



2017 Award for Excellence in Planning  
**EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING**  
CITY & URBAN AREAS  
**SILVER**  
**City of Surrey**  
In recognition of  
**Surrey Sustainability Charter 2.0**



Surrey is the fastest growing city in British Columbia, with 1,000 new residents moving here each month. This growth is a tremendous opportunity to shape the City along holistic principles of sustainability, requiring a strong, collective vision to guide decisions along the way.

The Surrey Sustainability Charter provides an overarching long-term vision for the community, and as the highest-level policy document, guides the City's decisions. The Charter was first adopted in 2008, and the conclusion of a two-year engagement strategy in 2016 has resulted in the *Sustainability Charter 2.0*: an ambitious and visionary document that is truly a reflection of what residents, businesses, community partners, service agencies, staff and Surrey City Council endeavor to create over the coming decades. The Sustainability Charter

renewal process aimed to refresh the vision and goals, update the strategies to be more leading and progressive, take a more integrated systems approach, and better align corporate planning and decision-making with the Charter. Through surveys, interviews, workshops and public events, over 1,500 people and 60 community organizations articulated the future of Surrey through the creation of the *Sustainability Charter 2.0*.

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