

MEETING No. 4

Public Consultation Phase 1 Summary Report

*A Burnaby ESS Context Report
(Discussion Paper 4)*



Burnaby Environmental Sustainability Strategy

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Erika, one of Burnaby's Environmental Superheroes (see section 1.4)



Completing the ESS Questionnaire on Canada Day with iPads (see section 1.3)

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to summarize the first phase of public consultation for Burnaby's Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS). This initial round of consultation, focused on broad and high-level engagement, was designed to raise awareness about the process and to attract input from diverse audiences and voices. Specific objectives of the consultation included seeking public comment on the proposed themes as a framework for the ESS, surveying public opinion regarding issues and opportunities, and asking participants to share ideas around a future vision of sustainability. This feedback has been incorporated, along with Steering Committee input gathered at the meeting held on 2013 June 18, to help refine the themes and to create a draft vision statement for the ESS, which are both presented in this report. Public comments are also intended to be used as a "check-in" to help guide the focus and scope of the ESS in the subsequent phases of the project.

This report provides an overview of public consultation approaches and findings, which were used to draft an updated ESS Themes framework, and a proposed vision statement, for the Steering Committee's information and consideration. This document was also made available to the public after the Steering Committee meeting held on 2013 July 3.

Following the direction of the Steering Committee, the period for public response to the online questionnaire was extended until the end of August, 2013. This report has been updated accordingly, to incorporate the additional responses received.



1. Phase 1 Consultation Objectives and Approaches

The stated objectives¹ for the first phase of public consultation for the ESS include:

- **describe the city’s current environmental policies, programs, practices and initiatives;**
- familiarize the public with the process and opportunities for input;
- build trust and excitement about the value of the project and public input;
- **seek input on the scope of the city’s current approaches to environmental matters and the guiding principles proposed for the ESS process;**
- gather input on people’s goals and priorities for the future of Burnaby;
- introduce the concept of sustainability and the realities of what Burnaby’s situation is today within that context;
- **identify key environmental challenges, emerging issues, and opportunities for further review;** and
- **seek input on the proposed ESS subject areas (to be used for the future sub-committee workshops).**

The approaches used in Phase 1 Consultation, summarized in Table 1, are briefly described below.

Table 1. Phase 1 Public Consultation Approaches used in Burnaby ESS

Approach	Description
Website	www.burnaby.ca/ess-input - includes background and links to events, documents and activities
Public Information Displays	Display boards used at public events and in City Hall lobby
Questionnaire	Online questionnaire promoted via website, Facebook/Twitter, pamphlets and bookmarks, and at events on iPads
Environmental Superheroes	Family-friendly photo booth and website photo display
Vision Tree	Poster with stick-on leaves (vision statements written on leaves)
Green Map	Large airphoto map and icons for environmentally-themed places; online map
Community Engagement Volunteers	Volunteers from the community trained to assist at events

¹ These objectives were outlined in the Council Report dated 2013 May 8; bold text indicates original objectives also previously outlined in the Council report dated 2011 November 7.



1.1. Website

An enhanced project website was created to profile public consultation for the ESS, linked to the main ESS site, located at: www.burnaby.ca/ess-input. The site includes:

- A brief introduction to the ESS;
- A high-profile link to the “My Green Vision” Questionnaire (see Section 1.6 of this report);
- Links to a series of one- or two-page fact sheets about the ESS;
- Links to the ESS Discussion Paper 1a (Burnaby’s Environmental Achievements) and 1b (‘What is Sustainability?’);
- Opportunities for public input (timeline at-a-glance);
- A link to “Environmental Superheroes” on a separate webpage (see Section 1.3 of this report); and
- Current and upcoming public consultation events.

1.2. Public Information Displays



Information panels were created and displayed at public events and in the main lobby of Burnaby City Hall. The panels were intended to be graphically engaging and to present the information in an accessible and succinct manner.

They include:

- **Introduction – What is the ESS?** *A brief summary of the intent for the project and how it ties in with the Social and Economic Strategies.*



- **What is Sustainability?** *Definitions and the concept of sustainability modeled on natural systems (i.e. closed-loop vs. open/linear).*
- **What are We Doing?** *Examples of Burnaby initiatives in six areas of environmental sustainability.*
- **Proposed ESS Themes** - *The nine proposed themes for structuring the ESS, represented as nine petals of a flower: Green, Move, Build, Flow, Breathe, Conserve, Manage, Live, Thrive.*
- **Get Involved!** *A list of ways citizens can become engaged in the project.*

1.3. “My Green Vision” Questionnaire

An online questionnaire was developed, and promoted through the website, at events, and through social media (Facebook and Twitter). The questionnaire was open to the public between May 23 and August 31, and contained the following:

- Introduction and background to the project;
- Special places (*Tell us about up to three places you love in Burnaby, and why*);
- ESS Themes (*Tell us how you feel about the nine themes proposed as the framework of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy; ‘1’ is ‘not important’ and ‘5’ is ‘very important’*).
- Environmental Concerns/Challenges;
- Environmental Opportunities;
- Sustainability Vision (*What is your vision for a more sustainable Burnaby?*).



In addition to providing the questionnaire online, linked from the ESS Consultation website, questionnaires on iPads were used by staff and volunteers at several public events. This ‘roaming’ questionnaire method proved to be highly effective, as it was easy for people to complete the questionnaire and allowed them to talk directly with project team members.

