



6.0 COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

Diverse Population

Public Safety

Health

Education

Arts & Culture

Library

Heritage

Leisure Services

Child Care

Community facilities and services are an integral part of the function and vibrancy of a community. The availability of appropriate and high-quality services contributes to the community's overall well-being and livability. As Richmond will continue to add residents and jobs, consideration needs to be given to determine how the City can both support and accommodate an array of community facilities and services in a way that keeps pace.

A broad range of community facilities and services is needed to ensure a community is livable and to allow residents to make quality of life choices. Richmond is a community with a diverse ethnic population, and, as is the trend in the rest of North America, will have an aging population. However, unlike the rest of Canada, it will also have an increasing number of children and youth. As such, it is most important that attention be paid to ensuring services for the young population as well as planning for an aging population. Given these trends, it is critical that Richmond be accessible and barrier-free in a non-discriminatory, inclusive manner whilst allowing for celebration of different cultural backgrounds.

Guiding Principles

- To recognize and support Richmond's communities through provision of community facilities that are visibly located, universally accessible, and user-friendly;
- To enhance the City's ability to deliver a range of high-quality community facilities and services by encouraging a flexible approach to design, programming, and funding, including innovative forms of public/private partnerships;



- To ensure that many forms of community involvement are available for public input;
- To recognize the ongoing need for a partnership approach to providing a growing and diverse community with high-quality services in a cost-effective and coordinated manner.