

BC Real Estate Convention eNewsletter

The City of North Vancouver has a clear vision for the kind of community it plans to be: vibrant, diverse and highly liveable.

When it comes to building a sustainable community, the City of North Vancouver takes a proactive and integrated approach, balancing social, economic and environmental priorities. The willingness to pursue innovative solutions such as district energy and strong working partnerships are also critical.

The City is proud to be an early leader of district energy systems in Canada. Since 2004, the City's Lonsdale Energy Corporation has won numerous accolades for its state-of-the-art heating system, which delivers high efficiency energy to customers using alternative, renewable sources such as solar energy. The system first began serving the high-density neighbourhood of Lower Lonsdale, and has since expanded to Central Lonsdale.

The City of North Vancouver is one of the densest and most efficient urban communities in Metro Vancouver and is considering innovative sustainable ways, such as laneway housing, to effectively manage future growth. The City is also redeveloping its Marine Drive corridor to accommodate more residential housing and new commercial opportunities presented by the nearby Harbourside Business Park and North Shore Auto Mall.

Recognizing that there is a finite inventory of land to develop, the City is working to build "complete" communities, where residents can find everything they need in one place. The City's long-term Transportation Plan makes public transit, walking and cycling viable alternative transportation options and improves the overall environmental health of the community.

Lower Lonsdale represents one of the City's most successful neighbourhoods in terms of sustainable development. The community features a bustling commercial district, vibrant arts, culture and recreation amenities, a community garden and energy efficient buildings served by an award winning district energy service. The Pier at the foot of Lonsdale has added new vibrancy and new business opportunities. Further enhancements are presently underway, including the proposed National Maritime Centre for the Pacific and the Arctic, a new hotel and convention centre, and North Shore Spirit Trail, a unique waterfront-oriented, multi-use greenway that will span the North Shore. A potential water bus between the City and Vancouver is yet another exciting new opportunity recently presented by the private sector.

In Central Lonsdale, the City has created a unique and welcoming gathering place for the community with its new civic plaza and North Vancouver City Library. A renovation of the front entrance to City Hall will give further presence to what is known as the heart of the City.

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