# The District Official Community Plan



The Corporation of The District of North Vancouver
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Note: This Document is a consolidation of bylaws relating to the District Official Community Plan, up to and including Amending Bylaw 8 (Bylaw 6401, November 18, 1991). This consolidation is intended for casual reference only. Certified copies of all bylaws and maps are available for inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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#### THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

# **BYLAW 6300**

A bylaw to adopt an official community plan for the entire municipality pursuant to section 947 of The Municipal Act.

The Council of The Corporation of The District of North Vancouver, having observed the relevant provisions of the Municipal Act, enacts the following:

# 1. TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as "THE DISTRICT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN"

# \*2. THE DISTRICT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The document entitled "The District Official Community Plan", annexed hereto and marked Schedules "A" and "B" to Bylaw 6300, is hereby adopted as the official community plan of the District of North Vancouver.

## 3. OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The District Official Community Plan expresses the council's social, economic and environmental objectives and policies respecting the general form and character of future land use patterns for the entire municipality.

# \* 4. <u>DELINEATION OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN AREA</u>

Plan Map DNV-01 dated April 9, 1990, as contained in Schedule "A" to Bylaw 6300, delineates the area affected by The District Official Community Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING held on the 12th day of June, 1990.

PASSED by the Council on the 1st day of October, 1990.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED by the Council on the 22nd day of October, 1990.

"M. BAKER" MAYOR

"M.K. WARWICK" MUNICIPAL CLERK

\*NOTE: This document contains the most recent edition of Schedules "A" and "B" and Plan Map DNV-01, dated November 1991, consolidated to amending Bylaw 640

Schedule "A"
THE PLAN



### 1 INTRODUCTION

### **PURPOSE**

The residents of the District of North Vancouver through their elected Council have agreed to adopt The District Official Community Plan as a broad vision for the future of The District of North Vancouver, to serve as a guide for all who live here, wish to live here, or, conduct business here. The Plan is intended to be the principal reference for future land use decisions to be made by Council and may be interpreted as Council's expression of the public interest. Once the Plan is adopted Council may not take any actions contrary to the Plan. The Plan however, does not commit Council to embark on any project included in the Plan, nor does it authorize Council to proceed with a project until the usual requirements for a public project have been met. It remains the responsibility of the individual to determine actual site conditions, other applicable bylaws and regulations, and current policies prior to making any development decisions.

#### SCOPE

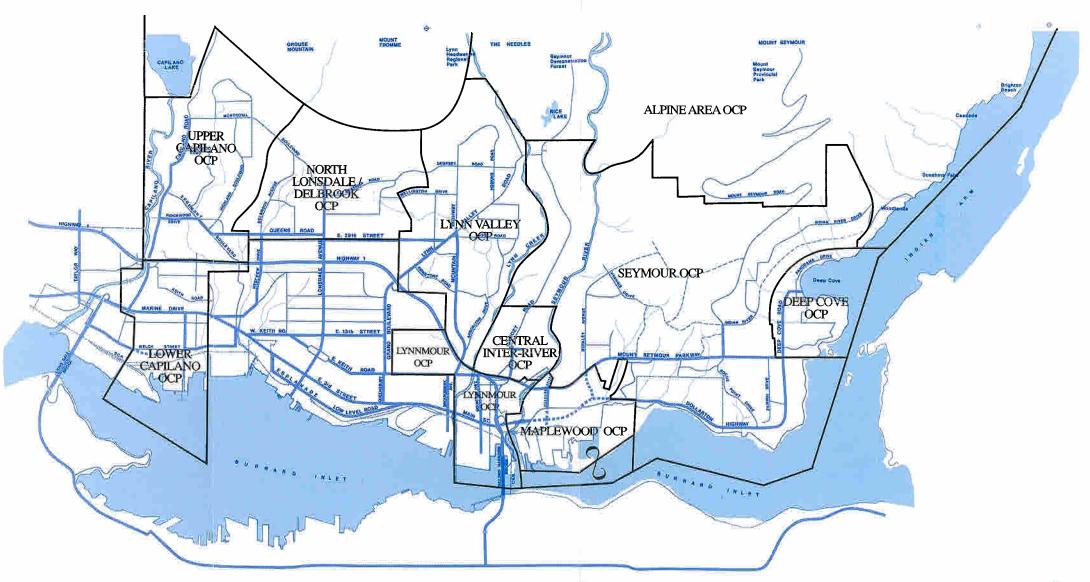
The Plan sets fundamental community goals, desired objectives, and outlines the development policies necessary to achieve those goals and objectives. The District Official Community Plan also serves to coordinate various local area community plans and implementation programs and establishes the basic guidelines by which future development proposals may be measured. The Plan is scheduled for review every 5 years.

### PLAN FORMAT

The format of The District Official Community Plan was chosen to be easily read and understood by all citizens. The wording is simple and direct with the principal maps done in a schematic style. This Plan identifies those areas of the municipality to be used for residential, institutional, commercial, industrial, water supply, conservation, parks and recreation purposes.

#### AREA PLANS

In addition to this broad, overall, land use plan, Council is in the process of adopting a series of more detailed land use plans each covering a specific area of the municipality, as shown on the accompanying map. These area plans, based upon local neighbourhood input, will detail the range of residential densities proposed, the types of commerce and industry to be permitted, the location and boundaries of future parks and public institutions.



AREA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANS

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES



### BACKGROUND RESEARCH

The District Official Community Plan represents the results of an extensive public participation and research program. This document contains only the officially adopted Plan. Additional information is available from the Planning Department.

#### MUNICIPAL HISTORY

In 1891, 99 years after Captain Vancouver's exploration of Burrard Inlet and some 7000 years after the first native settlement, Letters Patent were issued in the name of Queen Victoria establishing the Municipality of the District of North Vancouver. The new municipality stretched 31 kilometres (19 miles) from the North Arm of Burrard Inlet to Howe Sound and from the harbour 13 kilometres (8 miles) north into the mountains. The District of North Vancouver originally included territory that would one day become the City of North Vancouver, (in 1907), and the District of West Vancouver, (in 1912). For planning purposes, the broader community composed of the three North shore municipalities still must be considered as interdependent in matters of transportation, major retail services, cultural and entertainment facilities, hospital, medical and emergency program services.

### LOCATIONAL FACTORS

The District of North Vancouver is located in an area of steep, rugged terrain on one of the world's best harbours. As part of Canada's busiest deep sea and coastal port and principal Pacific terminus of two major railways, North Vancouver has a significant role to play in both the national and the provincial economies. A significant factor to the community plan is the District's location relative to the rest of the Vancouver metropolitan area. As one of the "inner suburbs", it has a special relationship with the central business district, providing a quality residential environment in close proximity to the major source of office employment in Greater Vancouver. Due to this favoured location and the availability of large tracts of buildable land in the eastern half of the District, further growth will take place. To make the impact of that growth as positive as possible it must be carefully planned and regulated. Because of a traditionally low ratio of jobs to workforce on the North Shore, regional policy recommends keeping maximum population levels relatively low and increasing employment opportunities. This Plan attempts to do both, and, to support the other objectives and policies of The Livable Region Strategy.