

## **A proposed 2041 OCP vision (revised July 2010)**

In 2041, Richmond is thriving thanks to strong political leadership and an informed and engaged public. Innovative decision-making based on clearly defined goals and strategies is commonplace. Decades ago, Richmond chose to move towards being a more sustainable community.

In 2041, Richmond's ecological footprint and reliance on fossil fuels has been greatly reduced, and the City is responding effectively to the challenges of climate change. A more sustainable community has emerged.

In 2041, Richmond is made up of a network of identifiable neighbourhoods, each with their own special character with needed amenities and services close by. Daily life is enhanced by energy efficient building (e.g., housing) options that meet everyone's needs with a choice of housing types available across the community for all kinds of households. Neighbourhoods are compact, well designed and conveniently connected to each other via high-frequency bus service, walking routes, trails and bike paths. Richmond has become a biking community. The integrated transportation network provides mobility choices which improves local air quality and greatly reduces the need for people to own and operate their own vehicles. At the centre of the network of neighbourhoods is the City's internationally renowned and vibrant City Centre.

Richmond's neighbourhoods are safe, healthy places for people of all ages and cultures to live, work and play. Richmond residents enjoy a diverse range of social, cultural, and physical amenities and programs. People feel connected to their physical environment, to the people around them and to their community. People respect, honour and celebrate the diversity in their community, enjoy many opportunities to increase their understanding of its diversity and participate in the community decision-making process.

Richmond is balanced in that it has enough land for businesses, agriculture, parks, environmental areas, community amenities and housing. From its employment lands, Richmond's business community provides a range of resource efficient products, foods and services to the local community, the region, the province and Canada. In return, the community supports its local business owners by buying and investing locally. Richmond's agricultural lands are protected and viable, and there are food security choices and products. People feel connected to the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future with enthusiasm.