



Burnaby's Transportation Plan is intended to make the city's transportation system safer, more sustainable and reduce overall congestion.

## BUILDING A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR ALL



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

#### How do you get around Burnaby?

Do you drive most of the time? Or maybe you take transit to get to work, and drive on weekends to do errands or explore the city. Or perhaps you cycle everywhere and walk for the short trips.

Everyone travels in their own way.

That's why it's important that we build a system that works for all. The City is currently updating its Transportation Plan, and there couldn't be a better time to do it. The transportation system of Burnaby's future will be one that helps us become a carbon neutral city. In 2021, we will also finalize a new housing strategy that will incorporate new ways of building homes and communities that will help us achieve our climate action goals.

This year, we will be reaching out to residents to finalize these important plans. It is no secret that 2020 was a difficult year. I believe 2021 will be a year of great progress on issues that matter to all of us.

-Mayor Mike Hurley

**The City of Burnaby is working with the community to create an updated Burnaby Transportation Plan that responds to how we live today and how we want to live in the future as the city grows.**

The plan includes three key targets that will guide how we design our transportation system:

- » Vision Zero: Zero fatalities or injuries on our road system
- » Mode Split: 75% of trips by sustainable modes by 2050
- » Zero Emissions: Zero emissions from transportation by 2050

#### Vision Zero

Vision Zero puts a priority on safety. Historically, cities put vehicle traffic first and have tolerated the fact this puts others at risk. Vision Zero turns this concept around, putting people first. With Vision Zero, roads, sidewalks and paths are designed in a way that is safer for everyone. Where necessary, speeds are reduced. The goal is to have no injuries or lives lost.

#### Mode Split

Making it safer to travel in our neighbourhoods will help us achieve the second target in the Transportation Plan — Mode Split. This is about getting more people walking, cycling and taking transit, and driving less.

The Metro Vancouver region is set to grow by about a million residents in the next 30 years, and many of those people will settle in Burnaby. The Mode Split target is to have 75% of all trips in our city to be active and sustainable modes of transportation by 2050. By doing so, it will be easier for everyone to move around, no matter what their mode of travel.

#### Zero Emissions

The final target, Zero Emissions, will be achieved through a number of different actions. Today, Burnaby's transportation system is a significant contributor to carbon emissions. By 2050, Burnaby will become carbon neutral through efforts such as building complete communities, having more people walk, cycle or take transit, and supporting the transition to electric and zero emission vehicles.

The update of the Burnaby Transportation Plan supports Burnaby's commitment to address climate change as set out in **This is Climate Action**, a framework developed to guide how the City will put into action its commitment to be "carbon neutral" (no longer contributing to the carbon emissions that accelerate climate change) by 2050.

This year, the City will reach out to the community for input on the actions and implementation strategy required to achieve the targets set out in the plan.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### City of Burnaby COVID-19 Information

- » Web: [burnaby.ca/covid19](https://burnaby.ca/covid19)
- » Call Centre: 604-294-7878
- » Email: [covid19@burnaby.ca](mailto:covid19@burnaby.ca)

### Health Information

- » Self-Assessment tool: [Covid19.thrive.health](https://covid19.thrive.health)
- » BC Centre for Disease Control: [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca)
- » Fraser Health Authority: [fraserhealth.ca](https://fraserhealth.ca)

### Community Resources during COVID-19

- » For information on community supports (e.g., food, grocery delivery, support with technology, mental health concerns, and more) dial 2-1-1 or visit [bc211.ca](https://bc211.ca)
- » For Burnaby-specific health and community support information, visit the Burnaby Primary Care Networks website at [burnabycoronavirus.com/](https://burnabycoronavirus.com/) social-supports or call the Burnaby Public Library at 604-436-5400.





## BURNABY'S PUBLIC CHARGING NETWORK CONTINUES TO GROW

The City of Burnaby added 12 new electric vehicle charging stalls throughout the community in 2020, to make it easier for residents to transition to zero emission vehicles and help the City achieve its climate action targets. The City has now installed 26 charging stalls across Burnaby, with more to come in 2021.

