

HOW TO USE THE PLAN

PLAN ORGANIZATION AND FORMAT

The Community Plan is in three general parts. The first part of the document sets the tone of the plan and provides contextual information. The second part consists of the Policy Sections, and the third part comprises the Guidelines, Development Permit Area Designations Map, and Glossary.

PART ONE

The Sections included in part one are as follows:

- **Purpose of the Plan** – outlines why West Vancouver needs this document and who will use it, what an OCP is and is not, and the legal requirements associated with a Community Plan.
- **The Plan Review Process** – provides a summary of groups who have been involved throughout the process as well as an outline of the four phases of the review.
- **How to Use the Plan** – includes the plan organization and format and a guide for reading the policy sections.
- **Community Context** – is the baseline of information about West Vancouver, and includes an overview of the community's physical setting as well as a neighbourhood context map. A brief history of planning decisions is provided to illustrate community changes that have resulted from planning initiatives. This Section also includes a number of charts and graphs to illustrate pertinent population characteristics and forecasts.
- **Challenges for Tomorrow** – identifies some of the issues we face as a community in addressing our future needs.
- **Framework for Action** – provides eight planning principles that integrate land use planning with environmental, economic and community considerations. The framework of principles is based on the foundation of sustainability and represents a significant change in approach from previous community plans. This Section also contains a legislatively required "Regional Context Statement."

PART TWO

Part two consists of sixteen Policy Sections, each addressing a different subject area and including a contextual overview, objectives for the policies, and specific policies. The Policy Sections are as follows:

- Local Economy
- Social Planning
- Housing
- Built Form and Neighbourhood Character
- Heritage
- Natural Environment
- Upper Lands
- Parks and Open Space
- Community Recreation
- Arts, Culture and Library
- Schools
- Transportation and Mobility
- Municipal Utilities
- Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Governance and Civic Participation
- Financial Framework

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PART THREE

The Plan's Guidelines and Glossary follow the Policy Sections. The Guidelines provide more detailed building and development guidelines and maps for the designated Development Permit and Heritage Areas. A Development Permit Area Designations Map shows

all Development Permit Areas designated in the Plan. Finally, the Glossary provides definitions of some of the terms used in the document.

OPTIONS FOR VIEWING THE PLAN

This Community Plan is available in a number of formats. A "hard-copy" binder and a CD Rom format is available for purchase at Municipal Hall, and copies are also available in the reference area of the West Vancouver Memorial Library. The Plan may also be viewed on the Municipal website at

www.westvancouver.net. For bylaw purposes, the official version of the Community Plan is that contained in the hard copy binder, as amended from time to time. The digital and Internet versions are provided for the convenience of users only.

HOW TO READ THE POLICY SECTIONS

Most of the Policy sections begin with a brief description of the context and objectives, and in some cases a description of certain challenges. This provides background information to help the reader understand the reasoning behind specific policies.

The Development Permit and Heritage Areas are designated in applicable Sections with general objectives. These designations are required for those areas that have specific guidelines for development. The detailed guidelines for each area are set out in the Guidelines Section of the Plan.

The policies are numbered consecutively. To assist in any subsequent reference, each number includes a letter code to help identify the Section in which each policy applies. For example, Policy LE 1 is the first policy in the Local Economy Section and Policy NE 2 is the second policy in Natural Environment.

USING THE GLOSSARY

The Glossary helps the reader become familiar with some of the Plan terminology and is designed to promote a common understanding of planning terms used in the document.