



# HOW CAN YOU USE CHARTER 2.0?

Community groups, businesses, organizations and residents are important partners in achieving the goals of the Charter. We invite you to consider how your activities currently support sustainability, and to use the Charter to identify strategies that could further strengthen your work across multiple community themes.

For example, you can integrate the Sustainability Charter into your efforts in the following ways:

**EVALUATE** your hiring practices to support increased employee diversity

**CONSIDER** the impacts of your activities on our ecosystems (water, air, trees, etc.)

**THINK** about how your decisions help your community become more resilient and adapt to climate change

**ENGAGE** with other residents and community organizations to help solve complex social challenges

## A STRATEGY ACROSS EIGHT COMMUNITY THEMES

The vision of Charter 2.0 is to foster a *thriving, green, inclusive city*. It is organized around eight interconnected themes that describe how we intend to strengthen our city, with an eye to the future:

- Inclusion
- Built Environment and Neighbourhoods
- Public Safety
- Economic Prosperity and Livelihoods
- Ecosystems
- Education and Culture
- Health and Wellness
- Infrastructure



## GET IN TOUCH!

For questions, comments, or ideas on how we can all help support the Sustainability Charter 2.0, contact the City of Surrey Sustainability Office.

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**Sustainability**  
CHARTER  
2.0

**WORKING TOGETHER TO  
CREATE A THRIVING,  
GREEN, INCLUSIVE CITY**



# FROM VISION TO ACTION

The Charter describes what we want to accomplish, how we can all do that together, and ways of measuring our success. Each theme includes:

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| <b>A GOAL</b>                 | the overarching aspiration that we intend to accomplish, over the long term.                    |
| <b>DESIRED OUTCOMES</b>       | detailed long term results we intend to see in the community.                                   |
| <b>STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS</b>   | shorter term priorities that will move us toward our desired outcomes over the next five years. |
| <b>INDICATORS AND TARGETS</b> | a suite of metrics to measure progress and inform next steps.                                   |

**SUSTAINABILITY IS ABOUT MAKING DECISIONS THAT PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND CREATE THE WORLD THAT WE WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.** It's about balancing growth, the economy, the natural environment, and social and cultural needs in our communities.

The first City of Surrey Sustainability Charter (2008) set a North America-wide example by delivering a long-term plan for a healthy, green and prosperous city. After listening to many different stakeholder voices, we have updated the Charter to better reflect the needs and desires of the community. The Sustainability Charter "2.0" (2016) continues to guide the City's own decision making and planning, and is now more relevant for community groups, businesses and organizations. By aligning our goals and activities, we ensure that we are all moving toward a thriving, green, inclusive city.

# DEMONSTRATING CITY LEADERSHIP

At the City, staff use the Charter as a lens for plans, programs and initiatives. All decisions brought for Council approval outline how an issue or project supports the Charter, so we can make sure we are doing our part as a City to reach our goals.

The City is already working with many partners to support sustainability. For example:

The *Sources Connection Café and Catering* business provides more than just healthy food options; it provides employment and unique intergenerational mentorship opportunities to seniors and youth. The City worked with Sources Community Resource Society to locate and launch the social enterprise in the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre. Net proceeds support other social wellness programs operated by Sources.



*The Biopod Initiative* provides agricultural training and research in a demonstration greenhouse in Newton. Through a partnership between the John Volken Academy, the City of Surrey, the University of the Fraser Valley and others, the Biopod provides training and certification for students recovering from addiction. It tests and incubates agricultural innovations to improve efficiencies and reduce environmental impacts, and increases the amount of food grown and sold locally.

**The City of Surrey wants to connect and collaborate with institutions, businesses, organizations, service providers and residents in Surrey. We can all play a role to achieve a thriving, green, inclusive city. The Charter is a way to link your actions, programs and priorities to a shared vision of sustainability for our community.**

