



Community Well-Being

Community well-being encompasses those parts of the community that provide opportunities for residents to fully participate in a safe and supportive environment, to care for vulnerable community members and to recognize and celebrate diversity. Community well-being fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment and facilitates social connections that bridge differences in ability, age, income and lifestyle. Social and physical accessibility to civic amenities, infrastructure and services is key to achieving community well-being.

This includes taking full advantage of public transportation infrastructure and locating community resources near housing, jobs, parks, recreational facilities, schools and other amenities.

In planning for the future, the City will endeavour to address the community's needs and to create opportunities for residents to contribute and engage. As the City grows and evolves, it will be important to continue to build on the City's many strengths which include a strong sense of community and neighbourliness.



Opportunities

- Partnership with Katzie First Nation.
- Fostering community self-revitalization through new recreation and strategic plan for arts and culture.
- Providing incentives to encourage owners to maintain and restore heritage properties.
- Possibility for a multi-generational garden in the core of the community.
- Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness.
- Youth Council Mentoring Program.
- Drawing attention to the good work performed in the community by the many committees and groups.

Current & Upcoming Projects

- **Strategic Plan:** The City of Pitt Meadows will be looking to engage with the public to build a new strategic plan for arts, culture and heritage.
- **Artists in Our Parks Program:** This program encourages community-building and enjoyment of local parks, and offers arts events for residents or visitors of all ages to enjoy.
- **Film:** Pitt Meadows offers a wide range of filming locations, and offers production companies that film in Pitt Meadows a BC Film Tax Credit.
- **Safety Security Web:** The City and the Katzie First Nation have been connecting with local stakeholders to identify issues and gather information in connecting with law enforcement and non-police organizations to create a "safety and security web" of services to better connect and serve the community.
- **Home Alone-Stay Safe & Baby Sitting Programs:** The City, along with the Canadian Red Cross Stay Safe program provide the skills needed for youth to look after themselves, and other children.
- **Partnership with Katzie First Nation:** The City of Pitt Meadows is committed to maintaining and building a strong relationship with the Katzie First Nation as their experience in the community is vital proceeding forward.
- **Ongoing Civic Engagement:** Official Community Plan Update, Recreation Master Plan Update, Arts and Culture Strategic Plan and other City initiatives.

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Current Trends

- Pitt Meadow is highly dependent on private cars with 82% of commuters driving to work or school.
- In 2016, 25% of property owners and 40% of renters spent more than 30% of their gross annual income on shelter costs.
- Average and median household income in Pitt Meadows is higher than the average and median household incomes for the region.
- The percentage of residents with a university degree is lower than the provincial average, but higher with college diploma.
- The use of recreational facilities and program enrollment in Pitt Meadows has been increasing significantly in recent years.
- Compared to other Fraser Health municipalities, a significantly lower proportion of Pitt Meadows respondents reported excellent or very good mental health than respondents from other municipalities.
- The proportion of the population in Pitt Meadows under the age of 14 is 17%, exceeding the proportion of the population under the age of 14 in Metro Vancouver as a whole by 2%.
- The median age for Pitt Meadows resident is 42.3 years, older than the Metro Vancouver median age, by 1.4 years.

What does the current OCP say?

- The City will continue to support the Pitt Meadows Heritage and Museum Society and will support community heritage and cultural tourism initiatives.
- Conservation plans will be developed as appropriate for City-owned heritage buildings and sites.
- The City will lead by example through proper stewardship of City-owned heritage resources.
- The status of sites identified as having historic value will be monitored.

Challenges

- Lack of facility space.
- Challenges with obtaining feedback and input from all parts of the community, in particular from working families with children.
- Limited social services within the community, especially for children.
- Difficulty to recruit volunteers.
- Aging heritage resources – privately and publicly owned – present long term maintenance issues.