

Towards a Sustainable Community Official Community Plan (OCP)–2041 Update



Richmond today

Our City has grown. Since 1999, Richmond has grown by 23,500 residents.

We've protected agricultural land. Agriculture is a major land use in the City. Approximately 38% or 4,916 hectares (12,147 acres) of our land base is in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Richmond's housing choices have diversified. Richmond residents have more choices in the type of housing available to them: single family homes, apartments, townhouses, and secondary suites.

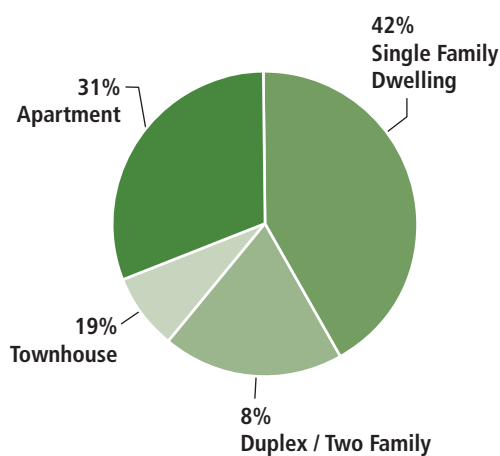
Our economy is healthy. More than 12,000 businesses are located in Richmond. Strong business sectors include

transportation and logistics, hi-tech, aviation, manufacturing and tourism.

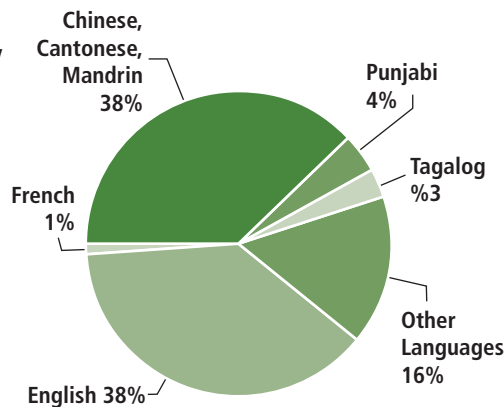
Richmond continues to have the highest jobs to labour force ratio in the region at 1.35. This means that for every 1 worker who lives in Richmond, there are 1.35 jobs.

Our city is culturally diverse. In the 2006 Census, Richmond residents reported over 68 mother tongue languages. Mother tongue is defined as the first language learned by the individual and still understood at the time of the Census. With this cultural diversity comes a wonderfully eclectic and dynamic multicultural life for Richmond residents. ■

Richmond Dwelling Units by Type
(Based on 2006 Census)



Mother Tongue in Richmond
(Based on 2006 Census)



Population Projections: Richmond Population Estimates to 2041

	Existing 2009	Total in 2041
City Centre*	52,000	97,000
Rest of Richmond	139,000**	175,000
Total:	191,000	272,000***

*2009 and 2041 estimates for the City Centre are based on demographic studies.
**2009 estimates for the rest of Richmond are based on City of Richmond projections and Census 2006.
***2041 estimates for the rest of Richmond are based on estimates compiled by Metro Vancouver for the draft Regional Growth Strategy.

How do we create a sustainable community and accommodate a growing population?

By 2041, the number of residents living in Richmond's City Centre is expected to grow to 97,000 from its current population of 52,000. The total population of Richmond is forecasted to reach 272,000 by 2041. As a result of this growth, our neighbourhoods will likely look different. But how do we want them to look?

In our drive towards a more sustainable city, here are some questions we are addressing:

Agricultural land and natural areas

How do we protect our valuable farm land so that food security objectives are met down the road? How do we act now to house a growing population without undermining our green space and natural areas?

Economy

How do we ensure effective use of our land to support jobs and businesses in our city in the future?

Social, recreational and cultural needs

How do we ensure residents have access to a wide range of service to fulfill their social, cultural and recreational pursuits? ■

Climate change

Richmond, like all communities, will be addressing climate change and will be participating in a global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). What greenhouse gas emission targets should we set?

Public open houses

To identify what our sustainable community will look like and to fairly reflect community values and aspirations in the OCP, we are holding a number of public open houses. This is where you come in. An OCP survey is attached that asks a number of questions about living in Richmond. ■

Minoru Cultural Centre Atrium

7700 Minoru Gate
Tuesday, November 24, 2009
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Hamilton Community Centre

5140 Smith Drive
Wednesday, November 25, 2009
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Steveston Community Centre

4111 Moncton Street
Saturday, November 28, 2009
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

West Richmond Community Centre

9180 No. 1 Road
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

South Arm Community Centre

8880 Williams Road
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Cambie Community Centre

12800 Cambie Road
Thursday, December 3, 2009
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thompson Community Centre

5151 Granville Avenue
Saturday, December 5, 2009
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Sea Island Community Centre

7140 Miller Road
Monday, December 7, 2009
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Extra copies of this paper and the survey will be available at the above locations, libraries and at City Hall. Copies are available in English and Chinese.

OCP public consultation timeline