As requested by the ESS Steering Committee, the questionnaire remained active until the end of August, 2013. This report has been updated to incorporate additional comments received between July 1 and August 31.



358 questionnaires were completed between May 23 and August 31.

1.4. Environmental Superheroes

The “Environmental Superheroes” engagement activity was undertaken at several public events. It entailed inviting members of the public to share things they do to protect the environment (at home, work, school or elsewhere), and to be recognized by having their photo and actions shared on the public website to help inspire others. Some examples included recycling, taking transit/biking/walking, composting, growing food, and being out in nature. The “superheroes” theme added fun, where people could dress up (capes, masks and other accessories were provided), and especially attracted children. The activity offered an opportunity for staff to engage people, talk to the public about the ESS, and encourage them to complete the questionnaire.



152 people are profiled as Environmental Superheroes on the City’s website.



1.5. Vision Tree

The “Vision Tree” activity was undertaken at the Environment Festival held in the courtyard of City Hall on June 8th. A graphic of a bare tree was printed on a 4’ x 7’ banner, and members of the public were invited to write their “vision” for environmental sustainability in Burnaby on a leaf sticker, which they then placed on the tree. The Vision Tree was later displayed, along with the information displays, in the main lobby of City Hall.

78 “leaves” were placed on the Vision Tree on June 8th



1.6. Green Map

The Green Map activity was undertaken at the Environment Festival held in the courtyard of City Hall on June 8th. It involved using a set of map icons, methods and an online application developed by the Green Map System™, an organization that provides support to local groups and cities, resulting in the production of hundreds of unique but similar green maps around the world.



A large (10' by 13') airphoto map of Burnaby was printed on banner material and laid on the ground. Members of the public were invited to identify special places related to environmental sustainability and to map them using pre-made icon stickers. Information about each site was recorded by staff, and the icon/location/information was simultaneously entered into an online version of the map using a Google Maps interface. Icons were grouped into three themes:

- **Nature** – including places that provide various types of habitat, recreation opportunities, views and gardens.
- **Sustainable Living** – including places that provide local food, active transportation, green buildings, and concerns/challenges.
- **Culture and Society** – including places that provide opportunities for gathering and fun, art and holistic health.

The activity was highly popular and appealed to all ages. It provided an opportunity for people to engage with the project team in a positive way, to learn about features and sites in the community, and to discuss questions or concerns.

Staff are considering opportunities for further use of the map, including:

- Undertaking additional workshops with the general public, youth, students and community stakeholders, to identify additional places of interest and as an engagement activity for raising awareness of the ESS, as time and staff resources permit.
- Working with the Burnaby Board of Trade (BBOT) to map businesses that have taken the BBOT's sustainability pledge.



- Adding City sites to the map (e.g. 'green' City buildings, recycling centres, ecosystem restoration projects), to raise awareness of City initiatives and facilities/services.
- Adding key private developments to the site that have undertaken significant sustainability initiatives (e.g. 'green' buildings, renewable energy, ecosystem restoration).

These opportunities will be investigated, with the view to produce a public version of the map in printed and online/interactive formats, in order to further promote Burnaby's environmental features and opportunities.

87 icons were placed on the Green Map on June 8th.

1.7. Community Engagement Volunteers

As described in the ESS Steering Committee Discussion Paper No. 2, and in the Council Report dated 2013 May 8, Community Engagement Volunteers were deployed to assist staff with public outreach at several of the events. Volunteers were recruited with online notices and targeted email to existing community groups and networks, and once selected, were provided with training by staff prior to the events. They provided assistance with various activities including the Green Map, Vision Tree, and roaming questionnaires on iPads at public events. This assistance allowed the project team to expand the reach of the consultation to more individuals, and provided opportunities for the volunteers to be involved in the community and to gain relevant experience.



2. Public Engagement Events

Consultation for the ESS was undertaken at six public events, with varying activities depending on the event, as listed below.

		Info Displays	Questionnaires	Superheroes	Green Map	Vision Tree
May 28 th	Victoria Day			✓		
June 1 st	Hats Off Day	✓	✓	✓		
June 8 th	Enviro Fest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
June 15 th	Farmers	✓	✓			
June 22 nd	Multi Cultural	✓	✓	✓		
June 30 th	Crystal Mall	✓	✓			
July 1 st	Canada Day	✓	✓			

3. Key Findings

In general, the public consultation revealed broad interest and support for environmental protection, restoration, and related sustainability initiatives. Respondents also stated a strong desire for more information, education and involvement, demonstrating a willingness to take an active part in Burnaby's sustainability initiatives.

