



## Now



### Why it Matters:

- Walkable neighbourhoods improve our quality of life and the health of the environment.
- Having places to learn, work, play and shop near our homes allows us to walk, cycle and use transit more and drive less.
- Incorporating nature within our urban neighbourhoods makes them healthier for people, plants and animals.

### Now:

Burnaby has many opportunities for convenient urban living, a wide range of housing choices, easy access to SkyTrain, bus routes, parks and community services.

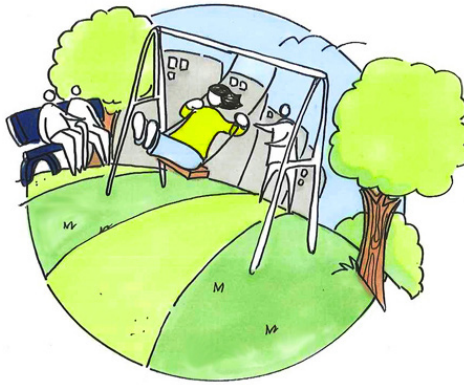
### Did you know?

- Burnaby has been planning and building its four town centres - Brentwood, Lougheed, Edmonds, and Metrotown - for over 30 years.
- In the past 20 years Burnaby's population has grown by 66,000 people.
- Another 89,000 people are expected to live in Burnaby 20 years from now.

### UniverCity

UniverCity, Burnaby's award-winning sustainable mixed-use community beside Simon Fraser University atop Burnaby Mountain, is home to more than 4,000 people. A variety of people, including young families and working professionals, are choosing to live here for its proximity to nature, walkable and safe streets, local services, and good transit connections to other locations.

## Future



### Goal

A network of compact and complete communities, within a fabric of healthy ecosystems.

**Control:** High level of City control and influence.



### Actions by City:

#### C1.1. Continue planning and developing complete communities and transit-oriented development.

*Suggested Actions:*

- Encourage new developments to use building siting and design to maximize energy efficiency gains.
- Consider opportunities to incorporate more diverse housing choices, such as family-sized units, and amenities in Town Centres and Urban Villages.
- Consider opportunities for smaller, more energy efficient homes in single and two-family neighbourhoods.



#### Quick Start #10

*Review current opportunities to convert more streets for pedestrian use, including temporary car-free events (such as Hats-Off-Day) and opportunities for permanent conversions.*



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#### C1.2. Create accessible outstanding outdoor public spaces that encourage active transportation, socializing and interacting with nature.

*Suggested Actions:*

See suggested actions under ESS Live 4.3

### Actions by Others:



#### Housing

- Fund energy-efficient market and non-market affordable housing programs in transit-oriented neighbourhoods



#### Childcare

- Provide capital and operating funding for childcare close to where people live/work



#### Schools

- Consider policies and programs to encourage more local school enrolment

### Actions by You:

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