



1.1 VISION

The City of Richmond, as an organization or City Hall, guides its activities using a vision that:

“The City of Richmond be the most appealing, livable, and well-managed community in Canada.”

This guiding principle is consistent with the community’s aspirations for Richmond’s future, as described eloquently by a local resident:

It is not merely a matter of “where do we go from here?” - but also a question of “where do we want to go?”

*R.A. McMath
City of Richmond Councillor (1956 to 1993)
October, 1969*

As a legal document under the Municipal Act, the OCP provides the City with one of its most powerful tools for bringing its vision to reality.

“...I would like to be able to say in 2021 that I live in Richmond because it is the best community in the Lower Mainland. I will live in my single family house, in a neighbourhood with mature trees, with neighbourhood schools, and have neighbours with a sense of community. I will take a bus that runs east-west and visit a friend who lives in the downtown core, and we will stroll the shop area (no need for a car in the downtown as there is regular transit). The core of the city is alive with shops and eateries, much like Robson Street. There are pleasant areas to sit in the downtown core and enjoy a coffee under the beautiful hanging baskets. I will boast to friends about Richmond’s active arts community, the wide range of activities offered by our various community centres and libraries, and our beautiful parks. On weekends I will enjoy one of the many bike routes or stroll the dike, and marvel that I can still see pheasants, herons, rabbits and hawks in Richmond. I will enjoy a meal that features Richmond produce, and wonder why anyone would want to live anywhere else!... Yes, this may be Utopia, but a journey starts with a single step - in the right direction!”

Anna Delaney
Richmond Resident
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