



Climate Change

Objectives

- **Low-Carbon Planning** – 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.
- **Low-Carbon Buildings** – To achieve Colwood’s GHG emission reduction targets with high performing and low carbon buildings and infrastructure.
- **Protecting Natural Assets** – To achieve Colwood’s GHG emission reduction targets by valuing natural assets as sinks and contributors to climate change mitigation.
- **Waste Reduction** – To achieve Colwood’s GHG emission reduction targets by optimizing waste diversion and by treating waste as a resource.
- **Preparing for Change** – To adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Policy Directions – Key Examples

- **Growth Management** – Through focused development, support shifts to low carbon transportation systems by focusing on active modes and transit.
- **Green Building Strategy** – Develop a made-in-Colwood green building strategy that sets incremental performance steps for new buildings that transition from the BC Building Code to Net Zero Energy ready buildings. This will focus on outcomes-based requirements that provide industry with the flexibility to innovate.
- **Urban Tree Canopy and Green Spaces** – Protect, improve, and increase the area of the urban tree canopy and other vegetated areas throughout the City, which absorb GHG emissions.
- **Waste Diversion** – Work with the Capital Regional District to promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting strategies.
- **Adaptation Planning** – Prepare for adaptation to climate change by: developing a local understanding of local vulnerability to projected changes; avoiding development in areas where sea level rise is expected; improving the resilience of shoreline and marine habitats by maintaining a “soft shoreline” and intact habitat; accounting for the value of natural areas in climate adaptation; and more.

To review all proposed climate change policies, please review the draft OCP available at this event and online at www.colwood.ca/ocp