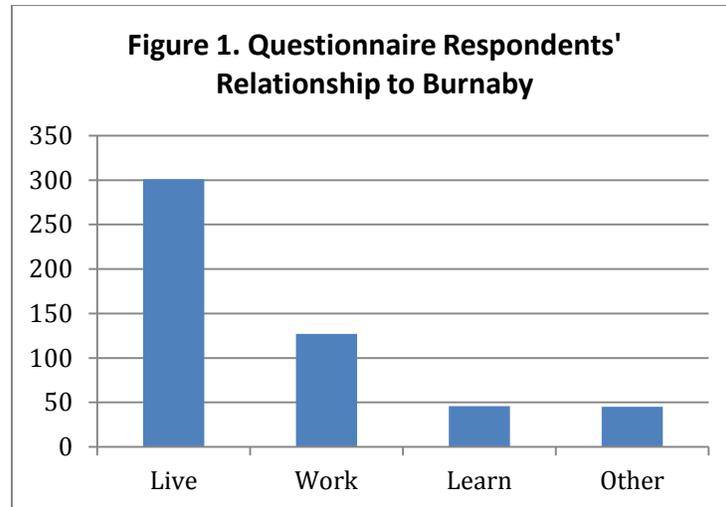
The large majority of questionnaires were completed at the public engagement events, as listed below. Only one of these events had an environmental theme, therefore the responses are thought to be generally representative of the population.

Table 2. Number of questionnaires completed, by event (Victoria Day is not included as the questionnaire was not yet available)

Hats Off Day	Enviro Fest	Farmers Market	Multi Cultural	Crystal Mall	Canada Day	Between events
60	60	17	25	41	34	80

The large majority of respondents live, work or go to school in Burnaby, with the remainder visiting Burnaby for reasons such as recreation and shopping, as shown in Figure 1.





In order to analyse the open-ended questionnaire responses, such as those asking about vision, challenges and opportunities, common thematic categories were created that corresponded to the main issues of the responses, and responses were assigned to one or more categories. In addition, a “word cloud” was created (using an online application), showing the most commonly used words or phrases in larger font, using vision statement comments from the public questionnaire. The results of this analysis, and selected statements, are shown in Appendix A. The additional questionnaire responses received between July 1 and August 31 were consistent with these findings, and several statements were added to Appendix A.

The following general statements highlight a few key findings:

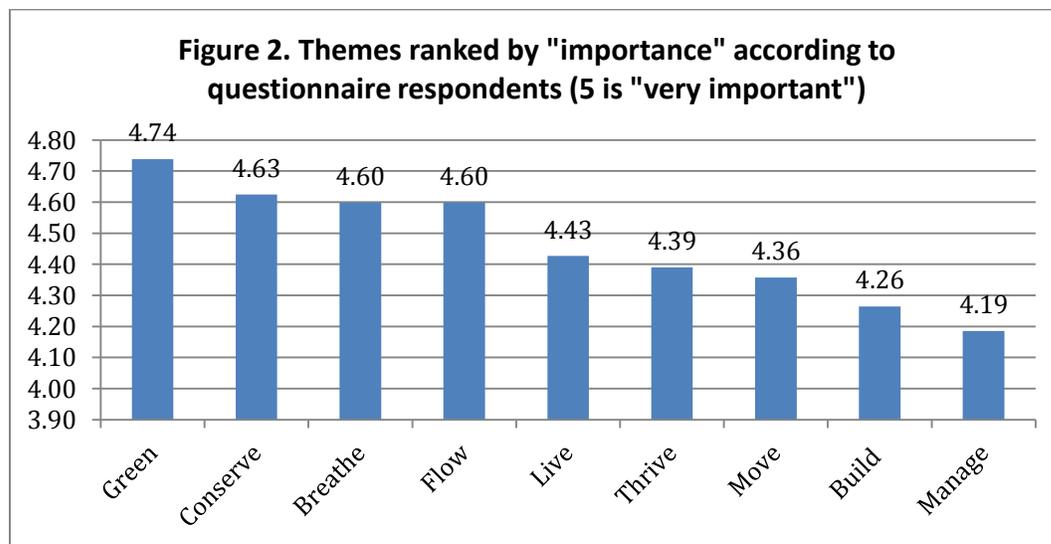
- Protection and enhancement of **green-space** is a key priority, ranking among the top two in Vision, Challenges and Opportunities;
- **Waste reduction and management** is the top-ranking priority in both Challenges and Opportunities;
- **Development**-related issues (planning, land use, density, housing, etc.) rank among the top five issues in Vision, Challenges and Opportunities.
- **Transportation** is an important issue in Vision and Challenges (including reducing cars/traffic, and improving transit, walkability and bike routes).
- **Pipelines, air quality and fossil fuels** represent a key Concern.
- **Local food production** is a key Opportunity.
- A number of other issues and specific suggestions were also noted (refer to Appendix A).



4. Themes

The proposed framework for ESS Themes was outlined in the Council Report dated 2013 May 8, and was included in public consultation materials including the questionnaire, displays and brochures. The questionnaire also surveyed issues, concerns and opportunities among the public, allowing a check-in to ensure the themes and topics framework captured these issues.

As noted above, the “My Green Vision” Questionnaire asked people to rate how important each theme was to them, on a scale of one to five (with five being most important). The purpose of this exercise was not to prioritize themes – many people ranked themes equally – rather, to ensure the themes represent issues that are important to the public, and that no important themes were ‘missed’. On average, none of the themes was rated less than 4, and several were rated very closely, indicating that all themes were felt to be important to most people. The scores of the themes are shown in Figure 5 below.



