



Be proud—We've got good reason to be



As your mayor, I sometimes get to visit communities in various parts of the country. A lot of them seem like great places to live—but I still believe there's no better place to be than Burnaby.

We've got challenges, sure. But Burnaby also has many amazing advantages and has benefited from good municipal planning and financial management. With so much turmoil in the world today, it's a

good time to reflect on the unique benefits that all of us enjoy in our city.

Three things are top of mind for me—the first being the range of different urban, economic, natural and cultural amenities that we have right here in Burnaby.

We've got neighbourhoods and housing types to suit all preferences and needs. You can work close to home, with job opportunities ranging from health and educational institutions to industrial employers, the film industry and more. And even in a region spoiled for natural beauty and cultural attractions, ours stand out—from mountaintop vistas to lakeside festival sites.

Second, we're a remarkably diverse city where people from around the world feel welcome. And we have an especially strong commitment to looking after the well-being of all residents. I'm particularly proud, for example, of the work we've done to protect renters.

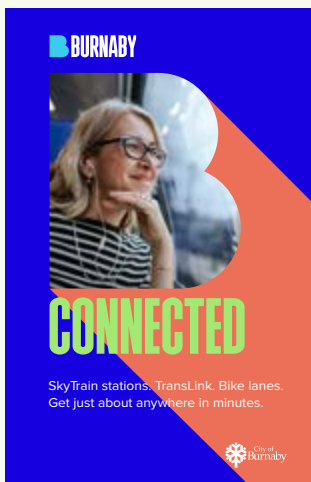
Third, your city government is making significant investments to better serve

residents and to catch up with the needs of rapid growth. On page 7 you'll find a list of safety, recreational, educational and other current capital projects that will make Burnaby even better in years to come.

To me, all of this is what makes Burnaby one of the best places to be in Canada. A place where you can be connected by convenient transit options. Where you can be together with friends and neighbours at community facilities and events. Where you can be at home in well planned neighbourhoods... and where you can be a great many other things that make life rewarding.

Please visit **BBurnaby.ca** to learn more about why—whether you're looking to make a home or build a business—Burnaby is a truly amazing place that we can all be proud of.

—Mayor Mike Hurley



Watch for our campaign celebrating all the ways Burnaby is the place to be.

Engagement: **Your voice matters**

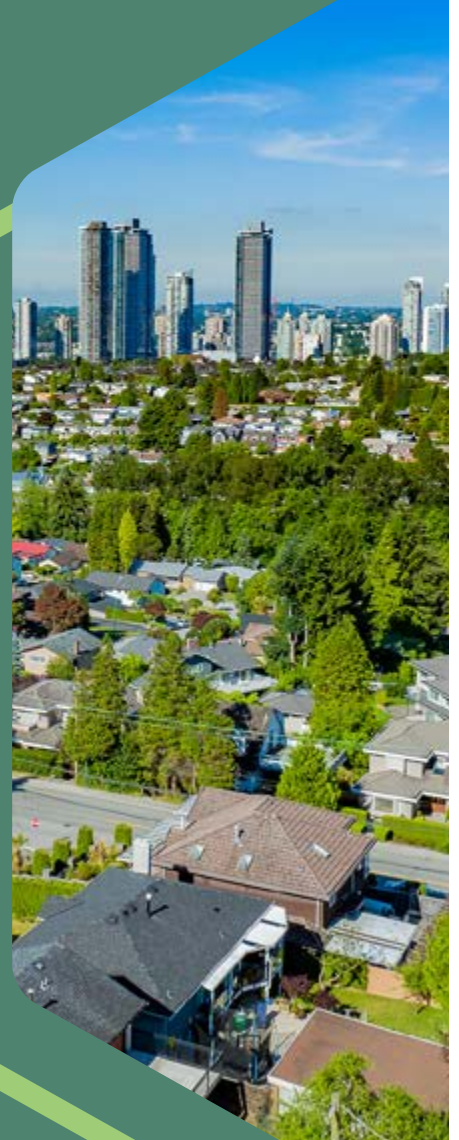
We're listening!

