

2023-2026 Strategic Plan

The 2023–2020 strategic plan before us provides a vision for this Council’s term. The real work will be the implementation of the plan, what it means on the ground, and how it will impact citizens and businesses of Victoria.

The priorities as identified within the recent budget survey can guide us further. Public Safety was – by far – the top priority of both residents and businesses.

This Council will have to decide how we are going to deal with safety: how are we going to address drugs on the street? How are we going to deal with crime? How will we make sure that our residents and our businesses can thrive?

When we go forward with many projects, it is imperative, that we look not only at the financial efficiencies and effectiveness of programs which come from this plan, but on the financial impacts or costs to our residents and businesses.

As the city densifies, respecting resident values and ensuring high quality of life in our neighbourhoods will test this Council.

The three and a half years ahead of us will be challenging – but if we do it right, rewarding. Public Interest and public service must lead us.

Marg Gardiner, City of Victoria Councillor

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