



# Strategic Priorities 2019–2022 Highlights

## INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

### K'ómoks IR2 Water & Sewer

Providing water and sanitary sewer utility services to K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) IR No.2 lands on Condensory Road.

### Sandwick Water Conversion

Collaboration with CVRD to transition north Courtenay neighbourhood to the Comox Valley water system.

### "Urbaloo" Installation

New downtown public washroom, 6<sup>th</sup> and England.

### Riverside Lane Sanitary Sewer Twinning

Added sewer conveyance to infill development area.

### Sandpiper Millard Watermain Replacement

Partnership with KFN to address archaeological issues.

### Grants Received

28 grants received (*greater than \$5000*) for a total of \$2.85 million.

### Greenwood Trunk Sewer

Expanded sewer capacity in east Courtenay to accommodate current and future development in the area.

**4.5** KMs new or replaced water main

**7.1** KMs new or replaced sanitary sewer main

**5.2** KMs new or replaced storm main

## MASTER PLANS & STRATEGIES



Several major master plans and strategies were adopted within the last four years, culminating with the Official Community Plan (OCP.)

**Reconciliation, community well-being, equity** are the foundations reflected in core policies central to the new OCP.

## KEY RELATIONSHIPS

### K'ómoks First Nation (KFN)

- Funding support for KFN Guardian Program.
- Interim servicing agreement and ongoing fire service to K'ómoks First Nation IR No.2 lands on Condensory Road.
- Ongoing collaboration, Kus-kus-sum restoration.
- Monthly meetings between representatives from the City and K'ómoks First Nation to share information on items of mutual interest.

Guardian totem at Courtenay Riverway  
Artist: Karver Everson



### Cultural Services

- Completed review of arts and cultural services.
- New management and operating services agreements with the Comox Valley Art Gallery and Arts Council.

### Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association

- Monthly coordination meetings
- Downtown lighting infrastructure upgrades
- Funded enhanced security patrols
- Event support to increase activity in the downtown business district

## TRANSPORTATION



### 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Renewal

Courtenay's biggest infrastructure upgrade project in decades. This \$ 6.9M project extends the lifespan of the bridge by 50 years.

### 17th Street Corridor Improvements

The governments of Canada and British Columbia have awarded \$1.72 million to install pedestrian safety upgrades including a crosswalk with flashing beacons as well as bike lanes on the 17th Street corridor between Fitzgerald and Willemar Avenues.

### Fitzgerald Corridor Cycling Expansion Project

The project added pedestrian safety upgrades including curb extensions and flashing beacons, bike lanes and landscaping between 5th and 8th Street.

**17**  
pedestrian crosswalk upgrades

**17.9**  
KMs roadway paving

**11.6**  
KMs active transportation improvements

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Destination Marketing Support

Renewal of MRDT (hotel tax) to support tourism marketing and visitor attractions - approximately \$350,000 annually (variable).

### Economic Recovery Task Force

Regional roundtable to identify COVID 19 impacts and support recovery efforts by sector.

### Downtown Courtenay Improvements

Wayfinding signs, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Parklet, street furniture.

### Sid Williams Theatre

Supporting performances through investments in facility infrastructure and exterior improvements.

### Urban Agriculture

New bylaw allows small-scale commercial urban food production through produce sale stands.

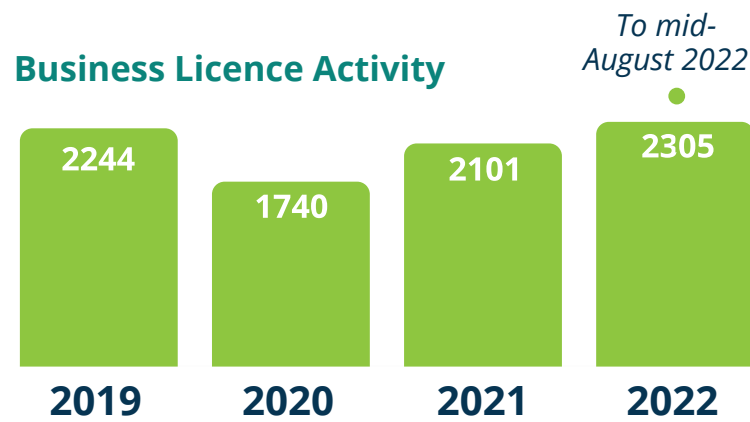
### Film Industry

Liaising with InFilm, encouraging local television/film production.

