

Burnaby Community Assembly Recommendations – High-Level OCP Responses

The tables below categorize the recommendations of the Community Assembly into relevant OCP areas and provide high-level staff responses to these recommendations. A detailed assessment of the integration of the Community Assembly recommendations into draft OCP policies will take place with the formation of the draft OCP and will be presented to Council during Phase 4 of the Burnaby 2050 project.

Table 1. Staff Responses At-A-Glance

Integrated	Partially Integrated	Partially Integrated/Partially Outside OCP Scope	For Consideration	Outside OCP Scope
10	3	3	3	5

Table 2. High-Level Staff Responses to Assembly Recommendations

#	Assembly Recommendations (Summarized) ¹	OCP Areas	High-Level Staff Response
Vision and Approach			
1	The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously endorses a modified version of the following draft vision statement presented by the City of Burnaby: <i>“Burnaby is a safe, thriving, green city with a vibrant economy and connected</i>	Vision Statement	Partially Integrated 1.1 and 1.3 will be incorporated into the OCP. The concept of “sustainable” in 1.2 is captured in the term “green” in the current draft vision statement.

¹ For detailed Assembly recommendations in the full report, please visit: https://www.burnabyassembly.ca/files/ugd/f79cdf_2677326ba16e4ca4814fe31f97f4c940.pdf?index=true

	<p><i>neighbourhoods that people want to live in and be in for generations to come.”</i></p> <p>Requested modifications include:</p> <p>1.1. Substitute “live, work and play in” rather than “live in and be in”.</p> <p>1.2. Substitute “sustainable” rather than “thriving”.</p> <p>1.3. Include the words “affordable” and “inclusive”.</p>		
2	<p>The Assembly strongly recommends that the City of Burnaby should adopt an intergenerational lens for decision making, requiring staff to report on potential impacts that will be felt by future generations for all major projects, plans, strategies, policies and budget decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation and Performance Monitoring • Strategic lenses 	<p>Partially Integrated</p> <p>Can incorporate the principles of intergenerational thinking into the OCP. Will consult internally on the incorporation of an intergenerational lens into the OCP.</p>
3	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City of Burnaby develop and implement a consistent set of measurable decision criteria that are used and made publicly available for land use decisions. These criteria should measure the “benefit per acre of land used” and should include livability, equitability, sustainability and economic viability, as well as other criteria developed through consultation with experts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Framework • Implementation and Performance Monitoring 	<p>For Consideration</p> <p>Will be reviewed for further analysis.</p>
4	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City add an additional passage within its vision statement and/or at an appropriate place near the start of the</p>	<p>Strategic Lenses</p>	<p>Integrated</p> <p>Already intended to incorporate in OCP. This is supported by Council’s adoption of the “Indigenous</p>

	Official Community Plan that expresses the City’s commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.		Relations and Reconciliation Framework and Strategy” for the City at its August 26, 2024 meeting.
Housing Choices, Access, and Affordability			
5	The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously recommends that the City of Burnaby create more affordable housing and set a target to achieve 20 percent nonmarket housing in the city by 2050.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Community Well-Being 	<p>Outside of OCP Scope</p> <p>This work sits within the Housing Needs Report update, which will identify projected housing needs, and will be considered during the next planned update of the Housing Needs Report. The OCP will not include housing targets, but it will include policies that promote diverse housing types.</p>
6	The Burnaby Community Assembly recommends treating housing as a human right and prioritizing the housing needs of low-income families, those at risk of homelessness and groups listed under “key areas of local need” in Burnaby Housing Needs Report (e.g. accessible housing, seniors, Indigenous, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Community Well-Being 	<p>Outside of OCP Scope</p> <p>This work sits within the Housing Needs Report update and will be considered during the next planned update of these items. The OCP will incorporate policies to support the delivery of housing for those in need.</p>
Growth, Density and land Use Part 1: Neighbourhoods, Street Experiences and Accessibility			
7	The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously recommends that the City provide more benches, lighting, waste receptacles, washrooms and trees in public spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Parks • Community Well-Being 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>The OCP can include language to support accessible public spaces policy. However, detailed policy on how to facilitate accessible public spaces are within the scope of the Burnaby Transportation Plan and through Parks, Recreation and Culture plans, policies, facilities planning and other initiatives.</p>
8	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly	Transportation	Integrated

	recommends that the City set a target to ensure every street has safe sidewalks in the next 10 years.		These metric targets are covered in the Burnaby Transportation Plan and the Community Safety Plan; however, the OCP can include language to support safe community infrastructure in transportation.
9	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City should use mixed-use zoning in new urban villages to allow and encourage amenities and small business within walking distance of all neighbourhoods across Burnaby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Framework • Growth Management • Economy 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>Already intended to incorporate in OCP and Land Use Framework.</p>
10	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City design transportation infrastructure for walking, busing and biking that enables access to basic needs and services in trip times of 15 minutes or less without requiring a car.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use and Urban Design • Transportation • Community Well-Being 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>The OCP will include language around complete communities. More detailed strategies and actions are contained in the Burnaby Transportation Plan.</p>
11	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City also improve accessibility through the following actions:</p> <p>11.1. Create a task force to ensure TransLink accessibility including during emergencies (for example, the ability to access public transportation, the ability for wheelchair users to exit the platform during elevator break downs or the accessibility implications of power failures or other unexpected events).</p> <p>11.2. Create more charging opportunities for powered means of travel (wheelchairs, mobile</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Community Well-Being • Housing 	<p>Partially Integrated Partially Outside of OCP Scope</p> <p>11.1 is outside of the scope of the OCP. Staff will bring 11.2 to the Transportation staff for consideration. 11.3 and 11.4 are requirements in the existing building codes for multi-family dwellings. Currently, the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw requires 20% of single level dwelling units to be adaptable. 100% of purpose-built seniors housing units are required to be adaptable. The City is currently undertaking an Accessibility Strategy, and</p>