Public input is being sought every step of the way

Your voice has helped shape Burnaby's new Official Community Plan

At the City of Burnaby, we believe in the power of community. Burnaby's Official Community Plan (OCP), also known as Burnaby 2050, sets the long-term vision for managing the city's growth. Since its start in 2022, we've been inspired by over 30,000 public comments. We've engaged extensively with Host Nations, community partners and the public across four consultation phases.

Thank you to everyone who shared their input. Your feedback will help refine the final OCP document before it's adopted by Council later in 2025. Stay tuned and check for updates at Burnaby.ca/Burnaby2050



Upcoming **engagement opportunities**



- » **A long range plan for Parks, Recreation and Culture:** Join us this summer in shaping the future of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Culture programs and services. This long-range plan aims to meet the evolving needs of our community and adapt to population changes. Learn more at Burnaby.ca/PRCplan
- » **Southeast Bikeway:** We're making the cycling network in the Southeast and Big Bend areas safer and better connected for everyone. During the second phase of engagement this fall, you'll get a chance to pick your preferred bikeway design. Stay tuned at Burnaby.ca/SoutheastBikeway

Don't miss out on these engagement opportunities. Your voice makes a difference! Learn more and get involved at Burnaby.ca/YourVoice

Housing: Increasing affordability and supply

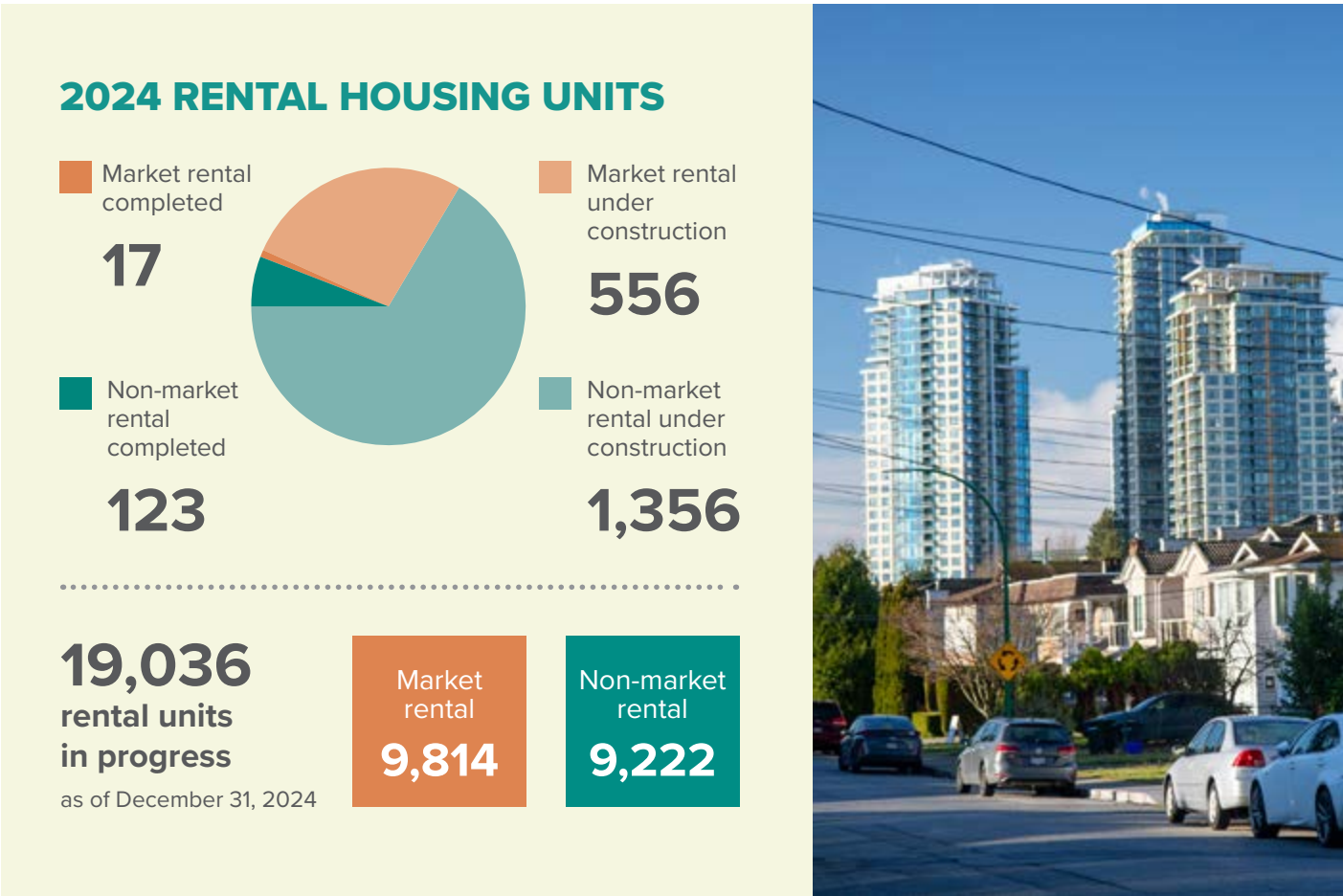
Housing affordability and supply is top of mind for Burnaby residents. That’s why we’ve been working on implementing HOME: Burnaby’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy, created with extensive community input. Here are some of the things we’ve been doing:

