

# DRAFT GREEN NANAIMO POLICIES

2022-MAR-09 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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# Today's Agenda

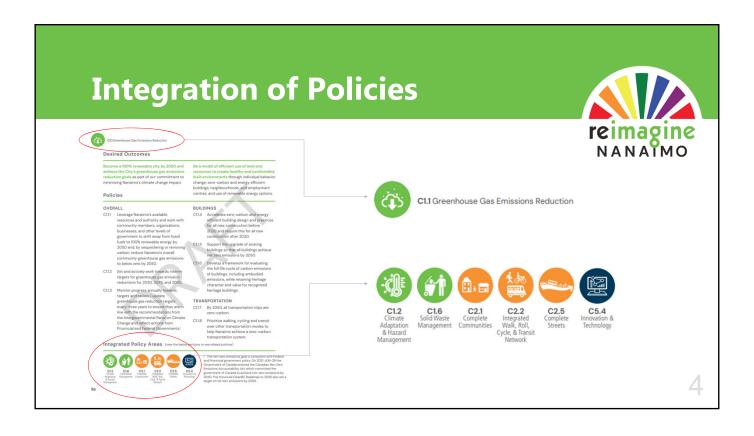
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- Draft City Plan Structure & Integration
- 2 Updated Green Policies Feb 2022 Draft & Committee Member Comments
- 3 2021-DEC-01 Committee Motions
- 4 Next Steps & Timelines

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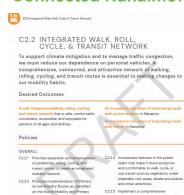
C3.5 Emergency Management



## **Integration Throughout the Document**



#### **Connected Nanaimo:**



C2.3 RECREATIONAL TRAILS Trails are at the intersection of mobility and green space, supporting both recreation and transportation. A highly valued recreation amenity, a robust trails network can promote healthy lifestyles, offer mobility alternatives, support natural area protection and experience, and enhance tourism and economical development.

C2.5 COMPLETE STREETS

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depending on their context Desired Outcomes

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# NANAÎMO

## **Healthy Nanaimo:**

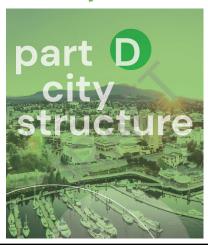
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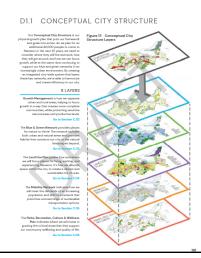


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#### **Part D City Structure:**





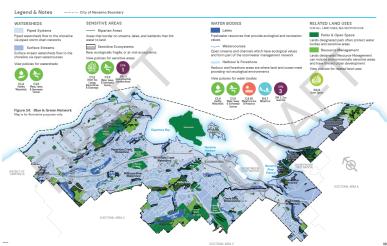
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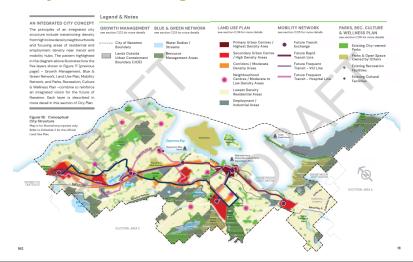
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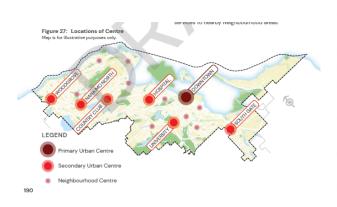


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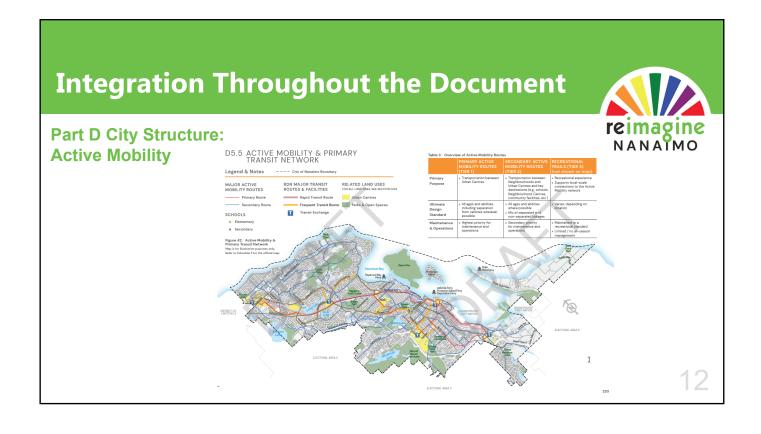


