

AGENDA
Accessibility, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Advisory Committee
To be held in Committee Rm. 2 and via MS Teams,
Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue,
Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (Attachment)
 - May 3, 2023

- 2. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- 3. DISABILITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY** (Presentation and Discussion)
 - Melissa Lyon, External Consultant, Accessibility & Inclusion

- 4. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – UPDATE**
 - Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner, Engineering

* Adjournment *

Next Meeting: September 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

To ensure quorum, please contact Angela Hawkshaw at 250-475-5494 ext. 3505 or
angela.hawkshaw@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Memo

To: Members of the Accessibility, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ADEI) Advisory Committee

From: Amber Walker, Community Planner

Date: 5/19/2023

Subject: Strategic OCP Update – Seeking Input and/or Endorsement on Draft Plan

Project Overview

Saanich Council initiated a focused update of the Official Community Plan (OCP) in Spring 2022. The Official Community Plan (OCP) is the main document that guides growth and change in Saanich. It provides a long-term vision for a livable community based on shared values and sustainability. The OCP works together with other plans and policies.

The focus of the Strategic OCP Update was on incorporating adopted Council direction and new data, updating the land use framework to address emerging policy priorities, and strengthening the sustainability framework and implementation plan. The Draft Plan retains the adopted Saanich Vision and three-pillar sustainability foundation (Natural Environment, Social Well-being, and Economic Vibrancy) from the 2008 OCP. Also, the update of the Draft Plan includes a significant revision to document layout and design to give it a fresh, new look and make the document easier to navigate and use. To learn more about the project or review the Draft Plan visit www.saanich.ca/ocp. The summary [May 15 Overview Council Presentation](#) is also posted on the project site.

Phase 2 Engagement / ADEI Committee Input

As part of its Phase 2 consultation process the project team will be providing several opportunities to collect input from the public and stakeholders on the Draft Plan. While the team will be presenting to most Council Advisory Committees this spring, ADEI Committee agenda space was not available until September. As the consultation process is scheduled from May to July, staff is providing this Memo to the ADEI Committee to solicit input and/or endorsement in place of a staff presentation. Should the Committee be interested in a special meeting to further discuss the OCP, staff can be available to attend and will incorporate feedback received up until July 14.

ADEI Considerations in the Draft Plan

While principles supporting accessibility, diversity, equity and inclusion are woven throughout the plan, specific sections of the plan addressing considerations within the scope of the ADEI Committee's Terms of Reference are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Draft Plan and ADEI Committee Scope	
Section 3.0 Challenges and Opportunities	Discusses the importance of “Creating a Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Community”.
Section 4.0 Sustainability Foundations	Reinforces existing 3-pillar approach and incorporates One Planet Living and 15-minute Community frameworks. Together these provide a strong equity foundation.
Section 6.2 Urban Forest	Embeds the equity based 3-30-300 Rule to Urban Forestry. This rule states that everyone can see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3 trees from each home; • 30% tree canopy cover in the neighbourhood; and, • All households are 300m from a park or green space.
Section 7.8 Design and Accessibility	Focuses on designing communities and buildings so that they can be accessed, understood, and used by all people regardless of their age, size, and ability. These policies will be reinforced through the update of the Development Permit Area guidelines (in progress).
Section 13.0 Community Well-being	Section includes the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement as well as related definitions and policies.

Provide Feedback

Options to provide feedback on the Draft Plan include a motion or memo from the ADEI Committee and/or through a discussion at a subsequent meeting before July 14. Committee members also have the option to participate as individuals through one of the engagement opportunities (posted at www.saanich.ca/ocp). Feedback and/or questions can be directed to Project Lead, Amber Walker at amber.walker@saanich.ca.

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Saanich Active Transportation Plan, 2023 Update Key Changes

The District of Saanich's first active transportation plan, *Moving Saanich Forward* was adopted by Council in June 2018 as a guide for investment in active transportation improvements over 30 years. The award-winning plan establishes a vision, goals and targets. It also outlines strategies and actions, and an implementation plan to ensure progress on the District's policies, standards, infrastructure and programs for active transportation.

