



Responsibility for healthy built environment work shared between Health Protection and Primary Care (Healthy Living/Healthy Communities) with the support of the Office of the Medical Health Officer

➤ **Healthy Living/Healthy Communities**

- Healthier Community Partnerships
- Population Health Focus
- Community Development Approach

➤ **Health Protection**

- Recent Healthy Community Environment core program review →HBE strategy development
- Review of community plans, neighbourhood concept plans

✓ Healthy Canada by Design is supporting this transition



1) Building Internal Capacity

- ✓ Create info briefs on key issues for health & built environment – for municipalities & Fraser Health reference library
- ✓ Develop & implement an internal workshop to build Health Authorities' skills, capacity and roles in healthy built environment



1	Create a Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices
a	Within each neighbourhood provide a mix of housing options, and facilities to meet varied needs and supports a variety of family sizes and ages
b	Take advantage of opportunities with new development and retrofits to provide universally accessible developments and adaptable housing units
c	Ensure affordable housing within each neighbourhood and community
2	Design Complete, Compact and Connected Neighbourhoods
a	Create mixed-use neighbourhoods with a variety of uses including residential, office, retail and civic facilities.
b	Build more dense and concentrated neighbourhoods
c	Develop a street network and efficient routes for walking to places within neighbourhoods
d	Create opportunities for citizens to be active, play and socialize
3	Ensure Equitable Access and Opportunity for All
a	Improve children's ability to safely walk and play
b	Design neighbourhoods which promote physical activity and healthy aging for seniors
c	Ensure equal access to indoor and outdoor spaces for physical activity for all
d	Ensure community priorities are represented in community planning

4	Provide a Variety of Transportation Options
a	Apply multi-modal street design to create roads which are safe for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists
b	Design infrastructure for cycling and walking
c	Ensure new developments are infill or adjacent to existing communities and transportation infrastructure
5	Support Healthy Eating and Food Security
a	Ensure schools have access to healthy foods
b	Ensure access to healthy foods in all neighbourhoods, including low socio-economic status groups
c	Make the healthy choice the easy choice for all
6	Limit Exposure to Environmental Hazards
a	Ensure acceptable noise levels in the community
b	Limit exposure to air pollution and noise by siting sensitive uses away from air and noise pollution
c	Minimize disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards of low-income groups, aboriginal population, children and seniors
d	Ensure proximate land uses are compatible

2) Developing Capacity to work with Municipalities

- ✓ Develop a map that indicates which departments, when, and how Fraser Health can become involved in planning and decision-making processes, to contribute to policy development and decision making that supports positive health outcomes and rationale
- ✓ Participate in the current Official Community Plan and Neighbourhood Concept Plan update process to (a) develop working relationship, (b) inform development of the plans, (c) gain expertise



Collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health and Metro Vancouver

✓ knowledge exchange project that will link researchers, planners, health authorities and others

Vision: To enable, support, and maintain the development of healthy, low-carbon, and equitable communities across British Columbia's Lower Mainland.

Objectives:

- **Encourage** the development of multi-scale tools and policies around healthy, sustainable land use and transportation planning.
- **Enable** knowledge translation and exchange between cross-disciplinary stakeholders.
- **Identify** opportunities, constraints, and gaps within related and pertinent research, practice and resources and provide support for collaborative work and projects.

Structure

- Healthy Community Partnerships
- Health Protection

Expertise

- Content
- Process

Core Program

- Ongoing programmatic development and review



Lessons Learned

Barriers

- Municipalities
 - Downloading of responsibility to municipalities
 - Potentially increased costs of development
- Health Authorities
 - Resources
 - Unclear role of HA in HBE

Facilitators

- Education/advocacy
- Supportive structures
 - Human resources
 - Tools
 - Cross ministerial coordination and support

