
















APPENDIX A: REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT









RGS GOAL	RELATED CITY PLAN CONTENT	
	SECTIONS	POLICY DIRECTIONS
GOAL 1 Prepare for Climate Change and Reduce Energy Consumption Reduce GHG emissions and energy consumption and promote adaptive measures to prepare for climate change impacts.	 C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Sets target for 100% renewable energy by 2050 » Supports shift to zero carbon and energy efficient buildings and zero carbon transportation by 2050 » Commits to reducing overall community greenhouse gas emissions to below zero by 2050
	 C1.2 Climate Adaptation & Hazard Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Applies a climate change resilience lens to land use, infrastructure, and acquisition planning and policy » Prioritizes communication and capacity building to help residents prepare for climate change impacts
	 C1.4 Healthy Watersheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports regular review and updates to standards and regulations for stormwater and rainwater management including linkages to Regional District of Nanaimo's <i>Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program</i>
	 C1.5 Water, Sewer, & Stormwater Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Applies climate science in infrastructure life cycle planning » Acknowledges that overland flooding from heavy rainfall may increase and supports planning for overland flood paths to reduce potential impacts
	 C1.6 Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports elimination of organic matter sent to the regional landfill by 2030
	 C2.1 Connected Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promotes healthy and compact communities » Encourages alignment of land use and mobility networks » Seeks to manage transportation demand to reduce vehicle emissions
	 C2.2 Integrated Walk, Roll, Cycle, & Transit Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prioritizes walking, rolling, cycling, and transit routes » Supports addition of rapid and frequent transit routes » Seeks to make walking, rolling, cycling, and transit more efficient and attractive to be competitive with driving
	 C3.5 Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prepares the City to manage known hazards and emerging threats, including natural hazards » Supports regular updates to the City's <i>Emergency Plan</i> » Supports alignment to the Regional District of Nanaimo's <i>Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment</i>

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GOAL 2 Protect the Environment Protect and enhance the environment and avoid ecological damage related to human activity	 C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas, & Greenways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prioritizes maintenance and expansion of the urban tree canopy » Encourages protection of existing natural lands and enhancement of natural areas » Continues to support linked greenways
	 C1.4 Healthy Watersheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Directs new and existing development to support watershed health through best management practices for rainwater management
	 C1.8 Artificial Lighting & Dark Skies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages balancing of dark skies and community safety to reduce harmful effects of light pollution on ecosystems and wildlife
	 C2.3 Recreational Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Balances trail planning efforts to support access to natural areas without compromising natural values
	 C4.9 Parkland & Park Amenity Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prioritizes natural areas, wildlife corridors, tree stands, and environmentally sensitive features in park acquisition objectives » Requires protection of natural features during parkland development » Encourages management of parks to support full life cycle of natural features » Seeks to partner with First Nations and others to co-manage parks that are identified as mutual priorities
	 C4.10 Waterfront Use & Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Considers marine and adjacent terrestrial habitat values in waterfront planning » Prioritizes waterfront lands – freshwater and marine – for future parkland acquisition » Seeks to manage access to and within vulnerable waterfront areas and restore waterfront water quality and habitat
	 D2.1 City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maintains an Urban Containment Boundary that separates urban uses and areas for growth from lands with significant natural, agricultural, or ecological values
	 D4.8 Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports park dedication and acquisition, including consideration of additional dedication of lands that protect environmentally sensitive areas

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<p>GOAL 3 Coordinate Land Use & Mobility</p> <p>Ensure land use patterns and mobility networks are mutually supportive and work together to reduce automobile dependency and provide for efficient goods movement</p>	 C2.1 Connected Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages alignment of land use and mobility networks by incorporating both land use and mobility directions » Prioritizes walking, rolling, cycling, and transit routes in all Urban Centres » Aligns road standards with adjacent land uses
	 C2.2 Integrated Walk, Roll, Cycle, & Transit Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages provision of active transportation amenities in and between Urban Centres » Supports rapid and frequent transit networks connecting the city's Urban Centres » Seeks to work with others to coordinate land based, marine, and air transportation networks to reduce reliance on personal vehicles when connecting between modes » Recognizes the E&N corridor as an integral active transportation corridor
	 D4.3 Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Locates the city's seven Urban Centres to align with mobility hubs » Encourages Urban Centres to evolve into complete communities that allow daily needs to be met within each Urban Centre » Requires each Urban Centre to have a centrally located transit exchange or transit stop with integrated pedestrian access
	 D4.4 Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Aligns the city's Corridors with planned rapid and frequent transit routes » Prioritizes safe and accessible movement of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit in Corridor development