1. **Rental housing:** We’re focusing on non-market rental housing with affordable rents. In 2024, there were 1,356 units of non-market rental housing being built in Burnaby. Now, we have more than 9,000 units of non-market rental housing under construction or in the approvals process. This contributes to a total of 19,000 rental units in progress.

2. **Tenant assistance:** Burnaby’s tenant assistance policy protects people displaced from their purpose-built rental homes due to development requiring rezoning. They could get help moving, finding a new place to rent, financial help, and more. We keep improving this policy to meet community needs.

3. **New R1 residential zoning district to increase housing supply:** This new zoning combines 12 previous residential zones. It allows up to six dwelling units to be built on lots previously zoned for single family homes. This means more types and choices of homes for everyone.

4. **New Burnaby Housing Authority for non-market housing:** This new housing authority focuses on growing the non-market rental housing supply. It allows the City to be more nimble in responding to development opportunities and housing needs.
- Learn more at [Burnaby.ca/Housing](https://burnaby.ca/Housing)



THIS IS CLIMATE ACTION >>>

Burnaby trucks powered by recycled cooking oil

We're taking a big step toward achieving our climate action goals by converting all City trucks and heavy equipment to run on used cooking oil. The City's fleet has switched to HDRD (hydrogenation-derived renewable diesel), which is produced from used vegetable/cooking oils and animal fats from the food industry.

This simple change reduces vehicle emissions by 70%. We were able to do this without investing in new equipment—all our existing trucks and equipment can use this cleaner-burning fuel just like regular diesel.

While this is a big step, it's not the end of our journey to zero emissions. Our fleet will continue to modernize. Burnaby welcomed its first electric garbage collection truck in 2024, and as our existing fleet vehicles reach the end of their service life, we'll be transitioning to other cleaner alternatives.

What is “renewable diesel”?

Our fleet uses HDRD (hydrogenation-derived renewable diesel), which is produced from used vegetable/cooking oils and animal fats from restaurants and food production. While it's often blended with ordinary diesel, Burnaby's fuel is 'RD100', which means that 100% of the fuel is renewable.



Preparing for extreme heat

We have a number of places you can go to help you cope with hot summer weather and the potential for extreme heat, which can be deadly for vulnerable people.

Cooling centres: During extreme heat, the City will open cooling centres (10 am to 10 pm daily until the heat subsides). All cooling centres have comfortable seating, drinking water, washrooms, Wi-Fi and electrical outlets.

- » Bonsor Recreation Complex (6550 Bonsor Ave)
- » Temporary Cameron Community Centre at The City of Lougheed Shopping Centre (9855 Austin Avenue)
- » Edmonds Community Centre (7433 Edmonds St)
- » Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool & Fitness Centre (240 Willingdon Ave)

City facilities: You can also go to any public City facility during operating hours to find relief from the heat. This includes all recreation centres, libraries, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Burnaby Village Museum and City Hall.

