



## Now



### Why it Matters:

- Cities are leading the way in many areas of sustainability around the world.
- Burnaby relies strongly on its partnerships with others in the community.
- Education provides a foundation of knowledge and understanding for tomorrow's leaders.

### Now:

Burnaby was recognized as the "Best Run City in Canada" in 2009 by Maclean's Magazine.

### Did you know?

- Burnaby was the first city to celebrate World Rivers Day in 1993.
- Streamkeepers help to protect and restore many waterways across the city.
- Every year Burnaby hosts Environment Week activities and presents Environment Awards to leaders in the community.
- Burnaby provides public education on many environmental topics, including food scraps recycling, water conservation, and invasive species control.

### Networks of Blue and Green

Initiated in 1972, Burnaby's Open Watercourse Policy has had far-reaching effects directly influencing the ecology and form of the city as we know it now. Today there are over 90 open streams in the city, supported by many City programs for stream protection.

## Future



### Goal

Environmentally aware and engaged community working together to improve Burnaby's environmental performance.

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



### Actions by City:



NEW Big Move

**C5.1 Demonstrate leadership in sustainability through City facility and operations management by reducing energy and GHG emissions, conserving water, reducing and diverting waste and enhancing ecosystems.**

*Suggested Actions:*

- Look for opportunities to incorporate leading green building practices and energy retrofits in City projects, and share learnings broadly.



Quick Start #23

*Review upcoming civic building projects for opportunities to demonstrate energy-efficient passive design and net-zero energy.*

- Explore developing a corporate energy and emissions plan.



NEW Big Move

**C5.2 Improve sustainability management through enhanced City business practices, system development, and leadership.**

*Suggested Actions:*

- Consider options to resource and support implementation of the CEEP.
- Seek to improve communication and coordination of energy and emissions reduction initiatives among departments.



Quick Start #24

*Provide an annual report via the Environment Committee of Council on progress and implementation of the ESS and CEEP.*

- Consider approaches and tools to monitor and report on progress toward the CEEP targets.

**C5.3 Continue to develop partnerships with community-based organizations, businesses, developers, public agencies, utilities, and institutions to advance action on community energy.**

*Suggested Actions:*

- Look for opportunities to partner with others in programs to reduce emissions and energy in the community, for example including BBOT, SFU, BCIT, SD41, developers, utilities, HUB, car-share providers.

**C5.4 Advocate for federal, provincial and regional policies, regulations and programs that support Burnaby's CEEP and the transition to a low-carbon future.**

### Actions by Others:



#### Policies

- Adopt and implement progressive provincial and federal climate and sustainable energy policies



#### Incentives

- Increase the carbon tax while continuing low-income rebates
- Provide funding for local government climate action
- Provide incentives for homeowners, businesses and vehicle owners to make sustainable choices
- Fund sustainable infrastructure projects like transit and cycling that support local climate action



#### Information

- Provide up-to-date BC-wide community energy and emissions inventories

### Actions by You:

Want *more info* on how to *get started*? Please go to page 28 or [www.burnaby.ca/ess+you](http://www.burnaby.ca/ess+you)