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<p>GOAL 4 Concentrate Housing & Jobs in Rural Village and Urban Growth Centres</p> <p>Establish distinctive activity centres and corridors within growth containment boundaries that provide ready access to places to live, work, play, and learn</p>	 D2.1 City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maintains a Growth Containment Boundary aligned with the city boundary and an Urban Containment Boundary to focus housing and jobs primarily within existing urban areas » Adjusts the Urban Containment Boundary to exclude lands in the south that are not intended for urban growth, helping to focus future growth within existing urban areas (see <i>Schedule 1: City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary</i>)
	 D4.3 Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Establishes seven Urban Centres that offer a broad range of housing types; employment opportunities; community amenities; and excellent transit, pedestrian, and rolling routes » Sets a hierarchy for growth centres with a focus on Downtown as the Primary Urban Centre » Each Urban Centre has a distinct focus and character
	 D4.4 Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Establishes Corridors along primary transit routes and encourages mixed-use and multi-unit residential development that provide both destinations and critical connections between Urban Centres
	 D4.5 Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages modest infill in neighbourhoods, especially those in close proximity to Urban Centres or Corridors to encourage walking, cycling, rolling, and transit access to core service areas » In locations further from Urban Centres or Corridors, encourages formation of local hubs around school sites (through partnerships), where educational activities can be combined with day-to-day small scale neighbourhood needs such as daycare; recreation; culture and wellness space; corner store; cafe; cultural amenities; and other local-serving elements
	 D2.1 City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maintains an Urban Containment Boundary that separates urban uses and areas for growth from lands with significant natural, agricultural, or ecological values » Recognizes Nanaimo as a centre for growth in the region and encourages densification in Urban Centre, Corridor, and Neighbourhood designations to reduce pressure on rural areas » Redesignates lands in the south end of the city from Resort to Resource Management and adjusts the Urban Containment Boundary to exclude these lands in keeping with surrounding land uses and servicing capacity (see <i>Schedule 1: City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary</i>)
<p>GOAL 5 Enhance Rural Integrity</p> <p>Protect and strengthen the region's rural economy and lifestyle</p>	 D4.8 Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Designates ALR, forested, and environmentally sensitive lands as Resource Management lands, not intended for urban development » Discourages removal of lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve (see <i>Schedule 2: Future Land Use Designations</i>)

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<p>GOAL 6 Facilitate the Provision of Affordable Housing</p> <p>Support and facilitate the provision of appropriate, adequate, attainable, affordable, and adaptable housing</p>	 C3.2 Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Considers a range of tools to support and encourage new affordable housing and limit loss of existing affordable housing » Seeks to increase the variety of housing options and tenures to meet changing housing needs » Supports incentives for the provision of affordable housing » Restricts short term rentals and prevents conversion of market rental buildings to strata when rental vacancy rates are low » Supports working with the Regional District of Nanaimo, First Nations, regional partners, and senior levels of government to address regional housing needs
	 C3.3 Intergenerational Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages aging-in-place through adaptable unit requirements and increased universal accessibility in new and existing housing
	 C3.1 Community Safety & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports improved access to health and housing services through partnerships to help meet the needs of marginalized residents » Encourages more effective coordination of services to meet community health and housing needs » Supports and encourages development of accommodation options to rapidly re-house those experiencing homelessness
	 C4.2 Equity & Inclusivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages opportunities to co-locate civic facilities and affordable housing and integrate community-servicing facilities in affordable housing projects
	 D4.3 Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages a variety of housing forms to meet all demographics and incomes in Urban Centres (see <i>Figure 25: Residential Land Use Overview</i>)
	 D4.5 Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages infill and innovative housing forms to increase housing options in Neighbourhoods (see <i>Figure 25: Residential Land Use Overview</i>) » Supports conversion of character homes to multi-unit residential where appropriate » Supports secondary suites

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GOAL 7 Enhance Economic Resiliency Support strategic economic development and link commercial and industrial strategies to the land use and rural and environmental protection priorities of the region	 C5.1 Economic Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Ensures adequate supply of appropriately zoned lands for existing business expansion and new business operations » Recognizes the city’s potential as the transportation, cargo, and logistics hub of Vancouver Island and seeks to enable efficient movement of people, goods, and services » Encourages positioning of Nanaimo as a Health Care Centre of Excellence
	 C5.2 Human, Social, & Environmental Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to retain existing talent and attract new talent to the area » Promotes green economic development opportunities including green energy and energy conservation » Seeks to establish the use of circular economy principles
	 C5.3 Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to support business retention and expansion » Works collaboratively with First Nations to identify areas of joint action and economic development initiatives that bring shared prosperity
	 C5.4 Innovation & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages robust internet connectivity and access » Supports working towards designation as an “Intelligent City” that puts data and digital technology to work » Encourages development and leveraging of the technology sector
	 C5.5 Place Making & Investment Attraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages strategic investment in key assets like the Downtown and the Waterfront » Promotes a strong reputation within and beyond the city as an attractive place to live, learn, work, and invest
	 C5.6 Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Protects and promotes the city’s assets that make it desirable to visit » Promotes development of Indigenous led tourism opportunities and experiences through partnerships with First Nations » Supports collaboration on destination development plans, tourism, and marketing
	 D4.6 Industrial Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages a regional approach to managing industrial lands » Discourages re-designation of industrial lands to other uses » Encourages clean, sustainable industrial uses and consideration for eco-industrial networks » Limits office, residential, or recreational uses in industrial areas » Promotes and supports economic agriculture and food processing opportunities
	 D4.7 Waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Recognizes and supports marine based industrial uses in parts of the waterfront » Maintains marine transportation access for the working harbour