### Official Community Plan (OCP) Update

The new OCP promotes expansion of development opportunities and investments.

### Business Licence Activity



## HOUSING

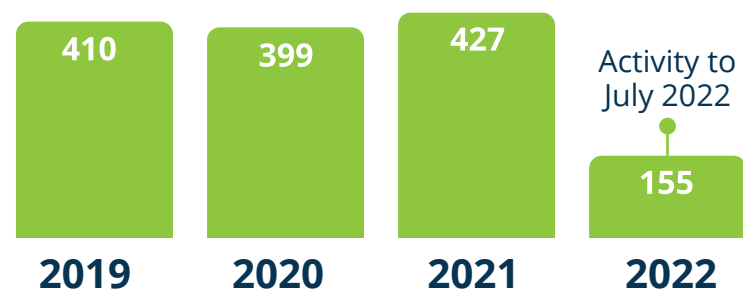
### Affordable Housing

- New affordable housing contribution targets for rezoning applications.
- Leased land to BC Housing for “The Junction” supportive housing facility on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Transfer of City land to Habitat for Humanity for Lake Trail Development.
- New secondary suite zoning in all single-residential dwelling zones.
- Affordable Housing Amenity Reserve Fund added just under half a million in negotiated payments over the past four years.
- Over 90 affordable housing units approved and approximately 41 price controlled units approved or subject to approval.
- MRDT online booking revenue approved to support affordable housing - approximately \$275,000 annually (variable).

### Connect Community Access Centre

Extreme Weather Response Shelter and Emergency COVID Shelter. Leased space to C.V. Transition Society for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

### Residential Units Constructed



## RECREATION & PARKS

**3** New playgrounds: Hawk Glen, Maple & Hobson parks

**1** New green space at “The Ridge”, south Courtenay

### Aquatic & Play Field Strategies Underway

Regional collaboration to assess future needs for aquatic facilities and play fields in the region.

### McPhee Meadows

Proposed concept plan to open this 4.6 hectare riverfront green space to the community.

### Randy Wiwchar Plaza

Courtenay recognized the late Randy Wiwchar with Freedom of the City as well as a plaza dedication adjacent to the Sid Williams Theatre.



### Courtenay Riverway Extension

New trail connects the riverway trail south to Beachwood Road

### LEAP Program

Regional Leisure for Everyone Assistance Program (LEAP) pilot project.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Regional Park Function

Regional collaboration to create new park spaces and processes to identify and secure significant environmentally sensitive spaces.

### Glen Urquhart Creek

Rehabilitated section of riparian ecosystem in east Courtenay.

### Flood Management Plan

Long-term management plan for flood plain & dike system.



### Net Zero Target by 2050

New OCP includes greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation as policy throughout.

## GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE

### New Online Services

- Courtenay Recreation program registration
- Development application tracking
- Virtual Council meetings and public hearings
- Increased tax payments through financial institutions

### COVID-19 Response

Adapting programs and services to help keep our community safe.

### CCTV Camera Mapping

Camera mapping of the downtown core to support RCMP investigative processes.

### Airpark Lease

Completion of 20 year lease with environmental baseline and ongoing monitoring requirements.

### Nuisance Abatement & Cost Recovery Bylaw

Recovery of costs through the property tax system from owners of nuisance properties.

### Asset Management

First municipality in BC to adopt a bylaw regulating decisions on asset renewal, upgrade and acquisition.

### Bylaw Services Division

Two additional full time positions added to address increased service requirements.

### Strengthening Communities' Grant Transfer of Administration

Funding of approximately \$1M for providing urgent and temporary support to unsheltered and homeless populations.