

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STAPLES

After years of public engagement, we are excited to see the adoption of a new Official Community Plan (OCP) on the horizon. The OCP is a guiding vision for our community that safeguards the things we cherish most: our green spaces, cultural heritage, relationships, and the environment that makes the smallest city in Canada shine. It ensures that progress doesn't come at the cost of our identity but enhances it.

As a living document, the OCP can be modified to change and grow as we do, and will always be informed not just by city officials and planners, but everyone who lives and works here. Our OCP engagement process invited each of us to share our thoughts, concerns, and dreams, making this a true community effort. On behalf of Council, I thank everyone who participated in this process, especially former Committee Chair Bob Brooke and all our OCP Committee members past and present who represent an incredible group of people who love where they live, give back to their community, and are dedicated to making the future of our small part of the world a little brighter. Together, we're shaping the next chapter of our city's story.

I am always ready to carry on the conversation. If you would like to connect with me directly, please leave me your name, contact information, and topic at mayor@duncan.ca or text me at 250-466-9412.

SMALL TOWN. BIG CONVERSATIONS.

We want to hear from you! Small Town. Big Conversations. is our public engagement platform where you can learn more about what we're working on and help shape the future of our City. From development projects, to accessibility, to placemaking and road safety initiatives, you can read about it here. Visit bigconversations.duncan.ca and sign up to submit your feedback.



TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY MULTI-USE PATH

The City of Duncan has awarded a contract to install a new 3 metre-wide asphalt multi-use pathway along the east side of the Trans-Canada Highway between the Silver Bridge and 140 Trans-Canada Highway. The new pathway will be offset from the highway edge – unlike the current narrow, concrete sidewalk – and will offer pedestrians, cyclists, and people with other mobility devices a safer and more comfortable route.

This exciting initiative will enliven and beautify this section of the Trans-Canada Highway corridor with the multi-use pathway featuring renewed landscaping and signage to facilitate active transportation through and into our City, as well as providing a connection to the Rotary Park trail system. Construction of the path is expected to begin this Spring.

NEW DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT

Please be aware that Duncan has a new default speed limit of 30 km/hr across the City, with a few exceptions at 40 km/hr along sections of Government Street, Canada Avenue, Coronation Avenue, and Trunk Road.

Travel speeds are a critical factor in determining the severity of a crash and whether it occurs at all. By lowering the default speed limit, the City aims to improve safety for all road users.

Learn more about this initiative on our website at bigconversations.duncan.ca/speedlimits



Comments, questions, or concerns?

Visit duncan.ca | Phone 250-746-6126 | Email duncan@duncan.ca

STATION STREET PLACEMAKING PROJECT

The City is excited to be completing the detailed design phase of the Station Street Placemaking Project, which will transform Station Street Common into a dynamic public space complete with a new public washroom, public art, and increased seating and space for community events. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024, with project completion expected in Summer 2024. Find out more about this exciting project at: bigconversations.duncan.ca/stationstreet.



Join our team! The City of Duncan has a number of employment opportunities available in Public Works, Engineering, Bylaw Services and our Fire Department.

Visit duncan.ca/category/employment-opportunities/ for information on our current opportunities.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN SNOW CLEARING

Please be aware that the City of Duncan's Good Neighbour Bylaw requires every owner and occupier of property to remove all snow or ice for the full width of any sidewalk abutting the property by 10:00 am each morning, seven days a week, during a snow event.

Visit duncan.ca/winter-safety/ to learn more about how you can help us work towards a safe winter season for everyone.



TREE PROTECTION BYLAW

Did you know that the majority of the City's urban forest is located on private property? To address this, the City has a Tree Protection Bylaw that requires property owners to apply for a permit to remove Protected or Significant Trees from their property. Our [Tree Protection Bylaw Guide](#) outlines the definition of a Protected or Significant Tree, restrictions on removal, and the process for applying for a permit. You can pick up a copy of the Guide from City Hall.

UTILITY BOX BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The City of Duncan is thrilled to announce the artwork chosen for the Utility Box Beautification Project! The artwork below will be installed on utility boxes in and around downtown Duncan in Spring 2024. Visit our public engagement page at bigconversations.duncan.ca/2023-utility-box-beautification-project for more information, and be sure to visit downtown Duncan in the spring to check them out!



Jungle
Claudia Lohmann



Broo ha ha!
Chantey Dayal



Snail Crossing
Debralyn Beavers



Tiny Cities
Lindsay Myers

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Each spring, the City conducts annual water main maintenance by flushing water through the water pipe system and out a fire hydrant. This year's water main flushing will occur from mid-March to the end of May.

This program is intended to clean water distribution pipes of sediment that builds up over time. Any chlorine taste or discoloration of water during this time can be resolved by running a cold water tap.

To find out about specific flushing dates, please contact Public Works at 250-746-5321.

