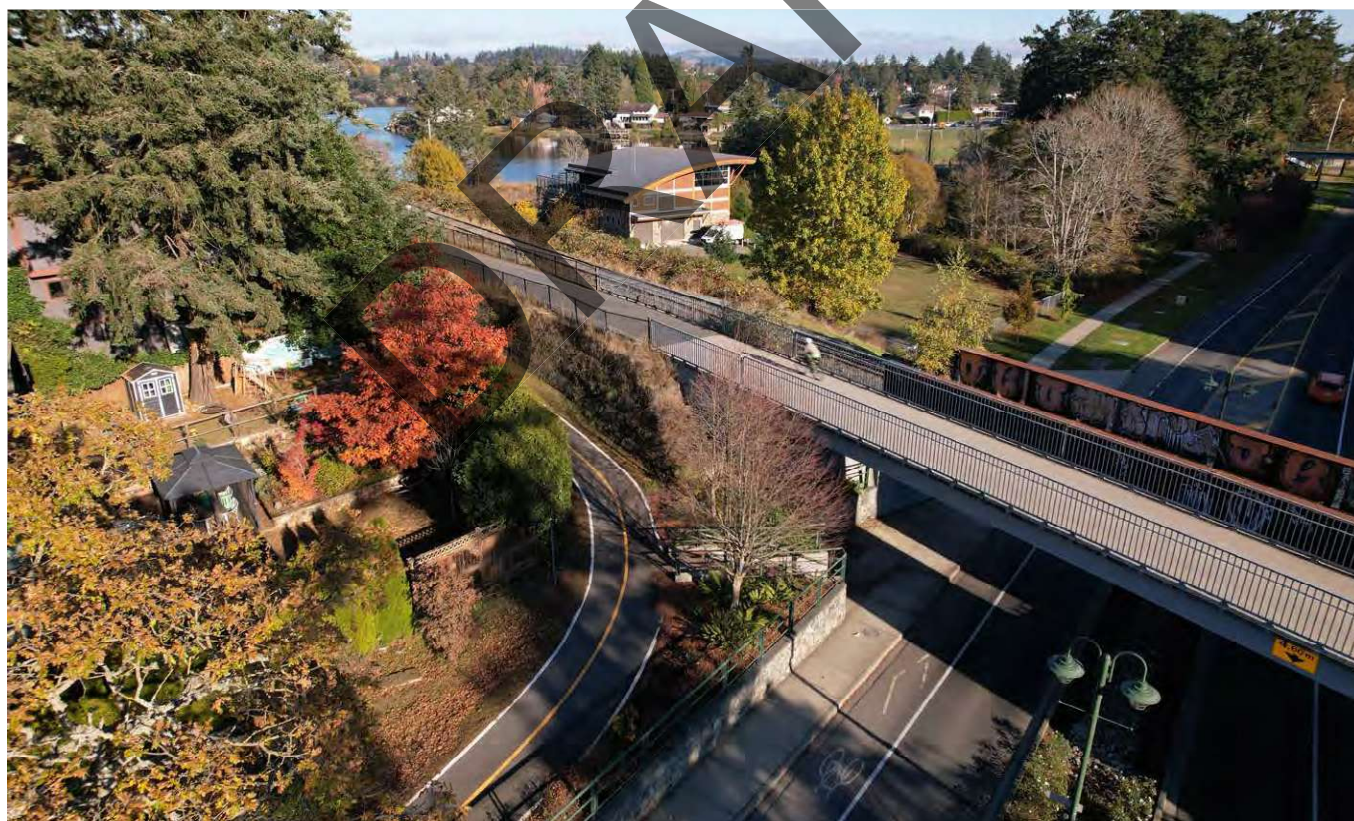
2.1 OVERVIEW

The OCP's vision and goals are intended to guide the community to the year 2050. The policy direction of this plan stems from these key guiding statements. The vision and goals were informed by input received from the community as part of engagement undertaken in 2024 and 2025.

2.2 VISION

The following statement outlines the Town's aspirations to the year 2050 and beyond:

View Royal is a thriving, welcoming, inclusive community where people live close to nature, services, and amenities that foster health and well-being.



2.3 GOALS

1. MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY

Goal: *Provide a variety of transportation options within a well-connected network to support mobilizing all ages and abilities.*

While private vehicles are still the primary method of travel, the Town continues to strive towards the creation of an improved transportation network. Developing a well-connected regional network will ensure that residents are able to get where they need to go via different modes: walking, cycling, rolling, transit, and vehicular use. The Town will work closely with the Capital Regional District and nearby municipalities to address ongoing traffic challenges and streamline local and regional connections.

2. DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Goal: *Provide diverse, attainable, and affordable housing types and tenures for all residents.*

Encouraging the development of a wide range of market and non-market housing options will ensure existing and future residents can continue to call the Town home. Emphasis will be placed on housing that supports aging-in-place, multi-generational households, and the creation of more rental and home ownership opportunities. Where possible, these options will be within close proximity to everyday services and amenities.

