

# Vision | Mission | Values

and working principles



COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
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## Our Vision

“Sustainable and inclusive communities creating their own social, economic and environmental futures.”

## Our Mission

Community Social Planning Council leads social, economic and environmental planning in BC's Capital Region. We engage community members and organizations, businesses and government to research social issues and create sustainable solutions.

## Our Values

The Community Social Planning Council applies and integrates a specific set of values and working principles throughout all its operations.

The Community Social Planning Council believes:

- In the sustainability of a just and vibrant community
- That the well-being of people who live in our community can be enhanced by awareness and understanding of social policy and planning issues
- That open and accessible information is a tool for positive social change
- That all people should be treated with respect, fairness and dignity
- That we can best achieve our goals for positive social change by being firmly rooted in our community as a collaborative partner
- That our organization must be committed to critical thinking, and proactive regarding social issues in the community and the creation of innovative solutions
- That full and meaningful community participation and appreciation of our diversity is an important part of positive social change
- That the Community Social Planning Council must manage its affairs to ensure its sustainability and independence.

## Our Working Principles

Building on its long experiences as a convener of comprehensive community initiatives, the Council works to apply the following principles. Demonstrating care and respect for each other, our community and the environment, through:

- Cooperation - working with others to build community capacity Understanding - addressing underlying problems and opportunities
- Participation - seeking input and involvement from the variety of voices in our community Inclusion - including those who experience the issues first hand
- Communication - connecting in ways that everyone can understand
- Sharing - sharing power, information, resources and leadership
- Openness - open to innovation, various points of view and participation from all sectors of our society
- Action - developing practical, effective solutions
- Recognition - celebrating and positively reinforcing those who enhance quality of life in this region.

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We recognize and acknowledge the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples and thank the Nations for the opportunity to live and work within their traditional territories.