**EV charging stalls are available at the following locations:**

- » Bob Prittie Metrotown Library (4 stalls)
- » Bonsor Recreation Complex (4)
- » Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West (2)
- » Shadbolt Centre for the Arts (2)
- » Edmonds Community Centre (4)
- » McGill Library (2)
- » City Hall (2)
- » Bill Copeland Sports Centre (2)
- » Central Park Tennis Courts (2)
- » Riverway Golf Course (2)

All City-owned stalls operate on a pay-per-charge basis, plus applicable parking meter rates (\$2 per hour between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., \$1 per hour from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.). The availability of the stalls can be found by downloading the ChargePoint mobile app.

Helping the community transition to electric vehicles is a City priority. The City of Burnaby is one of the first communities in B.C. to require all new residential parking spaces to be equipped with an energized outlet for electric vehicle charging. Supporting the move to electric vehicles will help reduce transportation-related emissions, currently one of the largest sources of carbon emissions in Burnaby by sector, and move us closer to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

**To learn more, visit [burnaby.ca/EV](https://burnaby.ca/EV)**



*A pedestrian overpass, similar to this one near Sperling SkyTrain Station, will be built over Highway 1.*

## BUILDING NEW FACILITIES FOR A GROWING CITY

The City of Burnaby is moving quickly to build outstanding new facilities to serve the community for many years to come.

In the rapidly growing town centres of Brentwood and Lougheed, new recreation centres are being planned. At Lougheed, this includes a new Cameron Recreation Complex featuring aquatic facilities and a new library.

To improve north-south walking and cycling connections, a new pedestrian overpass over Highway 1 will connect the Deer Lake and Burnaby Lake areas. This will make it easier and safer to travel across the city using active transportation.

At Burnaby Lake, CG Brown Pool and Burnaby Lake Arena will be replaced.

The new Burnaby Lake Sports Complex will feature an NHL-sized ice rink, and pools for recreation, competition and leisure. The aquatic facility will include spectator seats for large-scale competitions, as well as multi-purpose rooms, a concession and a sports hall of fame display. It will be a spectacular facility for residents all across Burnaby.

In Edmonds, construction of South Burnaby Arena is well underway. Its two NHL-sized ice sheets will provide an important amenity for recreation and competitive activities in the neighbourhood. Expected completion is 2022.

The City is also entering the final phase of the replacement of the

Laurel Street Works Yard. This will ensure effective and efficient delivery of public works and infrastructure services as our city grows. At Burnaby Mountain, a new Fire Station will be built in the coming years to provide an important safety service for the growing UniverCity community.

All new facilities will be built with the City's climate action commitments in mind. As much as possible, carbon emissions will be eliminated or minimized. Construction will incorporate sustainable construction practices and methods.

## HELPING EVERYONE IN BURNABY FIND A HOME

The City of Burnaby will soon release a draft policy framework to deliver on the vision of a community where everyone can find a home, afford a home and feel at home.

Over the last two years, residents have benefitted from a new approach to housing that has made Burnaby a leader in Canada. This includes an innovative new program to implement rental-only zoning, an updated comprehensive Tenant Assistance Policy, and recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing that takes into account feedback received from the *Your Voice. Your Home.* process, which engaged a record number of Burnaby residents.

*HOME: Burnaby's Housing and Homeless Strategy* will build on that momentum, and guide the City's actions on housing and homelessness for the next decade.

The strategy will address challenges across the entire housing system to reduce homelessness, create livable neighbourhoods and diversify the types of housing available in Burnaby.

New housing actions will improve housing opportunities for people of all ages, income levels and abilities, so everyone can find a home.

In 2020, City staff gathered input from residents and stakeholder groups to develop the draft HOME strategy. The strategy envisions a Burnaby that delivers on five key goals:

- » Inclusive and livable neighbourhoods;
- » Options for secure tenure;
- » A renter-friendly community;
- » A healthy supply of non-market housing; and
- » A place where homelessness is rare, brief and one time



In addition to input received from residents, the draft strategy is informed by a Housing Needs Report. This report details the current state of housing in Burnaby, and projects housing and affordability needs for current and future residents as the city grows.

In early 2021, the community will be given the opportunity to have their say on the draft strategy.



# BURNABY PUTTING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN INTO ACTION

In 2020, Burnaby introduced its first comprehensive Community Safety Plan and initiatives in the plan are already contributing to a safer city.