Generally, there were no major concerns raised with the overall framework, as a basis for structuring the ESS. However, as a result of the comments received, the following minor modifications are proposed to enhance the themes and topics framework:

- Enhancing the theme “Live” to be more broad and inclusive, by adding social/cultural experiences, safety and shelter as components of health and wellness. *These changes respond to public comments that raised these issues as important challenges and opportunities.*
- Re-naming the theme “Thrive” to “Prosper” and removing ‘health’ from this theme (as it is already noted in “Live”), in order to focus more explicitly on the economy,



(from a holistic perspective), and adding equity. *These changes respond to comments from the public requesting more clarity for this theme.*

- Adding the theme “Nourish”, to make 10 themes instead of nine. This theme addresses food systems (e.g. farming, food security). *This change responds to a number of public comments received suggesting food systems were not adequately addressed or given high enough profile in the existing framework.*
- Including “Integration” as a linking “theme”. In the revised version of the petal diagram, it is proposed to be represented as the centre of the flower. *This addresses public comments requesting assurance that the City would work to eliminate “silos”, improve efficiency, and ensure adequate implementation of actions arising from the themes.*

The revised themes are shown below as a table (with key additions highlighted) and a flower diagram.

Table 2. Proposed (Updated) Matrix for ESS Themes

Theme (Petal)	Topic
Live <i>Health, wellness and land use</i>	Health and wellness Safety Shelter (housing) Land use planning and development; “place-making” Urban design and streetscape Recreation, play Social and cultural experiences
Move <i>Transportation</i>	Active modes – walking, cycling, transit Transportation demand management Transportation supply (choices) Street patterns & connectivity
Green <i>Greenspace and habitat</i>	Biodiversity Ecosystem management Environmentally sensitive areas Ecosystem stewardship Parks and open space planning and management Urban agriculture Urban forest
Build <i>Buildings & Energy</i>	Energy efficient, healthy and ‘regenerative’ buildings Energy conservation Alternative energy District energy



Theme (Petal)	Topic
Flow <i>Water management</i>	Drinking water Stream protection and enhancement Water conservation and re-use Water quality (receiving waters) Watershed and rainwater management Recreational use Marine and estuary shorelines
Conserve <i>Resource and Waste management</i>	Reducing consumption Composting Recycling Waste reduction and management
Breathe <i>Climate change and air quality</i>	Air quality Climate change planning (mitigation and adaptation)
Prosper <i>Holistic prosperity, equity & green economy</i>	Holistic prosperity Equity Green economy
Manage <i>Governance, Community Partnership & Education</i>	Corporate (City) sustainability Regulations and policies Partnerships Public awareness, involvement & participation Education and communication
Nourish <i>Food systems</i>	Food production, transportation and distribution Urban agriculture, community gardens Agricultural practices Personal nutrition and access to food

Integration – centre part of the flower: Integration of the various themes, ensuring synergistic benefits and efficient use of resources.





Figure 3. Proposed Revised ESS Themes



5. Conclusion and Next Steps

The first phase of public consultation on Burnaby's ESS has been completed. Public feedback was received through a number of formats and at seven public events held between late May and early July. Public consultation results indicated that there is a high level of interest and awareness on the part of the public, including people who did not seek out the ESS questionnaire, in protecting and regenerating the health of the environment, and improving general livability of the community.

Comments received from the public were used to:

- Generally ensure the ESS is focusing on issues of importance to the community;
- Make some changes and improvements to the proposed ESS Themes; and
- Inform a proposed vision statement, which has been provided to the Steering Committee for consideration. Upon further refinement and review and as approved by the Steering Committee, a draft vision statement for the ESS will be made available to the public for comment.

Feedback from the Phase 1 Public Consultation will also be brought forward to the ESS Sub-Committees, to be formed based on the various theme areas.

As suggested by the Steering Committee, the ESS Questionnaire will be left open over the summer, allowing additional public input, and will be further promoted through social media. In addition, the Project Team will pursue outreach presentations, to build project awareness and receive additional input, as opportunities present themselves and as resources allow. Any additional input received will be summarized for the Steering Committee's information and consideration.

Next Steps include the following:

- Summer 2013
 - announcements for sub-committee workshops.
 - further comments from Steering Committee on draft vision statement, as required.
- Fall 2013
 - sub-committee workshops
 - Phase 2 public consultation
 - Steering Committee Meeting No. 5



APPENDIX A – KEY RESULTS FROM ESS QUESTIONNAIRE



Figure 4. ESS Vision - Public Responses (Questionnaire and Vision Tree) by Category

