



CITY CONNECT

Your Strategic Plan *Success Stories from 2021*

Council's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan guides our work to foster and maintain a safe, healthy and inclusive community that offers a high quality of life to its residents. Here's a check-in on projects that helped move forward the City's five strategic priorities last year.

- 1 Respond to demographic change/improve quality of life



More Child Care Spaces Coming

A significant investment in the children of Port Alberni will provide a new multi-use Child Care Centre with 88 extra child care spaces for children of all ages – from infants and toddlers to after school students. The new \$2.9 million facility is made possible through the Childcare BC New Spaces fund, with added funding from the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

- 2 Enable the new economy



Sidewalk Patios Extended

Responding to the impact of COVID-19, City Council quickly enabled commercial operators to use city-owned sidewalks until June 1, 2022. These Temporary Sidewalk Patio Guidelines and general license to occupy allows them to continue operating, supporting them in the short term, while City staff work on criteria for operators to apply for permanent extensions.

- 3 Provide and maintain quality services



Connect the Quays Update

Public engagement on this unique public path linking Victoria Quay and Harbour Quay has provided extensive input to Council on public concerns ranging from parking and bicycle repair stations to upgrading the dyke as well as individuals expressing support and excitement about the initiative. Next step: design and construct two segments of the pathway in 2022.

- 4 Champion environmental leadership



A Whale's Worth of Organics Every Month!

The launch of the roadside organics service last fall was a huge success. After the first month, almost 150 tonnes of organics were diverted from the landfill—the equivalent of a huge blue whale. After just four months, organics curbside pickup exceeded garbage collection, with a total of 667 tonnes. That's a blue whale every month!

- 5 Foster a complete community



Supporting Our Most Vulnerable Community

Last fall, Council approved multiple contracts via RFP delivering on grant funds received through the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services fund to support unsheltered homeless people and to address related community health and safety challenges. A special Coordination Hub will oversee development of Homeless Outreach Services, Temporary Employment for Unsheltered Homeless, Youth Outreach Services and a Drop-In Centre. This project is a unique opportunity to showcase the important work of valued community partners.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Keeping you safe!



City staff work diligently to maintain good winter driving conditions, especially on emergency and main travel routes crucial for transportation. It is challenging work and we strive to be cost-effective while still maintaining a high level of service.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Clear your sidewalks. Help others too.



Reduce hazards! Shovel snow on to your property.



Clear snow from drains and fire hydrants.



FOR MORE INFO AND PRIORITY ROUTES

Head to portalberni.ca and search 'Snow and Ice Control'
Call 250.720.2840 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)



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Let's Connect

The City of Port Alberni wants to hear from you!

We're updating the **Official Community Plan** and we need your help creating a shared vision for Port Alberni.



Exploring issues
and opportunities in
the city



Putting your
comments on an
interactive map



Taking the
survey



Taking a tour of
neighbourhoods
with the community



Engaging in
a community
conversation /
focus group

Community Exploration

Want to learn more about the OCP and get involved?

Share your thoughts and help shape the future of Port Alberni.

There are many opportunities to get engaged:

- If you belong to a community group and want to be included in an interview / focus group, the City of Port Alberni will be “hosting” facilitated conversations in January and February 2022. To participate, email us at ocp@portalberni.ca.
- Visit the City's Let's Connect platform to complete a community survey and participate in an interactive online map that allows residents to identify community issues and opportunities.
- Teacher Toolkits will be available to engage and involve our youth in building the vision for Port Alberni's future.
- Join urban designers and planners in a “Community Walkshop” to explore neighbourhoods in Port Alberni.



Please email ocp@portalberni.ca if you would like more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Go here for information on the project:

www.letsconnectpa.ca/ocp