

Attachment 1

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Community Health is one of the six key themes identified in the Official Community Plan (OCP), which states: *A well-planned community can influence health by promoting physical activity, improving access to healthier foods, addressing housing needs, reducing pollution, promoting healthier natural environments and fostering good mental health.*

The OCP contains the following goals related to health:

- *New Westminster is an equitable, inclusive, safe and welcoming place where all community members have opportunities to contribute, while feeling connected and accepted.*
- *New Westminster values natural habitat areas that support biodiversity and healthy communities.*

The OCP contains the following policies related to health:

- *Foster a community that proactively addresses health issues and facilitates healthy built environments.*
- *Prepare for and reduce future impacts and risk to the natural environment, property and public health due to climate change.*
- *Foster a rental housing stock in which tenants have adequate opportunities to live in healthy, safe and secure housing.*
- *Ensure public spaces engage the local community and contribute to community health and well-being.*
- *Plan, construct and operate City services in a manner that best serves the community while protecting public health and the environment.*

The City of New Westminster 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan contains the following description of success related to health:

- *As a local government, the City of New Westminster is responsible for a number of core services that ensure our community is safe, healthy and meets our residents' needs.*