

Implementation: Bringing the OCP to life

Ensuring successful implementation of the OCP requires follow through on action-oriented policies. The following charts outline the implementation actions and timelines to be undertaken by the City of Colwood.

LAND USE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
(Multiple - Refer to Section 7 of OCP)	For all land use designations, the City should update requirements for setbacks, parking, and density in the Zoning Bylaw, consistent with OCP policies for land use, streets and mobility, and park spaces and natural assets.	IMMEDIATE		

STREETS & MOBILITY POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
8.2.1 8 To achieve Colwood's mode share targets, which support greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and other community goals for accessibility, health, and quality of life.	Review the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to ensure that are adequate transportation options to meet growing demands.	IMMEDIATE		
8.2.2: To improve the safety, comfort, convenience, and enjoyment of walking for residents of all ages and abilities, making it the first choice for short trips, and treating sidewalks as public places for gathering, shopping, resting, playing and other activities in addition to walking.	Develop a design for future waterfront walkway. Update the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to identify phasing approach for sidewalk upgrades. Update the TMP to identify priority locations for improved pedestrian crossings over the short, medium, and long term.			
8.2.3: To improve the safety, comfort, convenience, and enjoyment of cycling for both recreational and destination-oriented trips.	Prioritize improvements for the following routes in the short term: Sooke Road and Island Highway; Ocean Boulevard; and Wishart Road. Update the Zoning Bylaw to include required ratios for spaces and residential units.			
8.2.4: To support more attractive transit services – including speed, frequency, and directness of transit – and an enhanced rider experience overall.	Update the TMP to identify which transit priority treatments are appropriate in each identified improvement location.			
8.2.5: To enable the efficient delivery of goods to local businesses and institutions in Colwood.	Develop a Trucks Route Bylaw to regulate truck traffic and help formalize both local and regional goods movement in Colwood.			
8.2.6: To enable the safe movement of vehicles, effectively manage parking, encourage greener solutions for personal vehicle use, and anticipate changing trends in vehicular use.	Update the TMP to identify the key principles/characteristics of each road classification. Update the Zoning Bylaw to help meet parking supply objectives. Update the TMP and Zoning Bylaw so that they accommodate changing trends relating to autonomous vehicles, as well as other policy directions in Section (Streets and Mobility).			

HOUSING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
9.2.1: To increase housing choices for existing and future residents – recognizing that Colwood is a family-oriented community that is also aging – and enhance diversity of housing types for a variety of household sizes, incomes, tenures, needs and preferences.	Review and make necessary updates to the Zoning Bylaw to increase flexibility for secondary suites and other suites.	IMMEDIATE		
9.2.2: To support rental housing and a range of non-market housing options and needs along the housing spectrum.	Clarify and update a working definition of "affordable housing" for home ownership and rental.			

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
10.3.1: To achieve Colwood's GHG emission reduction targets through complete communities, a low-carbon multi-modal transportation system, and a focus on site adaptive planning.	Develop an updated Community Energy and Emissions Plan that defines achievable GHG reduction targets. The new targets should maintain Colwood's leadership role in climate action, and have a workable implementation strategy.			
10.3.3: To achieve Colwood's GHG emission reduction targets by valuing natural assets as sinks and contributors to climate change mitigation.	In the updated Community Energy and Emissions Plan, include strategies for carbon sequestration that may include a climate scoring tool for use in the development approvals process.			

PARKS AREAS & NATURAL ASSETS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
11.2.1: To maintain and enhance park access to residents.	Create a Parks Master Plan that incorporates the elements identified in Policy 11.2.1.3, as well as directions from other sections of the OCP including directions relating to climate adaptation and mitigation, natural assets, cultural inclusivity and artistic expression, natural and built infrastructure, and the food system.	IMMEDIATE		
11.2.2: To ensure the long term health of environmentally sensitive areas.	Develop a guide describing requirements for assessment reports for Landscape Architects or, generically, Qualified Professionals.			
11.2.3: To strengthen Colwood's forested areas and overall tree canopy.	Create a Management and Protection of Urban Forest Bylaw.			
11.2.5: To maintain and regenerate the ecological functions of Colwood's diverse shorelines.	Include shoreline protection directions (see Policy 11.2.5.1) in the QEP guide.			
11.2.6: To protect and restore widespread presence of indigenous plant species.	Include detailed actions relating to indigenous plant species restoration (see Policy 11.2.6.1) in both the Parks Master Plan and QEP guide.			

BUILT & NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
12.2.1: To deliver services and manage public assets in a financially and environmentally responsible manner.	Develop an Assets Management Strategy that includes a life-cycle and full-cost approach as described in Policy 12.2.1.2.	IMMEDIATE		
12.2.3: To manage rainwater in a manner that optimizes conservation, protects ecosystems, and maintains quality.	Develop an inventory of existing natural infrastructure, and a Rainwater Management Plan.			

ARTS & CULTURE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
13.2.3: To encourage protection of historic built assets.	Establish an inventory of heritage resources for use by community members and groups to populate.	IMMEDIATE		
13.2.4: To support and reinforce cultural inclusivity and involvement.	Incorporate cultural inclusivity strategies in the Parks Master Plan.			
13.2.5: To support the arts and culture sector.	Develop an Arts and Culture Plan that includes directions for arts and culture amenities, resources, and opportunities.			

FOOD SYSTEMS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
14.2.1: To strengthen all elements of the local food system in order to increase access to local, nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate food.	Incorporate policy directions relating to food production, farmer's markets, and food celebrations in the new Parks Master Plan. Develop a Food Systems Strategy to implement food system policies in this OCP, in addition to including relevant policies and strategies in the new Parks Master Plan.	IMMEDIATE		

ECONOMY POLICY IMPLEMENTATION				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMING	< 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
15.2.2: To attract future residents, visitors, jobs, and investment.	Identify and reach out to partners to identify roles and scope. Develop and share an inventory of industrial lands. Review and, as needed, update zoning in support for home occupations and live-work building typologies.	IMMEDIATE		