



2024 Annual Address

Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock





CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP



COMMUNITY WELL-BEING



HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION



ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



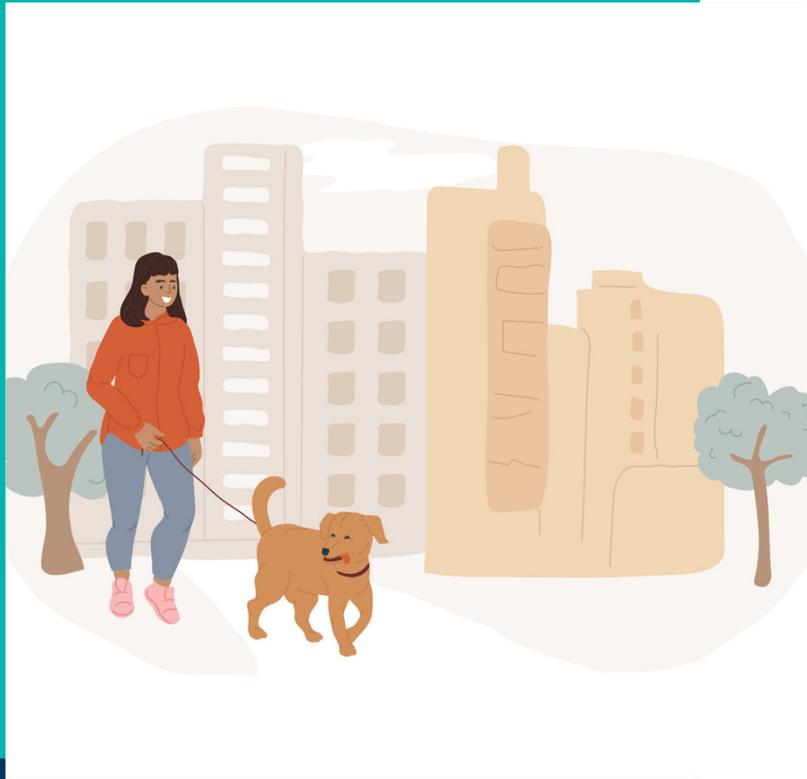
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Housing



Creating more homes

- Focus on centres and corridors
- Walkable neighbourhoods close to schools, parks, shopping, amenities and services
- Protecting rural and natural areas



Housing

Processes, policies and removing barriers

- Updated Official Community Plan
- Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)
- Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing

Housing

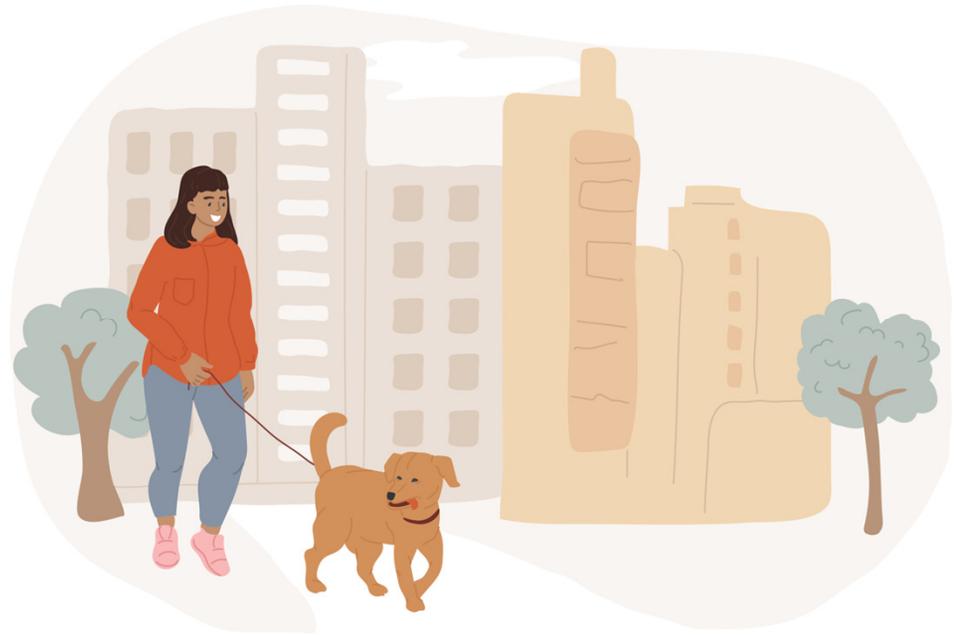


Homes that people can afford

- Nigel Valley re-development: 110 affordable rental units
- Nellie McClung project: up to 210 non-market units, new larger library
- Mixed-use towers in Uptown Douglas core: 873 market-rental units

