



6.3 HEALTH

The Health Board has defined five areas under which services are delivered in Richmond:

- *Population health (public health services, immunizations, hearing and speech therapy, health promotion);*
- *Continuing care (home care and long term care);*
- *Acute care/treatment health (hospital);*
- *Mental health;*
- *Aging (care facilities).*

ISSUE:

There are many determinants that contribute to a healthy community. Many of these determinants that are under the control of the City are dealt with in other sections of this plan: environmental aspects (see 5.0 Natural & Human Environment), housing (see 3.0 Neighbourhoods & Housing), jobs (see 2.0 Jobs & Business) and mobility (see 4.0 Transportation). On the other hand, Richmond's health care needs are under the mandate of the regional health board administered through a local non-profit society and, as such, do not fall under the City's jurisdiction. The City's role in health care is to encourage and provide input to the health board in meeting local needs.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Ensure the provision of accessible, appropriate health care services for all residents, especially youth, seniors, special needs, low-income families, and new immigrants.

POLICIES:

- a) Cooperate with the regional health board through a formal liaison group, including local government and the Health Board, to ensure that community health services can be delivered effectively to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population in all parts of the City;
- b) Enhance the effectiveness of community-based health services by ensuring health care and related facilities and services are not unduly restricted by the City's Zoning Bylaw and land use policies.