

Edmonds Community Plan

pending council approval



Burnaby is located on the ancestral and unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ and Sḵwxwú7mesh Sníchim speaking peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to be on this territory.

Since 2016, the City of Burnaby has been working toward truth and reconciliation, in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s “Calls to Action” for Local Government. This encompasses the initiation of government-to-government relationships with the host First Nations on whose traditional and unceded territory the City of Burnaby is now located, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) Peoples. The City seeks to improve engagement with host First Nations, establish and maintain positive and effective working relationships and advance reconciliation. As the original stewards of the lands on which Burnaby is now located, and as knowledge keepers on land use and environmental protection, host First Nations have a unique connection to and understanding of these lands. The City recognizes host Nations’ traditional knowledge and the value it brings to future land use decisions.

In recognition of ongoing Truth and Reconciliation efforts and the City’s commitment to working in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous peoples, the community planning process has included the following steps:

- » Using public consultation methods, documents and materials as an opportunity to acknowledge and educate the wider community about the value and importance of Truth and Reconciliation, and the role of Indigenous Peoples in shaping Burnaby’s history, heritage and future;
- » Facilitating communication and engagement with host First Nations with an open invitation to collaborate and provide feedback at various stages of the community planning process; and
- » Providing cultural competency and sensitivity training for the project team and other staff involved in the community planning process.

As the Edmonds Community Plan (“Edmonds Plan” or “the Plan”) is implemented, the City is committed to continued collaboration with the host First Nations as part of ongoing Truth and Reconciliation efforts.

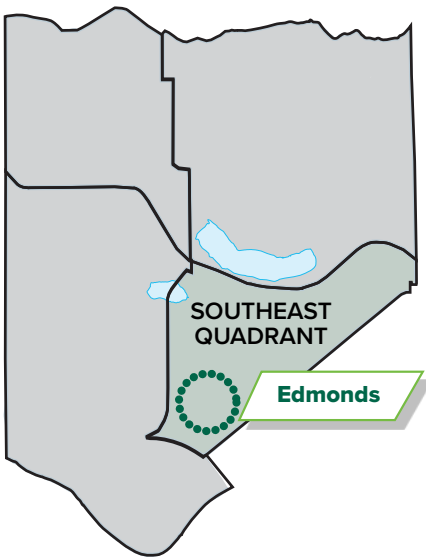


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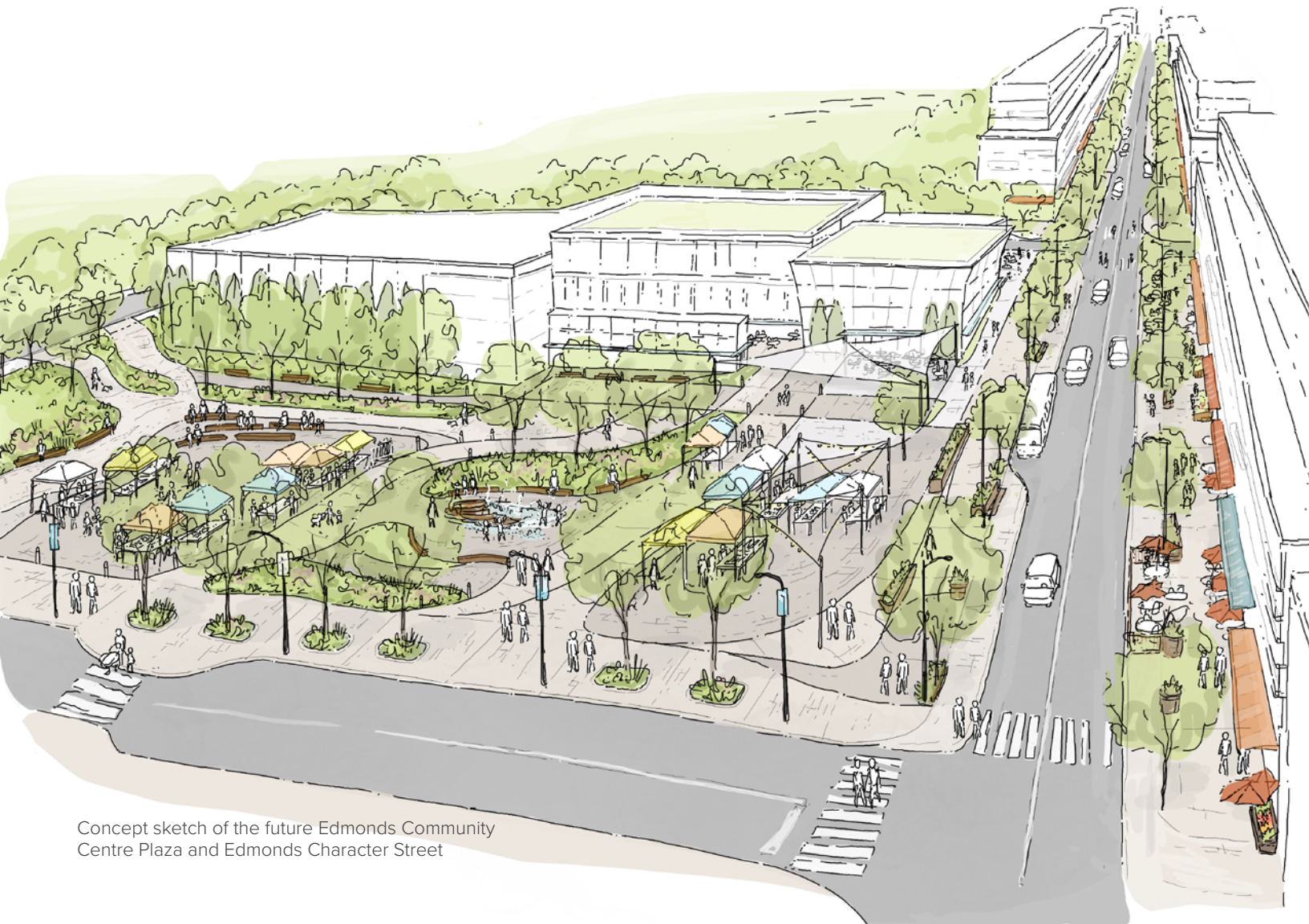
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OVERVIEW OF THE EDMONDS PLAN



Concept sketch of the future Edmonds Community Centre Plaza and Edmonds Character Street

1.1 Big Moves and Opportunities

Figure 1 below outlines some of the big moves and opportunities envisioned for Edmonds, looking into the long-term future.



Figure 1. Big Moves and Opportunities for the Edmonds Plan

1.2 Vision, Key Values and Goals

The vision statement for the Edmonds Plan establishes broad-level aspirations for the community’s future and is further supplemented by a list of key values and goals that guide the community plan in achieving its vision. Together, the vision, key values and goals are reflected in the rest of the Edmonds Plan within various policy directions that will shape future land use and development, public space and mobility, and housing and community building in Edmonds.



Figure 2. Vision, Key Values and Goals for the Edmonds Plan

1.3 The Community Planning Process

The Edmonds Plan was developed through a multi-phased process involving several rounds of extensive public consultation and engagement with host Nations as well as area residents, various community groups, partners and organizations and other members of the public. Key highlights and milestones for each of the public consultation phases are outlined below.



Figure 3. The Community Planning Process

During the entire community planning process, a Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)* approach was applied to various public consultation methods, events, tools and strategies. This allowed us to reach out to as many people as possible and encourage their active participation in shaping the Edmonds Plan.