

Attachment 1

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Community and Individual Wellbeing is one of 12 goals in the Official Community Plan (OCP), which states: *New Westminster is an equitable, inclusive, safe and welcoming place where all community members have opportunities to contribute, while feeling connected and accepted.*

The OCP contains the following policies related to Community and Individual Wellbeing:

- *Facilitate a more equitable and livable city in which all residents can meet their basic needs*
- *Facilitate opportunities for growing food and participating in food culture.*

The City of New Westminster 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities Plan contains the following vision and strategic priority:

- *Vision – A vibrant, compassionate, resilient city where everyone can thrive.*
- *Strategic Priority – Community Belonging and Connecting: A community where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to connect and contribute.*

Collectively, we strive to recognize, inspire, and empower all residents by developing and nurturing relationships with and across communities. We recognize identities and values to support the development of welcoming, respectful, and inclusive processes, activities, and spaces and places. The social and cultural make-up of New Westminster has fundamentally changed and is more diverse now more than ever, and it is vital that we all foster a community in which everyone feels they belong.

The *Food Security Action Plan*, endorsed by Council October 1, 2018, was a response to increasing levels of food insecurity and a number of barriers related to food security efforts in New Westminster, including lack of awareness, limited access and poor coordination. The plan, which involved over 30 community, faith, settlement and social service organizations in its development, includes 38 actions which are organized according to six key areas.