Pop-up outdoor cooling station: The City also supports a pop-up outdoor cooling station, run by the Society to End Homelessness in Burnaby at Civic Square (6100 Willingdon Ave, outside Bob Prittie Metrotown Library).

Learn more at [Burnaby.ca/ExtremeHeat](https://burnaby.ca/ExtremeHeat)

Urban Forest Strategy: a greener Burnaby

Did you know Burnaby is set to plant 130,000 more trees by 2075? The Urban Forest Strategy is our plan to protect, enhance and grow Burnaby's trees for generations to come. We plan to increase the city's tree coverage from 32% to 40% by 2075—this means planting over 130,000 trees in places like parks, boulevards, natural areas and around civic facilities. That's equal to eight Central Parks!

We're focusing on the quality of new trees, too. We're planting drought-tolerant native species like Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock, which can better handle difficult conditions and invasive species.

To reach our goal, we need your help too. Learn more at Burnaby.ca/UrbanForest



Three trees planted for each tree removed

For any tree cut down for development, Burnaby's tree policy requires up to three replacement trees to be planted. This includes new civic facilities under construction around the city!



Listening to our community

New sidewalk program

You told us Burnaby needs a high-quality pedestrian network—and we're delivering!

We're building new sidewalks in response to what we've heard from residents, businesses and community organizations. We choose new locations based on pedestrian demand, safety and accessibility. We also look at distance to transit, schools, parks, seniors' housing, civic facilities and high-density areas. New sidewalks do not require additional taxpayer funding, since they're paid for by existing capital reserves.

Last year, we completed:

- » the Broadway and Sperling intersection
- » a multi-use pathway along Sperling from Broadway to Adair
- » the Kitchener and Duthie intersection

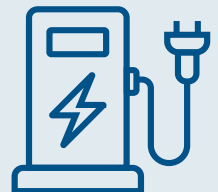
We're now looking at other routes across the city for future upgrades. Nearby residents will be notified before construction takes place. Learn more about the new sidewalks at Burnaby.ca/NewSidewalks

Public EV Charging Strategy

You told us you'd like to see more public EV charging stations, and we're building them!

Did you know that by 2035, 40% of vehicles will be electric? With the rise of EVs, we need public charging to help us move to sustainable transportation and reach our climate targets.

Last summer, we gathered feedback from the community to understand how electric vehicles are being used and to explore future opportunities. This feedback helped shape our Public EV Charging Strategy, which recommended focusing on high-demand areas and collaborating with partners to make charging more accessible for you. Learn more at Burnaby.ca/EV



With new charging stations at the Rosemary Brown Recreation Centre, we now have 65 public charging stations!



7. Mintara atop
Burnaby Mountain

1. Fire Station 8

9. Brentwood
Community Centre

4. Cameron Community
Centre & Library

5. Burnaby Lake
Recreation Complex

3. Rowan Avenue
Child Care Centre

10. Burnaby Lake
Overpass

6. James Cowan Theatre
redevelopment

8. Community Safety
Building

2. Jack Crosby
Sports Box

Building tomorrow: Infrastructure for generations

1) Fire Station 8 (complete) ✓

The new Fire Station 8 on Burnaby Mountain is now open. This station helps firefighters respond faster and cover more areas during emergencies, ensuring the well-being and safety of our community. The 15,000-square-foot building has a separated decontamination space for crews and has been seismically designed to meet post-disaster standards.

2) Jack Crosby Sports Box (complete) ✓

The Jack Crosby Sports Box renovations are now done, turning this into a covered facility for year-round sports. You'll be able to use the hard-court surface for lacrosse, ball hockey, pickleball and badminton all year round.

3) Rowan Avenue Child Care Centre (near complete)

This new facility in the Deer Lake Park area will provide 74 child care spaces. While priority will be provided to City of Burnaby and RCMP staff, the facility will also provide spaces for community use.