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GOAL 8 Enhance Food Security Protect and enhance the capacity of the region to produce and process food	 D2.1 City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maintains a Growth Containment Boundary aligned with the city boundary and an Urban Containment Boundary that separates urban uses and areas for growth from lands with significant natural, agricultural, or ecological values » Recognizes Nanaimo as a centre for growth in the region and encourages densification in Urban Centre, Corridor, and Neighbourhood designations to reduce pressure on rural areas
	 C3.4 Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports and advocates for food security and nutrition for all residents » Supports local food infrastructure on City owned lands including farmers markets, urban farms, and community gardens » Encourages collaboration on food security at a regional level
	 D4.8 Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Allows for agricultural uses in the Resource Management designation » Discourages removal of lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve
GOAL 9 Celebrate Pride of Place Celebrate the unique natural beauty, culture, history, and arts of the region	 C4.1 Truth & Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to preserve, celebrate, and elevate Indigenous heritage in collaboration with First Nations including through place-naming, signage, art, and other measures
	 C4.3 Access for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to reduce barriers in the community so people of all ages and abilities can move freely
	 C4.5 Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Recognizes the importance of culture in contributing to quality of life » Encourages continued growth of the culture sector through experiences and collaboration
	 C4.6 Archaeology & Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maintains a Heritage Conservation Program » Integrates heritage resource management into development approval and planning processes » Seeks to increase public awareness and understanding of heritage and First Nations
	 C4.7 Public Art Projects & Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to integrate public art into the experience of the community
	 C4.8 Community Events, Festivals, Tournaments, & Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages community festivals, celebrations, and events » Supports continuing to work with First Nations to support the development of venues and co-hosting of local, regional, provincial, and national sporting and cultural events » Encourages creation of spaces that support events and gatherings

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GOAL 10 Provide Services Efficiently Provide efficient, cost effective services and infrastructure	 D2.1 City Boundary & Urban Containment Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Does not support extension of servicing beyond the Urban Containment Boundary, except for health or environmental reasons » Promotes concentration of people and jobs in urban centres to support more efficient use of services
	 C1.5 Water, Sewer, & Stormwater Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Restricts growth in areas with sewer, water, drainage, or infrastructure capacity limitations until there is confirmed funding and plans to address shortfalls » Seeks to coordinate infrastructure upgrades to optimize community investments » Continues to monitor water use to ensure protection of our drinking water source » Supports the Regional District of Nanaimo's <i>Liquid Waste Management Plan</i> » Seeks to manage stormwater efficiently, including the role of natural assets in stormwater management
	 C1.6 Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to increase public awareness and participation in the zero waste mandate » Seeks to set fees for solid waste collection to provide service at an acceptable cost while reducing unnecessary waste
	 C3.6 Recreation, Culture, & Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Encourages thoughtful planning, design, and management of new or upgraded civic facilities to maximize benefit and lifespan of investment » Encourages collaboration with community partners in the joint use and development of recreation, sport, culture, and wellness facilities
GOAL 11 Enhance Cooperation Among Jurisdictions Facilitate an understanding of, and commitment to, the goals of growth management among all levels of government, the public, and key private and voluntary sector partners	 C4.1 Truth & Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Continues to collaborate with First Nations on projects of mutual environmental, economic, social, and cultural interest on their Traditional Territories » Supports continued engagement with First Nations governments in accordance with Protocol Agreements
	 C4.4 Political Voice & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Seeks to provide opportunities for all community members to engage meaningfully in civic life
	Various Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supports ongoing formal agreements with the Regional District of Nanaimo for growth management, waste management, sewer services, transit operations, and recreation services » Supports cooperation with the Province, Regional District of Nanaimo, and stewardship groups on environmental management » Section E5 <i>Relationships</i> outlines a commitment to collaboration, communication, and coordination for the good of all