## Part D City Structure: Land Use Policies



LANDUSE	DESCRIPTION & INTENT	TYPICAL BUILDING FORMS	TYPICALUSES	TARGET DENSITY*
WATERFRO	NT (see Section [			
Waterfront	<ul> <li>Ocean and foreshore areas and adjacent lands with important connections to the waterfront</li> </ul>	» Varies by location and use	Public access facilities, trails, recreation     Water transportation     Matine services and marinas     Mosed-use     Ocean-focused industry     Residential	Varies
<b>GREEN SPA</b>	CES (see Section	n D4.8)		
Parks & Open Spaces	Lands for respite, recreation, wellness, cultural use, and enjoyment of residents     Environmental protection	Park buildings     Community service buildings     Height varies	Natural areas     Active parks     Plazes     Community     wellness, recreation, and service facilities     Golf courses	n/a
Resource Management	Agricultural, forested, or environmentally sensitive lands adjacent to Urban Centres, Comidors, and Neighbour hoods intended to be managed for sustainable agricultural, forestry, servironmental protection, and recreational purposes	Smell scale and six buildings and six buildings single-unit dwellings     Up to 2 storeys	Natural areas     Agriculture     Forestry, silviculture     Nature parks	<1 uph
NOTES				
*Target densities, where shown, a support monitoring. These land of Zoning Bylaw. Densities are not it will have unique site circumstance	se target densities do not regu stended to be applied to indivi-	late actual densities on inc	fividual lots; this is the fu	nction of the

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C3.6 Recreation & Wellness



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## **Updated Green Policies – Feb 22 Draft**



- C1.2 Climate Adaptation and Hazard Management
- C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas and Greenways
- C1.4 Healthy Watersheds
- C1.5 Water, Sewer and Stormwater Services Title Edited
- C1.6 Solid Waste Management\* Moved up
- C1.7 Brownfield Sites Moved down & Title Edited
- C1.8 Artificial Lighting and Dark Skies Title Edited





## **Updated Green Policies - potential**

- C1.1 Climate Mitigation and Adaptation
  Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
  Climate Adaptation and Hazard Management
- C1.2 Natural Systems/Urban Ecosystems
  Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas and Greenways
  Healthy Watersheds

Brownfield Sites
Artificial Lighting and Dark Skies

On C1.3 Infrastructure and Services
Water, Sewer and Stormwater Services
Solid Waste Management



## Questions



Do you support the current format of green topics?

- 1. Yes, keep the existing topics
- 2. No, collapse them into fewer headings
- 3. I would like to suggest an alternative



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## **Updated Green Policies**



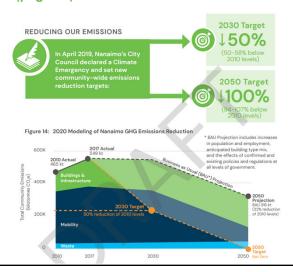
# New paragraph in WHY IS A GREEN NANAIMO IMPORTANT FOR OUR FUTURE (page 47):

A Green Nanaimo also encourages community members to adopt environmentally-friendly attitudes and behaviors. Engagement and education that aim to help our community members feel a sense of place in our city is a key component of a Green Nanaimo because when we feel attached to a place, we are more likely to protect it, steward it, and help it thrive for years to come.

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction



New infographic (page 53):



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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction



New infographic (page 55):

Remember to the Relative Impact of Strategies to Reduce GHG Emissions in Nanaimo

The Contribution of Strategies to Reduce GHG Emissions in Nanaimo

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction



#### Revised transportation policy statement C1.1.7 (page 56):

January 2022 Draft:

Ensure that all residents have access to zero-emission vehicle charging facilities.

#### February 2022 Draft:

By 2050, all transportation trips are zero-carbon.

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 1. Should a policy statement about advocating to the Provincial government for additional powers and policy tools to meet cities' climate goals be in City Plan or Action Plan?
- 2. Should the years be adjusted in 'C1.1.4 (page 56) Accelerate zero-carbon and energy efficient building design and practices for all new construction before 2026 (instead of 2030) and require this for all new construction after 2028 (instead of 2030)'?

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction



#### **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 3. Should 'C1.1.5 Support the upgrade of existing buildings so that all buildings achieve net zero emissions by 2050' be modified because it may seem unrealistic for old buildings? Consider 'support upgrade of existing buildings to maximize efficiency toward net zero emissions goals'.
- 4. A proposed new transportation policy: build minimum grid active transportation infrastructure in the town centres Is this clear enough? Should this be in the City Plan or Action Plan?

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.2 Climate Adaptation & Hazard Management



## New Policies in Feb 2022 Draft (page 58):

C1.2.12 Incorporate climate resilience into large new construction projects and building retrofits

C1.2.13 Support climate change resilience adaptations for new and existing homes

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.2 Climate Adaptation & Hazard Management



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 1. Retitle to Climate Adaptation & Hazard Management Mitigation?
- 2. Communication and Capacity Building C1.2.1 to C1.2.3 (page 57) Are they too weak? What should success look like?
- 3. C1.2.2 (page 57): Support community and neighbourhood-level organizations that help community members prepare for climate change and other hazards Consider: Support community and neighbourhood-level organizations that improve capacity and resilience of the community.

