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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2010 July 07

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 70500 01  
*Reference: Official Community Plan*

**SUBJECT:** **OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT  
INTERIM GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGET  
BURNABY OCP PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW 2010 (No. 12815)**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council consideration of matters required for amendment of the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) in relation to the approved Interim Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** consultation related to the subject amendment of the City's Official Community Plan with the list of organizations and authorities, as prescribed by Section 879 of the Local Government Act, be limited to the extent outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** Council concur that the subject amendment of the City's Official Community Plan is in compliance with the City's Financial and Waste Management Plans, as outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.
3. **THAT** Council advance the subject amendment bylaw of the City's Official Community Plan to Public Hearing on August 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

In September 2008, the Provincial Government enacted Bill 27 Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008, requiring all local governments in British Columbia to incorporate greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and associated policies and actions for achieving those targets into their Official Community Plans (OCP) by May 31, 2010. To achieve compliance with this requirement, the City must amend the Burnaby Official Community Plan (OCP) to incorporate a specific GHG reduction target through the established OCP amendment procedures of the Local Government Act and Community Charter. On May 3, 2010 Council received a report on the subject GHG reduction targets from the Community Development Committee and adopted a recommendation to amend the OCP to include an interim greenhouse gas reduction target of 5 percent below 2007 levels. On 2010 June 28, Council gave First Reading to the Burnaby Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2010 (No. 12815) in relation to the Interim Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Target.

Under the Local Government Act, the adoption of the resolution giving first reading to the amendment of the OCP starts a series of steps which, under Section 882 of the Local Government Act, must be taken in a prescribed sequence. This report conveys information that must be considered by Council to meet the specific requirements of the Local Government Act for amendment of the City's OCP.

## **2.0 PROPOSED OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT**

### **2.1 *An Interim Approach – Proposed GHG Target***

On May 3, 2010 Council received a report on the subject GHG reduction target and adopted a recommendation that authorized staff to bring forward the required bylaw and report to implement the proposed OCP amendment to include the approved interim greenhouse gas reduction target.

In considering all issues associated with the proposed amendment of the Official Community Plan, as required under the Bill 27 legislation, an interim GHG emissions reduction target of five (5) percent reduction from 2007 levels was adopted. This target is within the ability of the City to meet through its existing environmental sustainability initiatives, community plans, and corporate programs as supported through existing OCP goals and objectives, State of the Environment Report directions, and established community plans and corporate policies, programs and initiatives. The interim target has been adopted by Council with the understanding that an updated reduction target and implementation approach would be advanced following completion of a future comprehensive Burnaby Community Green House Gas Reduction Strategy process.

### **2.2 *Proposed OCP Bylaw Amendment***

The proposed bylaw amends Bylaw No. 10709, Burnaby Official Community Plan Bylaw 1998, by amending Section 10.2 titled "Environment Goal" through the addition of a fifth goal statement to the existing goal.

#### **2.2.1 *Existing Environmental Goal Statement***

The existing Environmental Goal in Burnaby's OCP consists of the following statement:

"To recognize the inextricable links between the long-term health of our natural environment, the economy and community livability, thereby promoting policies and programs that ensure the sustainable environment through:

- *preserving and enhancing the ecological systems and diversity of the City and, in turn, the Region*
- *being proactive in addressing environmental issues and leading by example*
- *encouraging environmental stewardship and protection of Burnaby's natural legacies, two-way sharing of environmental information with the community and active, meaningful community participation in environmental decision-making, and*
- *incorporating environmental considerations as an integral part in assessing growth management options, land use plans, transportation plans and development proposals."*

### **2.2.2 Proposed Amendment to the Environmental Goal Statement**

It is proposed that the Environmental Goal in Burnaby's OCP be amended through the addition of the following fifth goal statement:

- *working towards an interim Green House Gas (GHG) emissions reduction target of five (5) percent from 2007 levels through the City's environmental sustainability initiatives, community plans, and corporate programs.*

## **3.0 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS**

### **3.1 Consultation**

During the development of an OCP (including any amendment or a repeal), the Local Government Act requires that during the process prior to the required statutory public hearing on the OCP amendment, that Council must consider whether and how to consult with various interests it considers will be affected by the OCP amendment. The Act requires that Council specifically consider whether to consult with the following governments and agencies:

- The Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver)
- The Board of any Regional District
- The Council of any Municipality adjacent to the area covered by the Plan
- First Nations
- School District Boards, Greater Boards and Improvement District Boards
- The Provincial and Federal Governments and their Agencies

As the proposed GHG target is an interim approach, based on the City's existing OCP and its previously adopted programs and policies, which have been the subject of extensive public and governmental consultation, it is considered not necessary that Council undertake any further consultation with any of the governments and agencies outlined. Extensive consultation will be provided, as part of the proposed future Burnaby Community Green House Gas Reduction Strategy process, as approved by Council on May 3, 2010.

### **3.2 Financial and Waste Management Plans**

Next in sequence, the Local Government Act requires that Council specifically consider the proposed OCP bylaw amendment in conjunction with its financial plan and any applicable waste management plan.

The subject OCP amendment has been reviewed by the Director Finance and Director Planning and Building in conjunction with the City's 2010 Annual Financial Plan. They advise that these documents are consistent with the proposed OCP amendment. The Director Engineering and the Director Planning and Building have also reviewed the subject OCP amendment in conjunction with the City's liquid and solid waste management plans and advise that these documents are also in compliance.

It is therefore proposed that Council adopt recommendations #2 and #3 of this report to meet the specific requirements of the Local Government Act.

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### **3.3 Agricultural Land Reserve Commission**

The Local Government Act outlines that amendments of the City's OCP be referred to the Land Reserve Commission. As the proposed amendment does not directly apply to agricultural lands it has not been recommended to advance a copy of the proposed amendment to the Commission.

### **3.0 NEXT STEPS**

This report has been submitted to assist Council in the sequenced consideration of matters required for amendment of the City's OCP to reflect the interim Greenhouse Gas reduction target adopted by Council on 2010 May 03.

With Council consideration of these matters, it is recommended that the Burnaby Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2010 (Bylaw No. 12815) be advanced to a Public Hearing on 2010 August 31 at 7:00 p.m. Subsequent to final Council consideration of the subject OCP amendment bylaw, staff would advance a further report to Council requesting resubmission of the City's Regional Context Statement to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors. This submission would seek continued acceptance of Burnaby's OCP with the incorporation of the proposed amendment relating to the Greenhouse Gas reduction target.



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