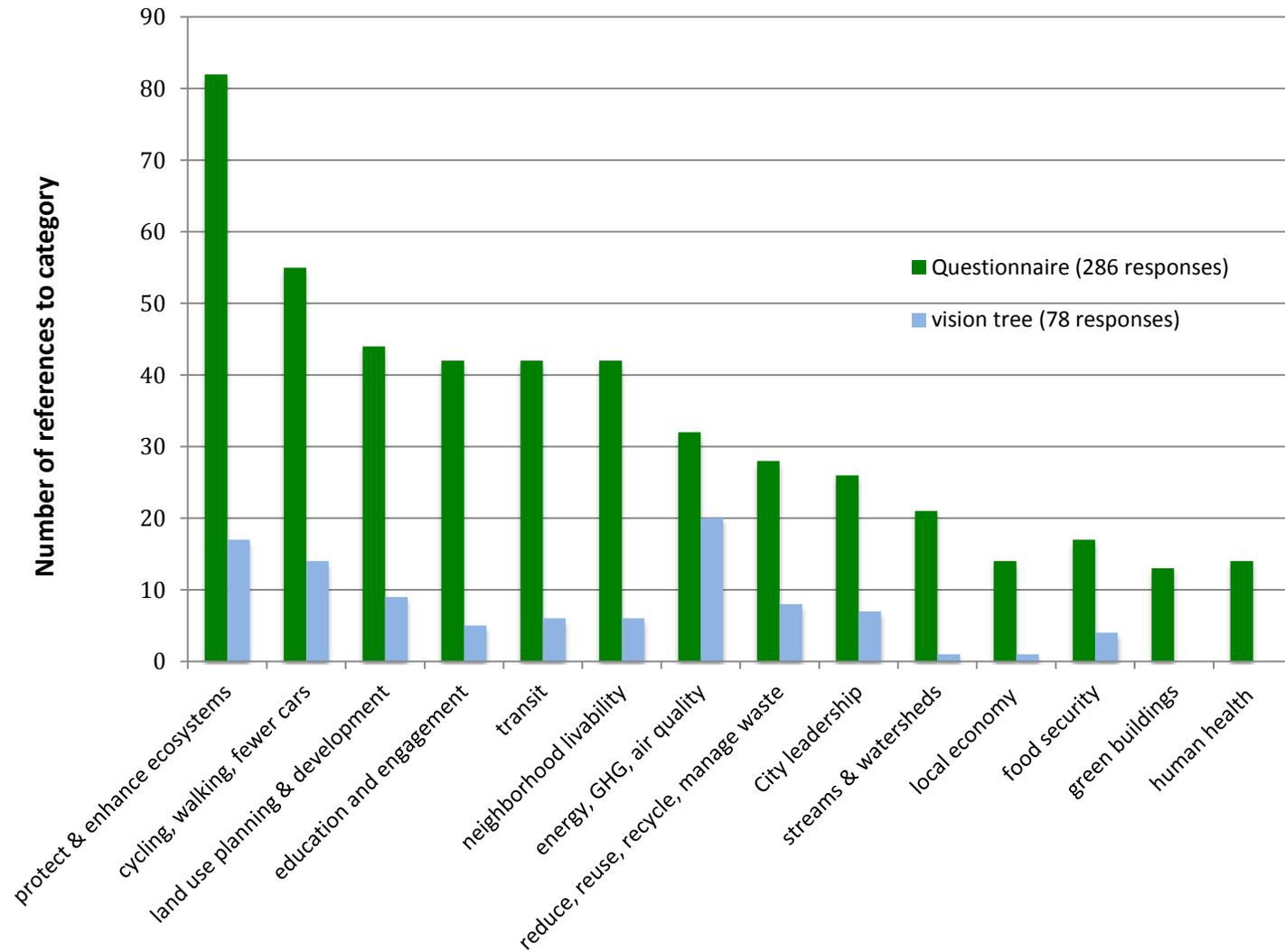


Figure 5. ESS Challenges / Concerns, from Public Questionnaire