	<p>scooters and e-bikes) in common rest areas and on transit, including power outlets, dedicated spaces, clear signage and security (where appropriate).</p> <p>11.3. Require all new buildings to be physically accessible for everyone, including people with wheelchairs and other mobility needs, which can help foster social connections and prevent isolation due to the accessibility barriers of a place.</p> <p>11.4. Require all new housing to include units that are accessible and can be customized, recognizing that people’s needs change over time. People should not be forced to leave their home because of a change in accessibility needs or prevented from having social connections due to the accessibility barriers of a home.</p>		<p>the Assembly’s recommendations will be forwarded to that process.</p>
Growth, Density, and Land-use Part 2: Zoning and Housing Forms			
12	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City update zoning to allow more townhouses, rowhouses and low-rise apartments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Framework • Land Use and Urban Design 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>Already intended to incorporate in OCP. Reflected in the draft OCP Land Use Framework, the Zoning Bylaw Rewrite Project, and the new R1 Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing District zoning designation.</p>
13	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City create transition zones between town centres and lower density neighbourhoods, as well as allow medium-scale growth along key transit corridors to help distribute future growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Framework • Land Use and Urban Design 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>Already intended to incorporate in OCP. Reflected in the draft OCP Land Use Framework.</p>
14	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends the development of the urban</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Framework 	<p>Integrated</p>

	villages proposed [by the City of Burnaby] on Canada Way and Willingdon, as well as nodes of amenities and services within a 15-minute walk of all areas in Burnaby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use and Urban Design • Community Well-Being 	Already intended to incorporate in OCP. Reflected in the draft OCP Land Use Framework.
15	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City of Burnaby should set a target to create 80,000 new housing units by 2050.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Growth Management 	<p>Partially Integrated</p> <p>The City determines housing projections based on prescribed Provincial methodology, and in consultation with Metro Vancouver, and these will be reflected in OCP housing policies and the Land Use Framework.</p>
Transportation			
16	<p>The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously recommends that City of Burnaby should work with TransLink to improve service and increase ridership by:</p> <p>16.1. Improving north / south transit service.</p> <p>16.2. Adding more washrooms along transit lines and in SkyTrain stations, as well as measures to make these spaces safe for commuters.</p> <p>16.3. Increasing frequency and coverage, especially during rush hour.</p> <p>16.4. Better connecting town centres (for example, Brentwood to Metrotown and Lougheed to Edmonds).</p> <p>16.5. Better connecting urban villages.</p> <p>The Assembly strongly recommends against the expansion of “park and ride” in Burnaby.</p>	Transportation	<p>Partially Integrated, Partially Outside of OCP Scope</p> <p>16.1, 16.2, 16.4, and 16.5 are reflected in draft OCP policies and the Land Use Map. Areas outside of the OCP scope, 16.3, is included as part of the Burnaby Transportation Plan and underway as part of TransLink’s Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan.</p>

17	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends the City connect the Brentwood and Metrotown areas by expanding a corridor and mandating the development of a multi-modal path. This path will encourage e-mobility options such as e-bike and e-scooter, biking, walking and rolling and should be safely separated in order of speed.	Transportation	Partially Integrated, Partially Outside of OCP Scope A multi-modal path connecting Brentwood and Metrotown along Willingdon Ave is proposed in the Burnaby Transportation Plan.
18	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City review existing foot traffic routes to maximize safety (Vision Zero to eliminate road deaths) and identify “high-traffic” mixed-use routes for better road / sidewalk / lane separation.	Transportation	Outside of OCP Scope Details are covered in the Burnaby Transportation Plan. However, the OCP will have language that supports safe streets. The Community Safety Plan also includes initiatives which support street safety.
19	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City should prioritize new rapid transit services with dedicated bus lanes on major roadways such as Canada Way, Hastings and Willingdon, and supports wider sidewalks for walking or rolling.	Transportation	For Consideration Will be reviewed for further analysis.
Livability, Belonging and Well-Being			
20	The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously recommends that the City protect green spaces and create more community gardens in public and private spaces, prioritizing the use of City-owned spaces, including schools and parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Well-Being 	Integrated Already intended to incorporate in OCP. More opportunities for green space are identified through the OCP and the Land Use Map. There will be policy supporting food systems and community gardens.
21	The Burnaby Community Assembly nearly unanimously recommends allocating the highest proportion of spending from development revenues to affordable housing, childcare, and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Community Well-Being 	Outside of OCP Scope Language referenced in draft OCP policy, however, funding allocations are outside the scope of the

	centres compared to other uses, placing the most time-sensitive priority on building childcare facilities and affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Management 	OCP. See here for more information on the City's new Amenity Cost Charges bylaw.
22	The Burnaby Community Assembly strongly recommends that the City invest more to increase the affordability and availability of childcare and daycare, treating this as one of the City's immediate spending priorities for new amenities.	Community Well-Being	<p>Outside of OCP Scope</p> <p>Child care is a key community infrastructure within the OCP, however details of childcare delivery, including childcare targets and funding are found in the Burnaby Child Care Action Plan.</p>
23	The Burnaby Community Assembly recommends more nightlife! Incentivize nightlife business around town-centres to be able to socialize without the need to go to neighbouring municipalities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Community Well-Being 	<p>Integrated</p> <p>Can incorporate policies to support nightlife businesses into the OCP.</p>
24	The Burnaby Community Assembly recommends that Burnaby increase industrial and manufacturing uses that are environment friendly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Environment 	<p>For Consideration</p> <p>Will be reviewed for further analysis. Currently aligns with draft Economy Policy Direction 2.</p>