3. GROWTH MANAGEMENT & COMMUNITY CHARACTER PRESERVATION

Goal: *Allow for thoughtful, fiscally responsible growth and development throughout the community that complements View Royal's existing character.*

As a desirable community to live in, View Royal must balance opportunities for growth and the need for infrastructure services while ensuring the character of the community is considered to complement or inspire new development. Natural amenities comprise much of the Town's existing character these attributes are highly valued by the community. New development will give consideration to these amenities to ensure they can be appreciated by existing and new residents alike.

What is affordable and attainable housing?

What constitutes 'affordable' is directly tied to a household's gross annual income. Households who spend less than 30% of their income on housing are deemed to have 'affordable' housing. Attainable housing considers what a household needs in terms of size and type of housing, as well as what level of housing costs may be appropriate for a household given the cost of living in a community.

4. NATURAL AMENITIES

Goal: Preserve, protect, and expand the Town's natural assets and amenities.

Parks, trails, and green space are regularly identified as some of the greatest benefits of living in the Town. Ensuring the coastal and forested landscapes are preserved and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations is a community priority. These efforts will include ensuring a balanced approach to growth and adopting strong climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

***Natural amenities** are place-based attributes created by the environment that provide local benefits. Examples of natural amenities may be parks where community members can hike, lakes where kayaking can be enjoyed, trees that clean the air, and creeks that support with managing drainage.*



5. COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

Goal: Enhance community well-being by providing safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces, while integrating arts and culture into everyday life.

Community well-being is achieved when every member feels safe, included, and has access to essential services and opportunities. It means embracing diversity and ensuring that all voices are heard and valued, creating a sense of belonging for everyone. Integrating arts and culture enriches our community by celebrating creativity and heritage, fostering a vibrant and dynamic environment that brings people together and enhances the quality of life for all.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY

Goal: Foster a safe and secure community that is prepared for emergencies.

Community safety and security is achieved when people feel that their needs and quality of life are a priority. It means working collaboratively to better understand what community safety and security means to View Royal residents and business owners. Preparing and responding to health and climate emergencies, such as pandemics, climate disasters, earthquakes, etc., will strengthen the community over the long-term.

7. CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE

Goal: Undertake climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives to support the community's resiliency.

As a forested coastal town, View Royal is particularly vulnerable to wildfires, coastal storms, flooding, and sea level rise attributable to the changing climate. In response, the Town is taking initiative to become a low carbon community, reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and adopt climate adaptation and mitigation strategies to continue maintaining a high quality of life for everyone.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal: Identify and incentivize opportunities for tourism and mixed-use and non-residential development to support local and regional economic priorities.

Encouraging non-residential growth through development incentivization and policy amendments will support View Royal's economy and further develop employment lands, including the Western Gateway Employment District Corridor and Transit-Oriented Development areas. By attracting investment and business into the Town, this additional economic activity will support local demand for shops, restaurants, and services within walking distance of neighbourhoods and create more opportunities for regional economic growth in adjacent communities. In addition, many opportunities exist to expand and enhance tourism in View Royal due to its central location within the Capital Regional District.

Greenhouse gas emissions, commonly known as GHGs, are gases released by human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere and impact the global climate.

9. RECONCILIATION

Goal: Build strong relationships with the X^wsepsəm and Songhees Nations to collaborate on key priorities and decision-making, and continue to advance the Town's reconciliation efforts.

View Royal is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the lək̓ʷenən speaking peoples. To support community interest in advancing reconciliation efforts, the Town will continue to build a relationship with the X^wsepsəm and Songhees' peoples. Emphasis will be placed on facilitating increased collaboration, celebrating values and culture, and fostering synergies between these communities to better understand where alignment exists on core values.

Reconciliation is the ongoing process of establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

10. COMMUNITY INPUT AND GOVERNANCE

Goal: Ensure View Royal community members are meaningfully involved in the advancement of community goals and priorities.

As View Royal grows and evolves, the Town will continue to seek feedback and input from the community. Through good governance, community leaders will steward decision-making processes and ensure they remain transparent.

11. REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Goal: Continue to strengthen the Town's relationships with partners and stakeholders, including member municipalities, on regional matters.

View Royal is a gateway community bordering seven jurisdictions within the Capital Regional District. Maintaining strong relationships with these local governments and First Nation communities is important to ensure alignment on regional priorities, such as the enhancement of regional transportation management and connectivity.

12. SUSTAINABLE SERVICE DELIVERY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

Goal: Maintain and manage the full lifecycle costs of the Town's assets to ensure the long-term provision of sustainable service delivery to meet the needs of the community.

The Town provides a wide range of services in the form of physical and natural assets (e.g. roads, culverts, parks). Recognizing the importance of ensuring a high level of service for future generations, emphasis will be placed on sustainable service delivery through the careful balancing of cost, level of service, resources, and risk considerations to achieve an equitable and fiscally responsible approach to asset management.

Asset management is an integrated approach to planning, operating, and maintaining physical infrastructure and amenities, such as roads, sewer systems, and treatment facilities, amongst others.

