

2.0 VISION

Saanich is a sustainable community where a healthy natural environment is recognized as paramount for ensuring social well-being and economic vibrancy, for current and future generations.

Environmental Integrity

Saanich is a model steward working diligently to improve and balance the natural and built environments. Saanich restores and protects air, land, and water quality, the biodiversity of existing natural areas and eco-systems, the network of natural areas and open spaces, and urban forests. The challenges posed by climate change are responded to. “Centres” and “Villages” accommodate the majority of future growth, using green building practices.

Social Well-Being

Saanich offers opportunities for balanced, active, and diverse lifestyles. Housing, public services and amenities are affordable, accessible and inclusive. Residents enjoy food security through the safeguarding of agricultural land and the promotion of community gardens and urban farming. The community’s heritage is valued and promoted. Residents take advantage of a diverse range of recreational, educational, civic, social, arts, and cultural services.

Economic Vibrancy

Saanich’s economy is connected locally, regionally, and globally, providing diverse economic opportunities, ranging from high technology to agriculture. Our economy and labour force is responsive and has the ability to adapt to change. Saanich’s clean, appealing environment, skilled workforce, responsive public services, and excellent community infrastructure make it an ideal location to live, work, and conduct business.



“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Brundtland Report 1987



Vibrant, distinct neighbourhoods provide a high quality of life for individuals and families. A variety of travel modes connect neighbourhoods and businesses, allowing for the effective, efficient, and safe movement of people, goods, and services. Walking, cycling, and transit are viable and popular travel options, resulting in less car dependence. Rural and farm land is protected by adherence to the Urban Containment Boundary.



Community activities and events generate inter-generational and inter-cultural interest, participation, and social integration. Land-use planning, infrastructure design, and service delivery continue to address public safety issues. Citizen awareness, education, and collaborative involvement promote a shared responsibility and ownership of community development.



Implementation of strategic economic development strategies sustains and enhances the economy, and ensures long-term financial sustainability, while meeting social and environmental commitments. Saanich ensures sustainability through the provision of efficient, affordable, accessible, and reliable public services, programs, and utilities that meet community expectations, and are achieved through careful management, fiscal responsibility, innovation, progress monitoring, community involvement, and meaningful consultation.