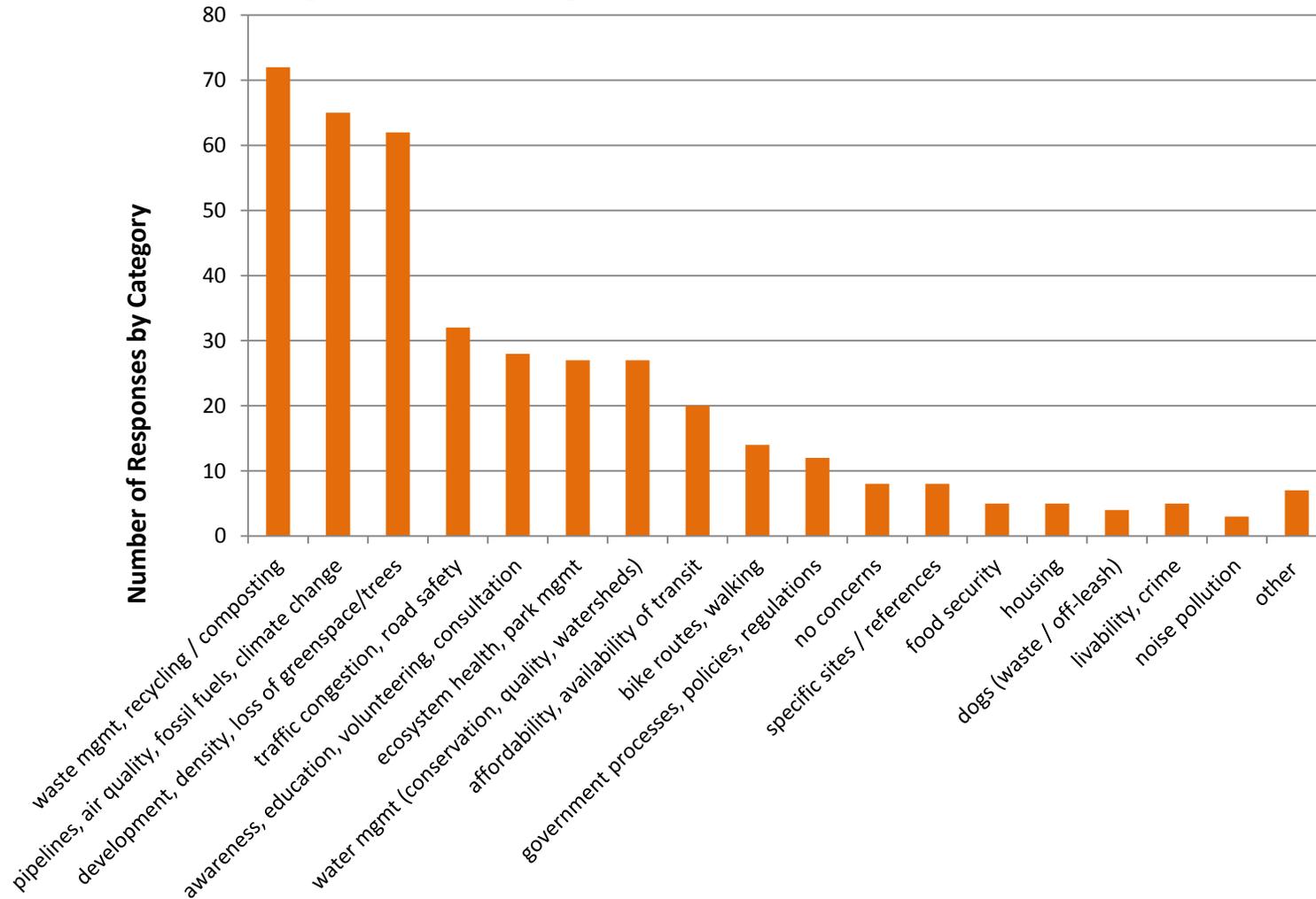
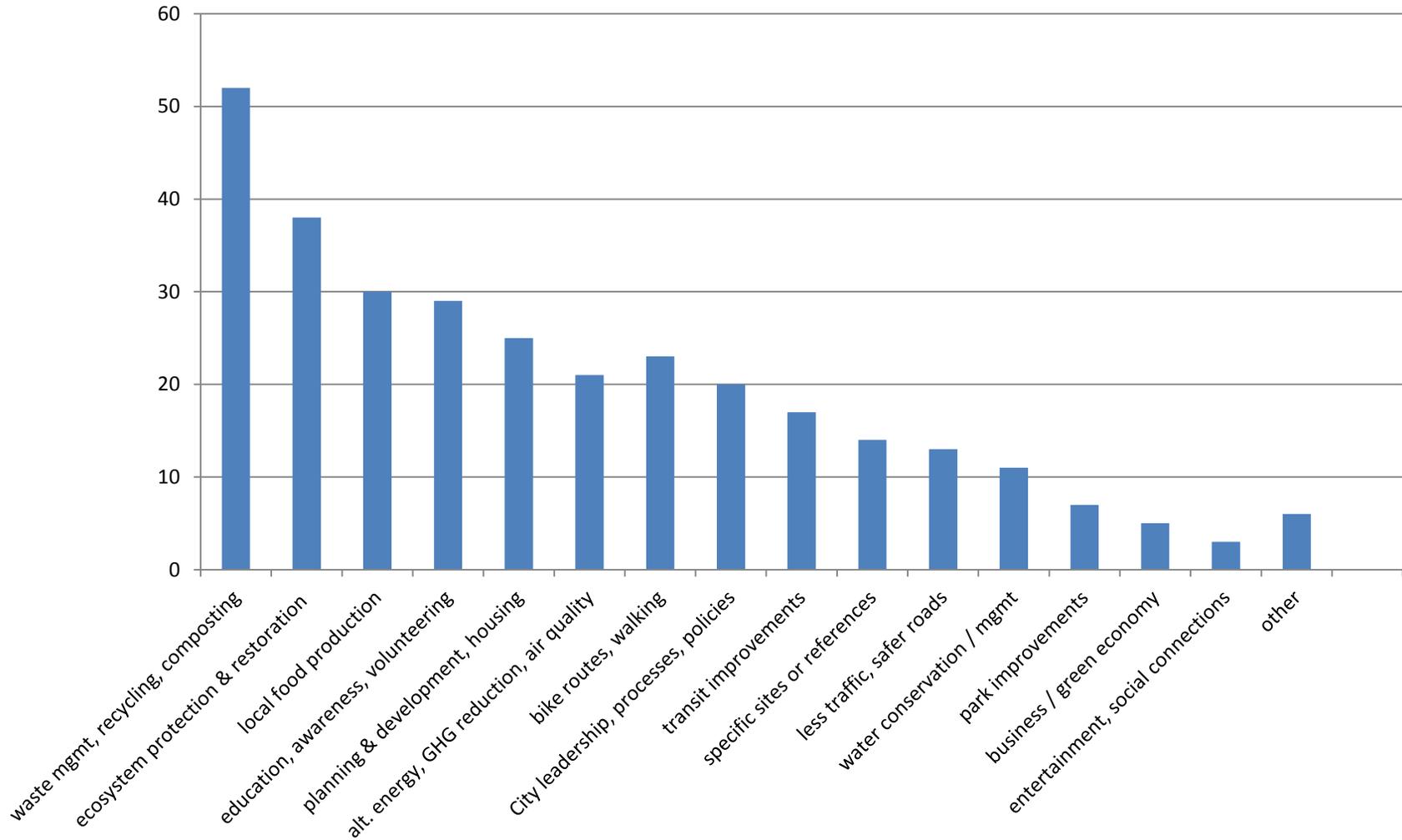


