



8.6 MONITORING & EVALUATION

The OCP will be monitored and evaluated, and a report prepared periodically on key population, employment, housing, transportation, parks, environmental, and community service indicators, including, but not limited to the following:

- a) City revenues, capital planning initiatives and forecasts;
- b) Supply and distribution of commercial, office, and industrial land and buildings;
- c) Supply of housing, including affordable housing, e.g. rental and subsidized housing;
- d) Travel volumes and method of travel of commuters to, from, and within Richmond;
- e) Key economic indicators, including labour force levels and characteristics;
- f) Demographic profile of Richmond residents based on the most recent census statistics;
- g) Supply and distribution of parks, open spaces, and agricultural areas;
- h) Progress achieved towards environmental and heritage objectives;
- i) Report on current property values and rents;
- j) Overview of crime statistics and distribution;
- k) Strategic Management Plan and its initiatives.

The first such OCP report will set the foundation and framework for establishing quality of life indicators for Richmond. The objective of these indicators is to create a good information base to manage and implement the OCP, and foster informed decision-making in governing the City. These indicators will assist the City to:

- a) Maintain a sound economic base;
- b) Remain responsive to present and future local needs;
- c) Achieve efficiencies in delivering municipal services;
- d) Promote an accountable and more direct government;
- e) Recognize and protect those areas that have exhibited special community identities, interests, and values, e.g. environmental and agricultural lands, open spaces, residential areas;
- f) Ensure ongoing City health and vibrancy.



It is acknowledged and recognized that there is no absolute program for effective governance. Besides external factors which may influence demographic and economic trends in unforeseen ways, City governance also relies on mutual compliance and cooperation, particularly from partners and stakeholders in the region. The challenge for the City will be to achieve a balance between different goals of governance, such as efficiency, equity, accountability, and political participation.