The plan provides a framework to deliver on the vision of Burnaby as a safe community for all by improving community safety across five key areas:

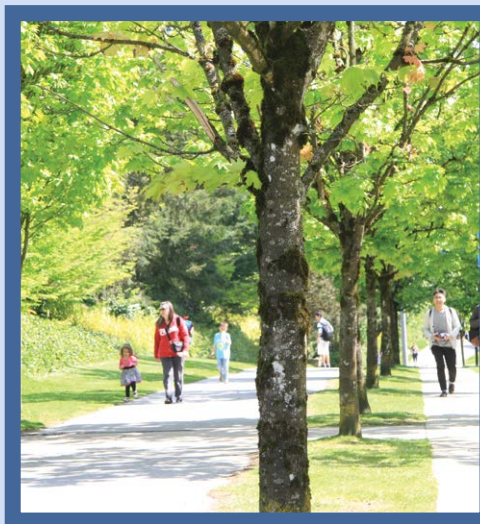
- » Community Amenity Safety
- » Crime Prevention and Reduction
- » Transportation Safety
- » Emergency Services
- » Emergency Preparedness

This approach to community safety is generating results. In the six months since the plan was approved, several new initiatives are already underway.

Last fall, in response to the opioid crisis, the City launched the Naloxone Pilot Program. The program provides public access to nasal naloxone spray in major recreation facilities and libraries for use in case of emergency. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that counters the effects of an overdose due to opioids such as morphine or heroin.

In November 2020, the City sought community feedback on a potential mass electronic notification system. This system would communicate Burnaby-specific information to the public in the event of an emergency.

Work is also well underway for the Burnaby RCMP to create a permanent



gang enforcement team to target those living high-risk lifestyles. This unit would work alongside other RCMP units and combat gang violence in the city.

The implementation of the Community Safety Plan will continue in the months and years ahead. City Council will receive a progress report once per year at a public meeting.

## TREE4FREE COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU

Property owners in Burnaby can apply now for a unique opportunity to beautify their neighbourhoods with trees at no cost through a new City program called Tree4Free.

The Tree4Free program allows property owners to apply to have City crews plant trees on the boulevard next to their home or business.

Up to 200 trees will be planted throughout the city in 2021 through Tree4Free.

Beyond making our streets more beautiful, there are other benefits to planting boulevard trees. Trees help keep our streets cooler in the summer, and will reduce storm water impacts through improved drainage.

**For more information and to apply, visit [burnaby.ca/tree4free](https://burnaby.ca/tree4free)**



*New, affordable child care centres are opening in neighbourhoods across Burnaby, thanks to the City's partnership with the School District.*

## BURNABY PARTNERSHIP DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE

More Burnaby families will benefit from having high-quality, affordable child care in their neighbourhood, thanks to a unique partnership between the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby School District.

Child care centres opened at Montecito and Capitol Hill elementary schools in fall 2020. Work is also underway at six more school sites: Marian, Marlborough, Westridge, Cascade Heights, Suncrest and Stride.

In total, 12 child care centres will be developed through the partnership with Burnaby School District. The new centres will result in a total of 445 new spaces, of

which 247 will be for children ages five and under.

Quality child care is a pressing need for many Burnaby families. These new centres are designed to be warm and welcoming spaces with a priority on:

- » Well-being and belonging of all children;
- » Physical accessibility for all children;
- » Learning through play;
- » Exploration and creativity;
- » Practices that support positive interactions among children

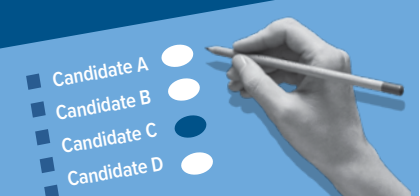
Participating in quality early childhood programs helps children be more active, social and creative. Developing more child care spaces also delivers economic benefits for the city. Child care helps parents balance school, work and family responsibilities. Providing more child care options was a key recommendation made by the Burnaby Board of Trade's Business Recovery Task Force.

As part of the partnership agreement, the School District provides the land for the centres and selects the operators. The City is responsible for the capital costs and construction of the centres.

## ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

In 2021, Burnaby residents will go to the polls to fill two vacant spots on City Council. Ensure you're ready to vote in the upcoming by-election by following the voter checklist:

- ✓ **Register to vote anytime** at [elections.bc.ca/voting/register-to-vote](https://elections.bc.ca/voting/register-to-vote)
- ✓ **Watch for the announcement of the date for the by-election** in your local newspaper, or at [burnaby.ca](https://burnaby.ca)
- ✓ **Learn more about mail-in ballots and advance voting opportunities** at [burnaby.ca/byelection](https://burnaby.ca/byelection)







# GET OUT AND EXPLORE BURNABY

From public art displays to mountain trails, there is so much to experience in Burnaby on foot. When the weather is nice, take some time to get out and enjoy everything our community has to offer. Breathing in the fresh air and staying active is a great way to improve mental health and reduce anxiety and stress. With extensive walking and hiking trails in Burnaby's vast network of parks, as well as paved pathways along the water, there are plenty of options for people of all ages and abilities in Burnaby.



## PERIMETER TRAILS AT DEER LAKE AND BURNABY LAKE

Take a leisurely stroll around beautiful Deer Lake along the perimeter loop, or tackle more distance with the 11-kilometre loop at Burnaby Lake. Both trails are well maintained and will bring you closer to nature. Be sure to obey all directional signage at Deer Lake.



## RIDE OR WALK AT FRASER FORESHORE PARK

Watch the boats pass by along the Fraser River as you enjoy the amenities at one of Burnaby's most beautiful parks. Visitors will enjoy a walk or ride along the banks of the Fraser River on an accessible, 3.9 kilometre paved pathway.



## PLAYGROUND OF THE GODS

Follow Pandora's Trail on Burnaby Mountain and you'll find yourself at a beautiful viewpoint overlooking the city. Hikers will enjoy a great view of the Playground of the Gods (Kamui Mintara). These carved wooden poles — more than a dozen in all — were created by Japanese sculptors Nuburi Toko and his son, Shusei, to commemorate the goodwill between Burnaby and its sister city, Kushiro, Japan.



## BC PARKWAY AND HIGHLAND PARK LINE

When walking or cycling on the BC Parkway and Highland Park Line Trail in Burnaby, watch out for railway tracks. Both trails were once part of a network for electric streetcars that operated in Burnaby until the 1950s. Some sections of track are still in place and serve as a reminder of the old system.

BC Parkway was home to the "Central Park Line" interurban service that transported passengers from Vancouver to New Westminster beginning in the 1890s. Its right-of-way was later used for the Expo Line of the SkyTrain.

Highland Park Line Trail follows the route of a streetcar line that began operation in 1912. While the urban trail terminates at Kingsway and Edmonds, the streetcar line continued along Edmonds and down 6th Street into New Westminster.

*Photo (Above) Margaret Thould at the Highland Park Station in 1935, where she worked the news-stand/convenience store her family owned in the station building.*

*Credit: City of Burnaby Archives. Photo ID 204-628.*



## INDIGENOUS ART TOUR

While up on Burnaby Mountain, expand your horizons and learn more about the Coast Salish territories on which SFU is situated by downloading the imesh mobile app, developed by SFU. The app provides locations and information for the publicly accessible Indigenous art located at SFU Burnaby and Burnaby Mountain Park.



## URBAN EXPLORATION IN METROTOWN

Burnaby's urban environment can be just as stunning as its natural beauty. Take the scenic tour through Burnaby's Metrotown neighbourhood and see if you can spot the numerous and varied pieces of public art situated throughout the area. To learn more, or to map out your own expedition, visit [burnaby.ca/walking](http://burnaby.ca/walking)



## HERITAGE IN THE PARK

Deer Lake Park is Burnaby's best-preserved heritage area and features a fascinating collection of Edwardian country homes and landscapes. A walking tour takes between one and two hours to complete, and a six-page companion guide with information on each of the heritage homes is available at [burnaby.ca/walking](http://burnaby.ca/walking)

## REMINDERS



- » **Utility Fees due**  
Monday, March 15, 2021
- » **Property Tax due**  
Monday, July 5, 2021
- » **Dog Licence** (Can now pay online through My Property Portal)  
Discount if paid before March 1, 2021
- » **Business Licences** Renewal fees due before licences expire March 1, 2021

## YOUR MAYOR & COUNCILLORS



From left to right: Mayor Mike Hurley, Councillor Pietro Calendino, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Councillor Dan Johnston, Councillor Colleen Jordan, Councillor Joe Keithley, and Councillor James Wang