Figure 6. ESS Opportunities, from Public Questionnaire



Sample vision statements from questionnaire:

- Expanding protected green space for people, flora and fauna.
- An integrated community with increased awareness and use of latest best practices to reduce run-off, encourage Net Zero municipal buildings and infrastructure systems.
- One integrated with nature and having minimal impact on the environment. A healthy, vibrant and inclusive community we can be proud to pass to our children and grandchildren.
- Improved air & water quality. Improved public transportation. More green space and more livable neighbourhoods.
- A vibrant community aware of its obligations and roles in promoting resource conservation to increase the happiness and health of its citizens.
- A quieter more livable Burnaby where people can work, live and play within their community.
- I would like to live in a city with natural green, natural and protected streams, where we try to contain our emissions and use and promote more green energy and ways to move.
- A city where a lot of people can live and work in sustainable industries; a city that is bike and walk friendly; a city that has a sustainable waste management; a city that promotes reduction of waste and energy consumption; a city that is independent from fossil fuels.
- To see the city more engaged with the people around them, to see a city where transit is used more and there are more local solutions for fun instead having to go to downtown Vancouver.
- A more walkable transit enhanced city with lots of natural not cultivated green space.
- More developed local food infrastructure, less cars, more green buildings.
- an eco-friendly, very livable city that promotes measure that help to preserve the environment and ecosystem. Alternative energy sources can be explored and promoted.
- Zero-waste (or as close as we can get to it) and climate change action.
- A place where we can live with nature, respect it and protect the environment that provides us with life - physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- Healthy places for people and wildlife.
- Citizens who are aware of green issues, restorative (living buildings) recover as much of the natural state as possible. Reduce impacts to zero.
- A city with many parks and green spaces, streets all lined with trees for good air; pedestrian and bike paths that are safe to use; streams that are visible and clean.



- Burnaby needs to be a lighthouse for other municipalities in the province. Doing great but can still do better.
- More livable communities where a need for transportation is minimized, you can get everything where you live.
- Maintaining and enhancing Urban Forest. Maintaining the health of streams and rivers. Ensuring connectivity of green space to allow for ecosystem fluidity and biodiversity. Educating the public on all the parts that create the whole sustainable picture.
- To see a healthy city when my grandchildren are growing up.
- A combination of housing alternatives in close proximity to parks and greenspace, where trees, streams, and wildlife are appreciated and protected.
- Preserve green space, support public sustainable transportation, ensure a high level of recycling, re-using on the part of business and residents. Commit to targets and stick with it.
- Increase density in current dense areas and preserve our current green spaces. Maintain a wide development corridor around lakes and streams.
- A network of "green streets" and pedestrian/cyclist paths that forms a grid of connections across the entire city and makes walking and cycling attractive to all types of user.
- More co-op housing and community living, affordable community housing; more bike paths, less fossil fuel use; the City uses alternative energy (e.g. solar) in city facilities, shows leadership.
- Lots of meadows, more parks and animal habitat, less gasoline powered vehicles.
- Continued protection of green space, reduction of single occupancy vehicles, walkable communities and expanded cycling and transit opportunities as we grow into our high density plans.
- A city that is healthy, and takes specific action to help reduce its emissions and negative effects on the environment.
- Clean Air, Clean water. Energy efficient homes and businesses. Zero waste from homes and business. Net Zero buildings receiving tax bonuses. Healthy Residents. Locally grown produce on rooftops.



Sample concerns/challenges from questionnaire:

- Pipeline expansion and the Gateway project. Both huge steps backwards.
- Fragmentation (eg highways) hard to bike around.
- Public transportation not accessible for everyone. Air pollution is a major concern and therefore with better transit we would lower our contributions of pollution.
- I feel that people are not aware of the programs available and how to make simple changes to become more environmentally friendly.
- Concern about pipeline expansion. understand there is still a reliance on oil.
- I love the commitment that Burnaby has in regards to preserving and creating liveable green spaces. Would like to ensure that we... protect wildlife habitats/ecosystems when looking at city development and expansions.
- Wild habitats are getting replaced by human habitats and population density is increasing.
- Will you have enough staff to handle these wonderful initiatives to the extent that they should be fulfilled? I hope so! This sounds like a great plan for the future.
- I feel Burnaby is very car-centric. Communities are not connected. The freeway acts like a huge cut to our community.
- My main concern is that of impervious surfaces. New houses are built and most of the area not covered by the buildings is asphalted. Runoff to the storm drains and creeks is rapid giving no replenishment of ground water.
- Water consumption and use.
- I see too much building and natural habitat loss (eventually compensated with some "domesticated" green). In many parks the "green" is just grass with few lonely trees. Need more native plants and natural patterns.
- Invasive plants, water conservation, more education, grow food not lawn.
- Peak oil. The availability of future oil supplies is constrained, and this has substantial implications for transport. We must shift to non-fossil fuel based vehicles, with a primary focus on walking, cycling, and transit. Freight movement must also be shifted to rail.
- Need more education about reducing waste. For commercial waste too, businesses are not limited in the waste they can throw out, like residences are. Consider using alternative waste systems like bio waste.
- I live in a condo and I find it very frustrating that I can't compost. It would be lovely if multi-family buildings were REQUIRED to have compost bins.



