



Agricultural Land Reserve

- Agricultural Reserve Lands are shown on the "Land Use Designation Map".
- Recognize that the agricultural reserve lands located within Esquimalt has undesirable soil structure, would require moderately intensive management practices for crop production, and is difficult to till requiring special management for seedbed preparation.
- Continue to support the existing golf course as a grand-fathered permitted use in agricultural land reserve lands.
- Capitalize on opportunities to develop land removed from the agricultural land reserve to provide medium to high density mixed-use development, trails to improve pedestrian connectivity, and other community amenities.

Buildings

- Adopt the Energy Step Code, a consistent provincial standard for building energy efficiency.
- Encourage the adoption of passive, efficient, and renewable energy systems in new developments and during building retrofits.
- Investigate options for encouraging developers to achieve

high energy performance in new developments through such tools as density bonusing, expedited permit approval process, rebate of development fees, revitalization tax exemption, and other incentives.

- Encourage heritage preservation and the re-use of existing buildings where possible.

Climate Change Adaptation

- Consider including climate change projections, risks, and measures for dealing with more frequent and severe weather events in Township strategies, plans and policies.
- Consider information on climate change risk and vulnerabilities when evaluating new development proposals.
- Educate developers and home owners on the future need for shading and cooling of buildings in the summer.

Community Gardens

- Allow for community gardens as a permitted use in all zones.
- Support expansion of community gardens on public, private and institutional lands.
- Encourage developers to consider the provision of garden space in

commercial developments and in particular food services.

- Encourage developments in food production gardens in all multi-unit residential developments including rooftop gardens.

Food Production

- Reduce restrictions to encourage placement of food producing plants on private property.
- Support small scale greenhouses, aquaponics, and aquaculture as an accessory use on private property.
- Continue to support public launch at Fleming Beach to the marine environment for food harvesting.
- Support the development of commissary kitchens that provide space for small scale commercial food production.
- Support urban food production and related sales as a home based business.
- Support farmers markets in appropriate park, institutional, commercial, and industrial areas.



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Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Take action to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by at least 38% by 2020; and 83% by 2050 compared to 2007 levels.
- Protect and enhance the carbon sequestration value of natural systems by enhancing the urban forest and protecting local soil.

Motor Vehicle Alternatives

- Investigate the potential for increasing the capacity for alternative fuelling in the Township, including but not limited to electric, bio-diesel and compressed natural gas.
- Identify an appropriate site for the installation of a public Level 3 fast charging station.
- Encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in all new multi-unit developments.
- Pursue the installation of electric vehicle charging capacity in new developments during the rezoning process.
- Encourage the inclusion of car share in new multi-unit residential developments.
- Support the dedication of on-street parking for car share vehicles.

Municipal (Corporate)

- Continue as a signatory to the Climate Action Charter and continue to make progress towards corporate carbon neutrality.
- Report annually on corporate energy and emissions, as well as actions taken to reduce both corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Develop plans to reduce both corporate and community-wide

energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

- Encourage contractors who deliver municipal services to work towards reducing the energy use and greenhouse gas emissions associated with those operations.
- Adopt fuel-efficient and low carbon vehicles and equipment in the municipal fleet.
- Implement a corporate green buildings policy that sets an energy efficiency standard for new corporate buildings and for improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings.

Partnerships

- Seek partners in piloting innovative approaches and technologies to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Collaborate with major employers on developing transportation demand management strategies for workers.
- Promote opportunities for green businesses and industries to setup in Esquimalt.
- Promote energy saving programs and initiatives administered by third parties.

Solid Waste

- Promote the reduction of waste production through education.
- Work with CRD for the extension of the capacity of Hartland Landfill by the identification and implementation of alternative processing technologies.
- Promote an increase in residents' usage of the recycling, kitchen scraps, and yard and garden streams through education.
- Work with the CRD for the identification and implementation of

alternative processing technology for all three streams.

- Work with the CRD to increase the number of material types that can be recycled and reused.
- Encourage new and redeveloped properties to incorporate facilities to divert solid waste collection into the following streams: kitchen scraps, recycling, and landfill.
- Encourage facilities for on-site composting in all residential developments.

Transportation Alternatives

- Prioritize walking, cycling and public transit as preferred modes of transportation in infrastructure improvements.
- Develop a multi-modal transportation plan to identify future policy and infrastructure changes to increase mode share in active transportation.
- Improve the continuity of the bike network by linking existing and future bikeways and trails.
- Increase the amount and diversity of infrastructure available to cyclists, such as public bike racks and public bike repair stations.
- Invest in public bike parking in public parks and facilities, such as parks and beach access points, to encourage cycling.
- Increase the minimum requirements, and set design guidelines, for bicycle parking facilities in all new developments for residents, employees, and visitors.
- Advocate to BC Transit for improved intra-Esquimalt bus routes and service, particularly between Craigflower Road and the Esquimalt Village.

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