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.2 Climate Adaptation & Hazard Management



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

Planning and Strategy C1.2.6 to 1.2.8 (page 57-58) contain overlapping ideas and strategies. Need to streamline and clarify?

Is stronger language needed for C1.2.8 and C1.2.9 (page 58)? Discourage/redirect/encourage to avoid vs. prohibit

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas & Greenways



# Editorial changes Feb 22 Draft. No major content change (page 60).

The original "C1.3.9 Continue to acquire and protect lands that possess significant tree values" is removed as the idea is captured in C1.3.15 "Continue to acquire natural areas as parkland and continue to manage existing forests and ecosystems within them so they adapt and evolve with climate change.

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas & Greenways



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 1. Replace "rainwater attenuation" with "surface runoff management"?
- 2. Clarify the goal of C1.3.1 (page 59) in the policy statement?
- 3. Add tree planting to existing neighborhoods, not just new and redevelopment sites in C1.3.2 (page 59)?
- 4. Add consideration for food security for C1.3.4 or place it in other policy areas?

## **Updated Green Policies**

C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas & Greenways



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 5. Add a policy statement about inclusion of fruit tree and nut trees in public spaces in this section or somewhere else?
- 6. Remove vague terms on Page 60 such as 'consider' in C1.3.8 'encourage' in C1.3.10 'seek to protect' in C1.3.12, 'strive to find creative solutions that protect' in C1.3.13, 'endeavor' in C1.3.14' and replace them with simpler and stronger language?

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.3 Urban Tree Canopy, Natural Areas & Greenways



#### **New comments Since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 7. Page 60 C1.3.9 remove 'where possible the City will continue to' and replace with the City does and will continue to....
- 8. C1.3.16 to C1.3.18 have similar justification. Should the justification be separated from the policy statements? Should the policies be simplified with less detail about setbacks and constraints?

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.4 Healthy Watersheds



Editorial changes in Feb 2022 Draft. No major content change. (page 62)

Order of policies C1.4.1 and C1.4.2 switched and language edited to be more active

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.4 Healthy Watersheds



#### **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

1. Remove 'continue to' in C1.4.3 and C1.4.4 (page 63)?

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.5 Water, Sewer & Stormwater Services



Editorial changes Feb 2022 Draft. No major content change.

Removed 'green and affordable' descriptor from the heading

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.5 Water, Sewer & Stormwater Services



## **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 1. Should 'C1.5.3 (page 65) Coordinate utility infrastructure upgrades with transportation and/or parks improvements to minimize disruption and optimize community investments' be placed in enabled/prosperous goal 5 or stay in green?
- 2. Should 'C1.5.12 (page 65) Continue to maintain and update a Stormwater Management Policy, along with subdivision standards and specifications for stormwater management, to support the goals and desired outcomes of City Plan' be in Action Plan instead?

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.5 Water, Sewer & Stormwater Services



#### New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:

- 3. C1.5.14-C1.5.16 (page 66) seem to have overlapping ideas. Should these be reworded and refocused on clearer 'action' statements?
- 4. Should the section Servicing Costs (page 66) be in Green Policies or go under enabled/prosperous goal 5 under heading cost effective/financially sustainable infrastructure?

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# **Updated Green Policies** C1.6 Solid Waste Management



### **Editorial changes Feb 2022 Draft.**

C1.6.5 (page 67)
Jan 2022 Draft
work to eliminate organic matter sent to the regional landfill by 2030

Replaced with

Feb 2022 Draft

Support Eliminating organic matter sent to the Regional Landfill \* See discussion on Council motions below

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.6 Solid Waste Management



#### New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:

Should it be clarified what 'C1.6.3 (page 67) Support the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan' looks like?

Page 68

C1.6.10 Set the fee structure for solid waste collection so that it provides residents with an acceptable basic level of service at reasonable cost while encouraging users to reduce unnecessary waste.

Should we set a variable fee structure?

C1.6.11 City-operated recycling services will provide incentives for users as alternatives to waste disposal that pursue the "four R's" and will focus on programs that have the greatest potential for materials diversion from the landfill.

Clarify what city-operated recycling services?

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.7 Brownfield Sites



Editorial changes Feb 2022 Draft. No major content change. Moved to lower in the Table of Contents

#### **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

Page 69

Desired Outcomes reword to : Redevelopment of brownfield sites to improve the City's economic, environmental and social health

1. Should 'C1.7.2 (page 69) Increase community awareness of the economic, environmental and social benefits of brownfield sites throughout the city' be removed?