Saanich is committed to monitoring and updating the *Active Transportation Plan (ATP)* on an ongoing basis and in 2023, five years of implementation will have occurred. The purpose of the ATP update is to develop a current framework to support the implementation of active transportation policies and actions. The updated plan will help guide investment and decision-making in the next five years, and beyond.

This document has been prepared as a companion document to the draft updated *Active Transportation Plan* to identify where key changes are being proposed within the Plan. A summary is provided on the following pages demonstrating section-by-section changes, categorized as follows:

-  New or additional material
-  Updates or substantial changes to existing material
-  Removal of existing material



Part 1.0

Introduction

- ★ Addition of the Territorial Acknowledgment.
- ◇ Reference to community engagement being undertaken through the process of 2023 update.
- ★ Description of progress over the past five years, including sidewalk and cycling facilities, quick build projects, intersection upgrades, and policy initiatives.

Part 2.0

Setting the Stage

- ◇ Existing sidewalk and bicycle network information has been updated to reflect progress over the past five years.
- ◇ Minor connector trails removed from network mapping.
- ★ An equity analysis is included to help understand opportunities for active transportation in equity deserving areas and to prioritize future investment.
- ★ Addition of e-bikes and micro mobility devices, trends, and related directions in the *Electric Mobility Strategy*.
- ◇ Demographic and travel data updated to most recent Census (2021) and Origin-Destination Survey (2017).
- ◇ Community planning and land use revised to reflect Corridors, Centres and Villages designations in the Official Community Plan (OCP) strategic update.
- ◇ Updates to the policy framework to reference current provincial and regional policies, as well as District strategies including the *Climate Plan*, *Housing Strategy*, and *Electric Mobility Strategy*.

Part 3.0

Future Directions

- ◇ The vision statement has been updated for reduced length, better alignment with ATP strategies, and to emphasize safety for people of all ages and abilities.
- ★ A new goal has been created (Goal 5) focused on community accessibility and equity.
- ◇ The section on targets has been removed. Specific targets are now addressed through goals relating to a shift to active modes and alignment with the *Climate Plan* (Goal 2), and eliminating traffic injuries and fatalities (Goal 3), with reference to goals and targets forthcoming in the *Road Safety Action Plan*.



Part 4.0

Strategies + Actions

- ✦ Edits where policies and plans have been updated over the past five years, including community plans and the *Subdivision Bylaw*.
- ★ New actions to address traffic concerns, including a District-wide traffic calming policy and a program to pursue traffic calming in Saanich neighbourhoods.
- ✦ Updated cycling facility types and design criteria to align with the 2019 *B.C. Active Transportation Design Guide*.
- ★ New Multi-Use Trail and Recreational Trail classifications established that are consistent with regional definitions.
- ✦ Actions specific to rural Saanich (previously Strategy 1E) have been combined with actions to be applied throughout Saanich. Rural areas are specifically mentioned in actions pertaining to traffic calming and active transportation facilities for rural contexts.
- Actions relating to traffic enforcement and partnership with Police and ICBC have been removed, instead to be addressed in the forthcoming *Road Safety Action Plan*.
- ★ New actions to establish a policy for acquisition of trail rights-of-way and to ensure bicycle parking and cycling end-of-trip facilities are provided at Saanich parks.
- Select actions removed relating to on-going operational procedures (e.g., snow clearing, pavement marking maintenance).

Part 5.0

Implementation + Monitoring

- ✦ Updates have been made to the strategies and actions summary table (Tables 1-4) for consistency with Part 4 and with updated implementation timeframe, responsibility and goals.
- ✦ Priority network improvements have been identified for the sidewalk, bicycle and trail networks. Some projects are carried forward from 2018, while others are new and reflect updated District priorities.
- ★ Evaluation criteria used to identify priority network improvements are updated to include equity considerations.
- ✦ Funding strategies have been updated including reference to Provincial and Federal grant opportunities to support active transportation infrastructure.



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OUR 30 YEAR ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