- Very concerned with homes being built whose lots are entirely paved. What will happen to rainwater? With houses this large there is no room for greenery.
- I am concerned about the amount of building/population growth/density in Burnaby/increase in traffic. It's getting crowded and less easy to find quiet park space to "get away" within the city.
- More buildings being constructed. How will we serve the growing population.
- Minimization of greenhouse gas in Burnaby.
- People cut down big trees while they rebuild their house.
- Water pollution of local streams/lakes/rivers.
- Local Governments need to put pressure on federal/provincial government to focus on sustainability, incentives for green buildings etc.
- Highways and traffic air quality.
- I think the most important challenge is to work to eliminate the use of fossil fuels.
- How do we manage our wild animals, including fish. Greenspaces aren't always good for wild animals.
- Recycling get better at it, composting, water.
- Getting people to compost. I don't think people know a lot about putting food scraps in yard waste.
- I think Burnaby City Hall needs a better transportation management plan for its employees. Currently, the free parking for staff encourages commutes by vehicle. The subsidized transit pass is a start, but more can be done to encourage staff to walk, bike, take transit and car pool. Staff need to be leaders in alternative transportation.
- Invasive plants are widespread in the forested area.
- Reducing driving and gas consumption is very difficult when there are few sensible alternatives available. An important way to fix this would be to increase the effectiveness of the transit system.



Sample opportunities from questionnaire:

- Promote regional food, local farming using organic or permaculture methods.
- I'd like to see more solar power. I'd like to see slower speed limits to encourage public safety and less carbon emissions.
- allowing more volunteer groups to assist with removal of invasives, help get volunteer groups together in neighbours to keep their own areas clean and clear of these weeds.
- Recycling, composting, gardening, educating, transit, buying local.
- Implementing yard waste bins for apartments and condos. Education on proper recycling habits for immigrants.
- Increased educational programs in elementary, high school and universities. Increased integration of local businesses with sustainable practices. Initiation of a food scraps recycling program at apartment buildings.
- Solar hot water panels, ride bike.
- Encourage more LEED certified buildings, eco-rebates, etc
- Increase the availability of electric car charging stations and encouragement for their use, for example reduced parking rates, priority roads/lanes etc.
- More back yard gardens & at schools; get in touch with Fresh Roots Urban; partnering better with farmers markets & lowering barriers to entry. Promote the community centres!! So much good there. Online resource that consolidates all the sustainability areas available in the city - like google maps interface to show all the sustainable local green certified places. ie google maps farmers markets or 100 mile & get relevant businesses.
- I am really interested in daylighting streams.
- When I was a child there was a program called Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute. I think we need to have another campaign that really emphasizes the importance of our actions and the negative impact on the beauty of our city with actions such as throwing garbage/cigarette butts etc. on the ground. Can we get more garbage bins around that have recycling/food scraps/garbage sections in them?
- Compost and recycling.
- Burnaby needs improved North-South linkages for pedestrians and bicycles which are car-free and attractive for all types of abilities.
- Water metering, more strict in sprinkling monitoring. More frequent bus service.
- Community grants programs and other incentives to create community gardens e.g. George McLean park near where we live.



- Green building practices, alternative energy, should be mandated, roadways and infrastructure should all be green. Urban farming, rooftop farms, high rises with vertical farms, mandate food production in all development.
- Plant more trees.
- Enhancing waterways and reservoirs.
- Planting fruit trees
- Promote green sustainability to newer immigrants and foreigners.
- More green space especially in areas like Metrotown and Lougheed. Higher density living needs higher green space within the high density areas.
- Enforceable tree bylaws, compulsory green space in new builds, and I would like to see more grey water recycling.
- Set up more sites to collect the highly polluted waste (ie battery, energy saving bulb).
- I'm a house owner and want to know and get involved to use solar energy to zero my hydro bill. Do you have any seminar or talk for these, and of course, incentive to get people going...
- City Composting. Increased public garden plots and changing grass areas to plants. Developments of multifamily housing that includes greenspace and common areas.
- Pay attention to invasive species. Pick up garbage on the streets.
- Expand recycling program to include more garbage. Plant more trees, plant them everywhere!
- Composting, water consumption, being aware of food.
- Rain gardens are a good opportunity, as long as there is not too much concrete involved! Also bodies of water like ponds in the parks, where possible, and no concrete involved.
- Rooftop gardens, community gardens, but not located close to busy streets or parking lots.
- Teaching kids at school in a playful way at classroom study how to grow plant, save water, food & electricity and encourage them to think & prepare projects is a very successful strategy in NZ.
- Off street bike routes so bikers don't have to compete with traffic.
- Reducing carbon footprint, ride bike, composting, recycle, transit.
- Community Gardens Increasing density in our neighborhoods (laneway housing etc) and rezoning RS-1 homes to allow seniors to modify their homes for increased density as a means of encouraging an affordable way to retire without moving out of the neighborhood.
- The city of Burnaby should try to get the youth involved as much as possible.

