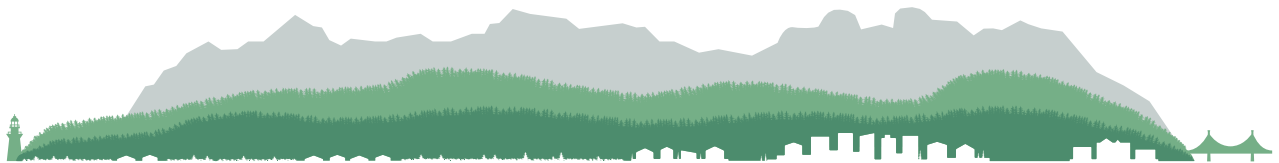




Social Well-being Directions Paper

Official Community Plan Review - Phase 3



Help us refine our emerging directions!

This paper provides a summary of what we have heard so far and a step towards developing the District's Official Community Plan (OCP).

In **Phase 1 - Objectives** of the OCP Review process, you told us what you wanted the OCP to achieve. In **Phase 2 - Ideas** you shared with us your big ideas on how to make it happen.

This paper takes the hundreds of ideas you shared regarding social well-being, and

condenses them into emerging directions for your consideration. This paper serves as a discussion tool for you to help us refine these emerging directions during **Phase 3 - Directions**.

Other directions papers on housing & neighbourhoods, transportation, parks & environment, and local economy are also available online and as a booklet. Visit westvancouver.ca/ocp to find out more and to learn how you can get involved.



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What we have done so far

Phase 1 OBJECTIVES

Spring 2017

Identify community and stakeholder objectives

Phase 2 IDEAS

Ideas Forums & Ideas Workbook

Summer 2017

Respond to the objectives identified in Phase 1

During **Phase 1 - Objectives**, which concluded May 2017, we had over 700 instances of engagement and over 15 events and meetings:

- **two World Cafés**
- **community survey**
- **youth brainstorm**
- **Community Day**
- **12 stakeholder meetings**
- **working group chair focus group**
- **dedicated web portal, e-newsletter & social media**

On the topic of *social well-being*, you told us that you wanted *to belong to a healthy, happy and connected community* and that we need to *provide services for an engaged, active, creative, inclusive and diverse community*.

In **Phase 2 - Ideas** which concluded September 2017, we reached out to you and heard your ideas on how to meet your objectives through over 18 community-wide events and activities:

- **three Ideas Forums**
- **seven outreaches at the farmer's market & Harmony Arts Festival**
- **seven "Pop-up" Planning Offices**
- **Youth IdeasStorm**
- **Ideas Workbook**
- **working group chair focus group**
- **continued updates through the web, e-newsletter & social media**

Thanks to the community's input, we gathered around 5,000 ideas from almost 1,000 instances of engagement.

Where we are going

Phase 3

DIRECTIONS

Fall 2017

Develop policy directions based on your ideas

Phase 4

DRAFT PLAN

Winter 2017/18

Tie it together into a draft plan

Moving forward to **Phase 3 - Directions**, we want you to now **help us refine** the directions that have emerged out of the ideas of Phase 2.

We have put together this *Social Well-being Directions Paper* to present the emerging directions, and there are a number of engagement opportunities for you to provide input:

- **six directions workshops:**
 - » **Social Well-being on October 23**
 - » **Local Economy on November 1**
 - » **Housing and Neighbourhoods on November 9 & 15**
 - » **Parks & Environment on November 22**
 - » **Transportation on November 30**
- **housing “pop-ups”**
- **a directions survey, online and at Municipal Hall between October 23 and December 10, 2017**

You can find specific information on these engagement opportunities and all background information at westvancouver.ca/ocp.

Thank you for your input in advance!

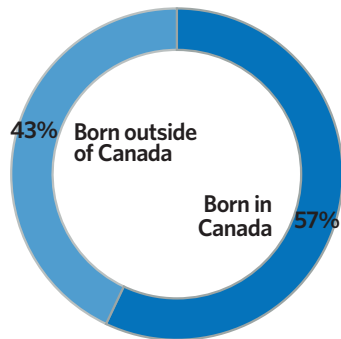
During **Phase 4 - Draft Plan**, we will take your suggestions to refine the emerging directions and develop specific draft policies. This will lead to a draft Official Community Plan for public and Council consideration.

Further details about Phase 4 engagement will be provided when we get there.

Please keep participating in our OCP Review process and stay in the loop through our web, e-newsletter, and social media!