# **Updated Green Policies**C1.7 Brownfield Sites



#### **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

- 2. Should 'C1.7.3 (page 69) Leverage financial opportunities from a range of stakeholders' be removed? Or merged with 'C1.7.5 Achieve appropriate permanent redevelopment or interim uses of brownfield sites throughout the city'?
- 3. Is 'C1.7.6 Consider risks and public benefit of accepting the property when considering land dedication of potentially contaminated sites' a given? Should it be merged into C1.7.5?

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# **Updated Green Policies**C1.8 Artificial Lighting & Dark Skies



Editorial changes. No major content change. Title simplified

## **Updated Green Policies** C1.8 Artificial Lighting & Dark Skies



#### **New comments since 2022-JAN-26 EC Mtg:**

Does C1.8.2 (page 70) 'Continue to balance community safety, energy and dark sky preservation in the selection and installation of new and upgraded street lighting infrastructure' need to be reworded to provide clarity?

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## **Updated Green Policies**



#### Other comments:

Do you support the following direction?

- Tying the green policies to the goal of staying within the ecological limits as outlined in the city doughnut.
- · Connecting services to the 'human needs' inner circle of the doughnut

Is there any other change you would like to see?

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## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20

"That the City will leverage its available resources and authority to reduce carbon emissions beyond Net Zero to reach climate emergency targets of 107% reduction by 2050 and actively advocate to senior levels of government for the necessary support to achieve this."

#### February 2022 Draft City Plan Policy

Leverage Nanaimo's available resources and authority and work with community members, organizations, businesses, and other levels of government to shift away from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy by 2050 and, by sequestering or removing carbon, reduce Nanaimo's overall community greenhouse gas emissions to below zero by 2050 (page 56 C1.1.1)

## Draft Integrated Action Plan

Advocate to senior levels of government for the necessary support to achieve City's GHG emissions reduction targets (C.1.1.4)

Establish a sustainable funding

mechanism to support both corporate and community climate actions. (C.1.1.3)



## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20



"That Council add a policy statement in the Official Community Plan to commit the City to a regular review cycle of Greenhouse Gas target performance indicators necessary to evaluate whether policy actions are having the desired effect."

## February 2022 Draft City Plan Policy

Monitor progress annually towards targets and review / update greenhouse gas reduction targets every three years to ensure they are in line with the recommendations from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and reflect actions from Provincial and Federal Governments. (page 56 C1.1.3)

## Draft Integrated Action Plan

Set interim targets for community greenhouse gas emission reductions for 2030, 2035, and 2040 (C.1.1.1)

Set a 2030 GHG emissions reduction target for buildings

Set a 2030 GHG emissions reduction target for transportation (C.1.1.16)

(C.1.1.6)

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## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20



# February 2022 Draft City Plan Policy

Accelerate zero-carbon and energy efficient building design and practices for all new construction before 2030 and require this for all new construction after 2030 (page 56 C1.1.4)

## Draft Integrated Action Plan

Set a 2030 GHG emissions

reduction target for buildings (C.1.1.6)

Update Nanaimo's Step
Code implementation
strategy to ensure higher
step compliance
requirement come into effect
before Provincial mandated

implementation timeline

(C.1.1.7)



## 2021-DEC-01 EC Motions Adopted by Council 2021-DEC-20



"That Council advocate to the Provincial government for a moratorium on all new natural gas connections."

	February 2022 Draft City Plan Policy	Draft Integrated Action Plan
for a moratorium on all new natural gas connections (C.1.1. Work with the Province and oth partners to prevent fuel switchin	Not included put as an	government for the necessary support to achieve City's GHG emissions reduction targets (C.1.1.4)  Advocate to the Province of BC for a moratorium on all new natural gas connections (C.1.1.5)  Work with the Province and other partners to prevent fuel switching from low-carbon to high-carbon

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## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20



"That Council change the policy statement regarding Solid Waste to eliminate organic matter sent to landfill by 2030."

Jan 26 2022	February 2022	Draft Integrated
Draft Plan Policy	Draft Plan Policy	Action Plan
Work to eliminate organic matter sent to the regional landfill by 2030	Support eliminating organic matter sent to the Regional Landfill (page 67 C1.6.5)	Addressed by a large number of actions that speak to zero-waste programs or actions and/or reducing food waste

## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20



"That Council endorse the approach for policy development in regards to greenhouse gas reduction with the inclusion of stronger language."

February 2022 Draft City Plan Policy	Draft Integrated Action Plan
Language updated to be stronger in all of C1.1 (Pages 52-56)	Language updated to be stronger

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## EC Motions 2021-DEC-01 Council Adopted 2021-DEC-20



"That Council endorse the approach for policy development in regards to greenhouse gas reduction with the inclusion of stronger language."

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City Plan Policy	Plan
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