4) Cameron Community Centre and Library

The new Cameron complex will become the civic heart of Lougheed Town Centre. It will have a library, aquatic facility, gymnasium, fitness facilities, youth and senior spaces, and more!

5) Burnaby Lake Recreation Complex

This facility in central Burnaby will be a hub for sports and recreation. It will feature a 50-metre pool with 10 lanes, a diving tower and boards, a combined leisure and six-lane 25-metre pool, and an NHL-sized arena.

6) James Cowan Theatre redevelopment

This state-of-the-art facility will have a 364-seat theatre, versatile studios and enhanced accessibility. It will be a hub for arts and culture in Burnaby, with a modern venue for performances, workshops and community events.



7) Mintara atop Burnaby Mountain patio expansion

The existing open-air patio is being replaced with a new, enclosed one featuring a timber frame and glass roof system. The new patio will offer 50 seats in addition to the 120 indoor seats and will be ideal for both dining and special events.

8) Community Safety Building

We are building a new three-storey, 129,000-square-foot Community Safety Building which will house the RCMP detachment, replacing the existing detachment, built in 1967.

9) Brentwood Community Centre

This new facility in the heart of Brentwood will offer a wide range of amenities for all ages. It will include a gymnasium, fitness facilities, music and art rooms, childminding and more.

10) Burnaby Lake Overpass

This new pedestrian-cyclist overpass will span Highway 1, creating a critical north-south link between key regional trail networks and destinations within Burnaby.

Learn more at [Burnaby.ca/Projects](https://burnaby.ca/Projects)

How can we be more accessible?

Are you facing a barrier to accessibility on City of Burnaby property or facilities?

From sidewalks to community centres, we want to make it easier for you to access the things you need.

Let us know what barriers we need to fix:

[Burnaby.ca/Accessibility](https://burnaby.ca/Accessibility)





Events

For a full list of events and more details, visit [Burnaby.ca/Events](https://burnaby.ca/Events)

Hats Off Day

Saturday, June 7 | 9:30 am-4 pm
Hastings Street between Boundary
and Gamma

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Saturday, June 21 | 3-7 pm
Civic Square (6100 Willingdon Ave)

Canada Day

Monday, July 1
Burnaby Village Museum, Edmonds
Park and Plaza, Central Boulevard

Symphony in the Park

Saturday, July 12 | 7:30 pm
Deer Lake Park

Opera in the Park

Sunday, July 13 | 7:30 pm
Deer Lake Park

Burnaby Pride

Saturday, July 26 | 1-7 pm
Civic Square (6100 Willingdon Ave)

Burnaby Blues + Roots Festival

Saturday, August 9 | 3:30-10 pm
Deer Lake Park



Did you know?



Burnaby has one of lowest property tax increases in the region

Burnaby City Council has approved the 2025 budget, which balances affordability with long-term sustainability. With one of the lowest property tax increases in the region, the budget focuses on stability and cost-effectiveness.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/FinancialPlan](https://burnaby.ca/FinancialPlan)

Reminders



» Property tax is due Thursday, July 3, 2025.
Contact Revenue Services if you do not receive
your bill by mid-June. You can pay online at
[Burnaby.ca/MyProperty](https://burnaby.ca/MyProperty)

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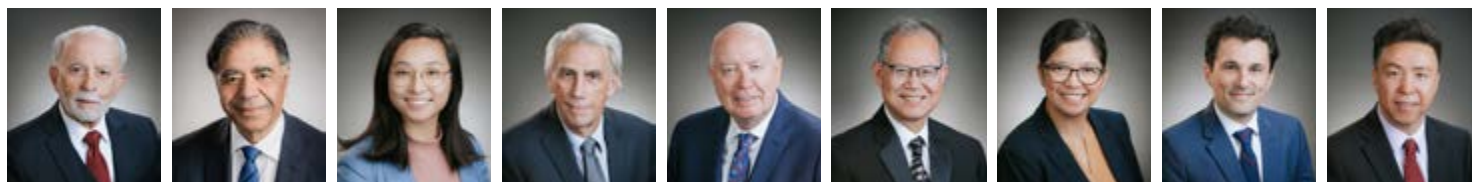


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