



CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

SUSTAINABILITY DECLARATION

As Mayor and Councillors of the City of Williams Lake, we acknowledge society's desire to create a stable, sustainable future. We further acknowledge that such a future is not certain, and that it will take the good will and determined work of many individuals, organizations, and communities around the world to achieve our goal.

We are proud to be part of a community as rich in natural amenities, economic opportunities, and social possibilities as Williams Lake, and to be working on behalf of a future in which our economy, environment, society and governance are integrated in ways that foster vibrant communities, strong economies and healthy ecosystems. To that end, we commit ourselves to creating the conditions necessary for a sustainable future. By seeking innovative and flexible solutions to the challenges that confront us, by sharing our knowledge, and by coordinating our actions, we strive to attain the following sustainability principles:

- Reduce our contribution to the progressive build-up of materials (and their associated wastes) that are extracted from the Earth's Crust;
- Reduce our contribution to the progressive build-up of synthetic materials produced by society;
- Reduce our contribution to the ongoing physical degradation of nature; and
- Reduce our contribution to conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic needs.

And further strive to follow the "Principles of Smart Growth" for our communities planning and development:

- Create a Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices
- Create Walkable (human-scale) Neighbourhoods
- Encourage Community and Stakeholder Collaboration
- Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective and using Sustainability Guidelines
- Mix Land Uses
- Preserve Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty and Critical Environmental Areas
- Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices
- Strengthen and Direct Development Towards Existing Neighbourhoods
- Take Advantage of Compact Building Design

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Williams Lake, British Columbia

Signed by the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Williams Lake

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