Coming in 2025

- Family Friendly Housing policy, including child care
- New and updated plans
 - SVAP Update
 - Refined QMP
 - Tillicum Burnside Centre Corridor Plan
 - Uptown Douglas Pre-zoning and Network Design project



Housing

Safer roads for everyone

- Road Safety Action Plan
 - First in Saanich and on Vancouver Island
- Updated Active Transportation Plan

Significant Projects

- Shelbourne Street Improvement Project
 - Phase 2 – completed
 - Phase 3 – underway
- Sinclair Road Upgrades

Transportation





Transportation

Coming in 2025

- Traffic calming policy
- 4th phase implementation – Speed Limit Establishment Policy
- Phase 1 – Albina-Tillicum-Gorge Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Climate Action & Environmental Leadership

Protecting our natural spaces

- Vancouver Island's first municipal Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
- Updated Urban Forest Strategy

More efficient, accessible buildings

- Upgrades at Pearkes and Cedar Hill recreation centres
- CATE program



Climate Resiliency

Tree planting, green infrastructure – Tillicum Elementary School (SD61)

- Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy for Gorge Waterway

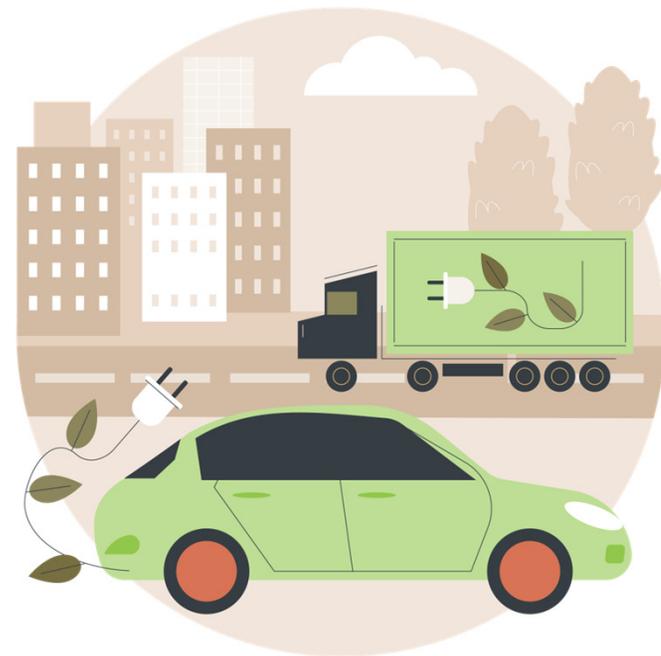
E-bike Incentive Program

- UBC study: results exceeded expectations



Coming in 2025

- Climate Plan Update
- Zero Waste Strategy
- Additional charging infrastructure to support electrification of corporate fleet



**Climate Action &
Environmental Leadership**



Community Well-being

New and improved community spaces

- Rutledge Park
 - New splash pad, change room
 - Updated and more accessible playground
- McMinn bike pump track
 - More exciting features and more accessible

Coming in 2025

- New tennis and pickleball facilities at Fowler Park
- Updated concept plan for Panama Flats
- New vision for Lambrick Park

**Community
Well-being**





Organizational Excellence

Modernizing our processes and services

- Permitting and Application Modernization (PAM)
- Upgraded Council agenda management and Voting Dashboard
- Connected Saanich to BC Building Permit Hub
- Launched HelloSaanich public engagement platform
- Saanich Operations Centre redevelopment



Reconciliation & Relationships

- Saanich's first Manager of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Commitment to reconciliation, building and strengthening relationships

Growing our local food economy

- Savour Saanich Flavour Trails program
- Promoting local farms and food producers

Coming in 2025

- Secondary Corridors and Hubs strategy

Economic Development





Regional Collaboration

- Regional transportation service
- Regional approach to shelter and housing
- Citizens Assembly on Amalgamation



Conclusion