What we know about social well-being

Our community has a responsibility and an opportunity to plan for its future to ensure that it continues to thrive and that our residents continue to enjoy a high quality of life. Our community is changing, and we need to plan and manage community facilities and services for our current and future generations. To help us better discuss the emerging directions for social well-being, here are some things we know:

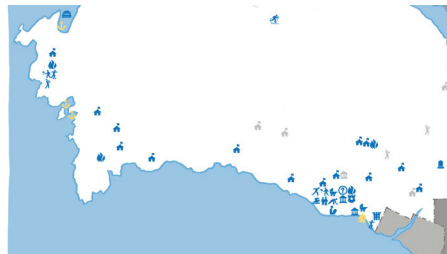


Diverse Community

We have many different cultural backgrounds and speak over 50 languages

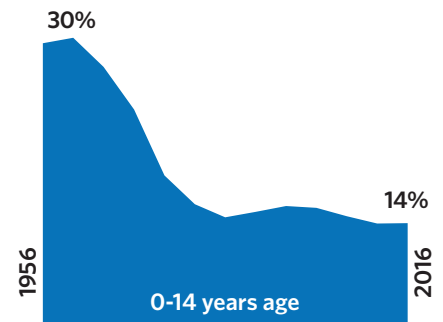
Declining population

We lost 0.5% of our population between 2011 and 2016, while the region grew by 6.5%



Valued Community Assets

We share many parks, arts, cultural and recreation facilities throughout the community, and our residents have a strong sense of community belonging



Aging Demographics

We have more than 1 in 4 residents over the age of 65, a “missing generation” of younger adults and a declining percentage of school-aged kids

It's all connected

Access, affordability, social interaction and connectedness can be fostered through well-connected neighbourhood planning. The needs of changing life-stages across all age groups can be better met by more housing diversity and choices.

Social interactions, mental and physical health, livability and community stewardship can be encouraged through access to nature, outdoor recreation and parks systems. Climate change actions can better protect our population.



A vibrant community with places to gather, socialize and interact can be supported by and foster commercial activities. A strong local economy can help keep spending in the community, and improve income and social well-being of individuals and households.

Accessibility, livability and equity can be improved through better connectivity of all transportation modes. Good active transportation options can also lead to mental and physical health benefits.

Happy, healthy and connected community

The following are 10 directions that emerged from Phase 2 and we invite you to help us refine them.



Emerging directions on access & diversity

1. Provide facilities, supports, services and information that are welcoming, barrier-free, inclusive and accessible for all
2. Advance diversity and provide opportunities for new residents to participate fully in civic, cultural and social life

Emerging directions on active & creative community

6. Build a strong community through sports, leisure, recreational, library and cultural activities and programs
7. Design public spaces that encourage active living, community vibrancy and social interaction (e.g. public realm improvements, place-making, public art, special events)
8. Identify opportunities for private development to provide amenities and facilities (e.g. childcare or adult day centres, community or cultural uses)

Emerging directions on demographic inclusion

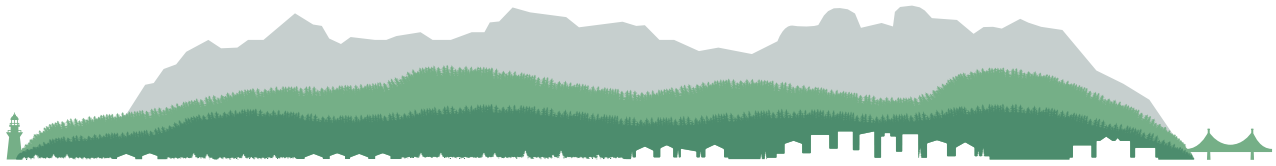
3. Provide a range of attainable housing options to meet the current and future needs of different ages and incomes (i.e. professionals, families, empty nesters, seniors and those needing supportive options)
4. Help children, youth and families thrive through parent education, early learning opportunities, support for child care and empowering youth with services and facilities
5. Address the needs of our aging demographics with lifelong learning opportunities and age-friendly programs and facilities

Emerging directions on collaboration & engagement

9. Collaborate with stakeholders, agencies and organizations to provide broad services to the community (e.g. joint planning, hub model partnerships, physical and mental health services, settlement information, English language, and employment and diversity services)
10. Provide meaningful engagement and volunteerism opportunities to enhance the delivery of civic programs and services

The following image illustrates the different elements that make up a community, including housing, transportation, shops, services, amenities and natural areas. It does not depict West Vancouver and is intended for illustrative purposes only.





Thank you!

Thanks to the community's contribution, we are progressing forward in the District's OCP review process. In the Fall of 2017, we are reaching out again to our community to help us refine the emerging directions that came out of **Phases 1 and 2**.



Don't forget it's all Connected!

In addition to this *Social Well-being Directions Paper*, we have also developed other directions papers on housing & neighbourhoods, transportation, parks & environment, and local economy. These are available at Municipal Hall and online at westvancouver.ca/ocp.

Stay involved!

You can tell us what you think by attending a number of workshops or completing a **Directions Survey**. Visit westvancouver.ca/ocp to access the survey, learn more about the engagement schedule and sign up for updates.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



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