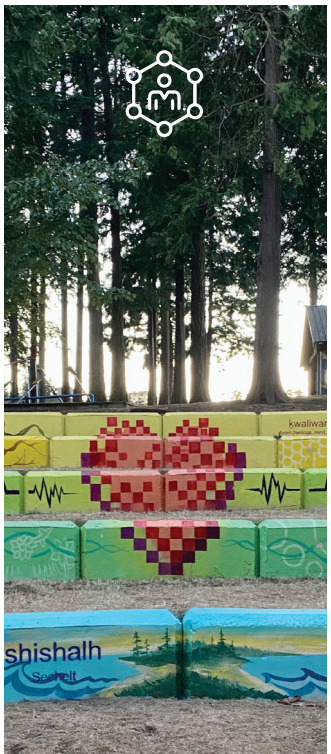
District of
SECHELT

Strategic Plan

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Source: Sunshine Coast Tourism

Sechelt is an inclusive, resilient, and economically vibrant community that leads in environmental stewardship and climate adaptation; we are grounded in community and our deep connection to the environment.

We foster innovation and support safe and welcoming neighbourhoods where everyone who lives here can make a living, find suitable housing, and get around easily and safely.



1 Vision

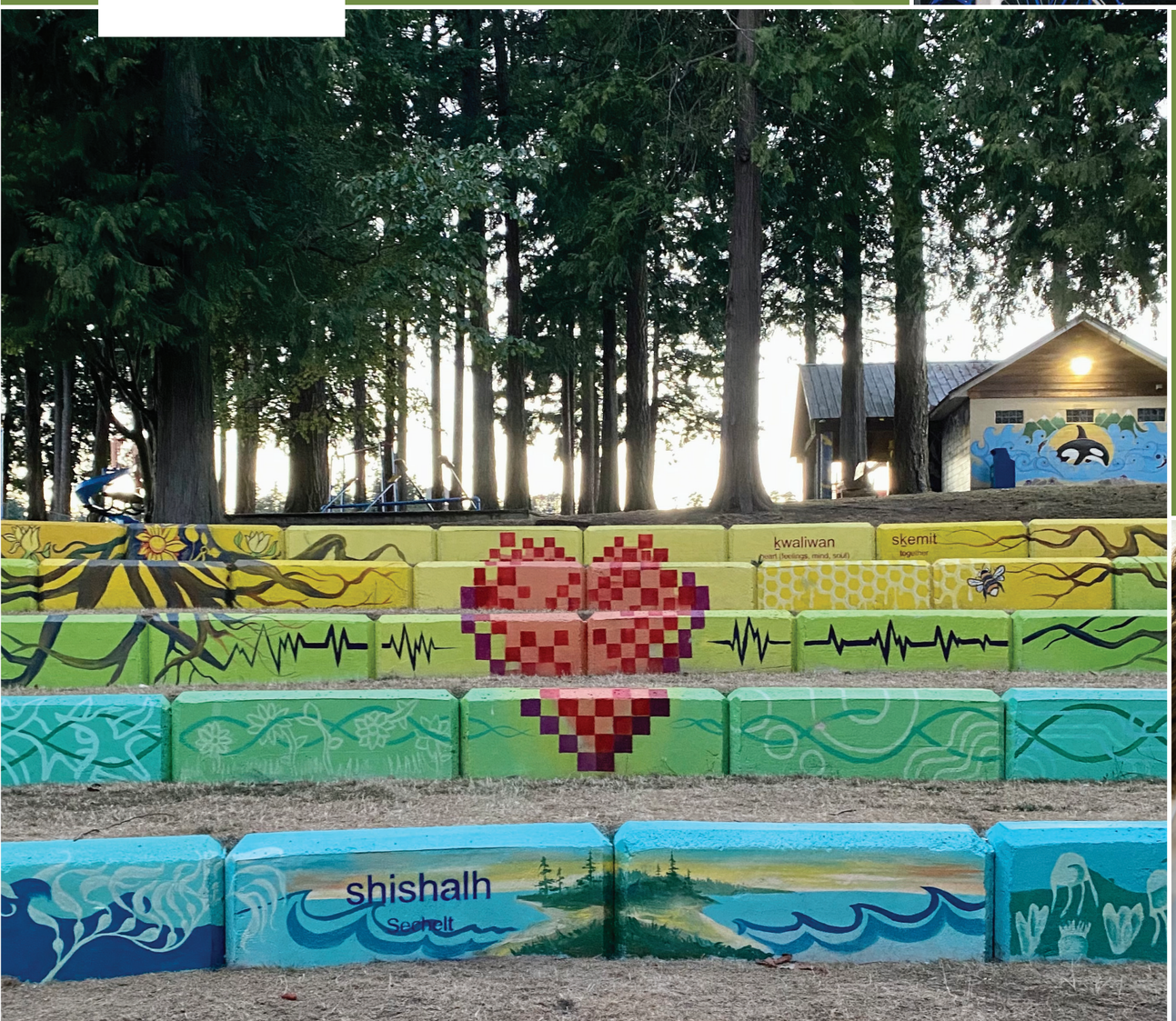


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Vision

2 Core Values





The following core values guide Council communication and decisions.

Caring and Sharing Community

Environmental Sustainability

Emergency preparedness





3 Shared Values

with our Regional Partners





We are building collaborative partnerships with local governments and are respected and known by provincial and federal governments.

Working together with shíshálh Nation, Sunshine Coast Regional District and Town of Gibsons, we support the following shared values for decision making, relating to improving the drinking water system:



Source: Gwen Gorham, Syiyaya Days 2022

Collaboration

With honesty, trust, and transparency we know we are stronger and faster working together. We recognize the decisions we make have long-term impacts and will seek youth involvement to implement these values.

Sustainability

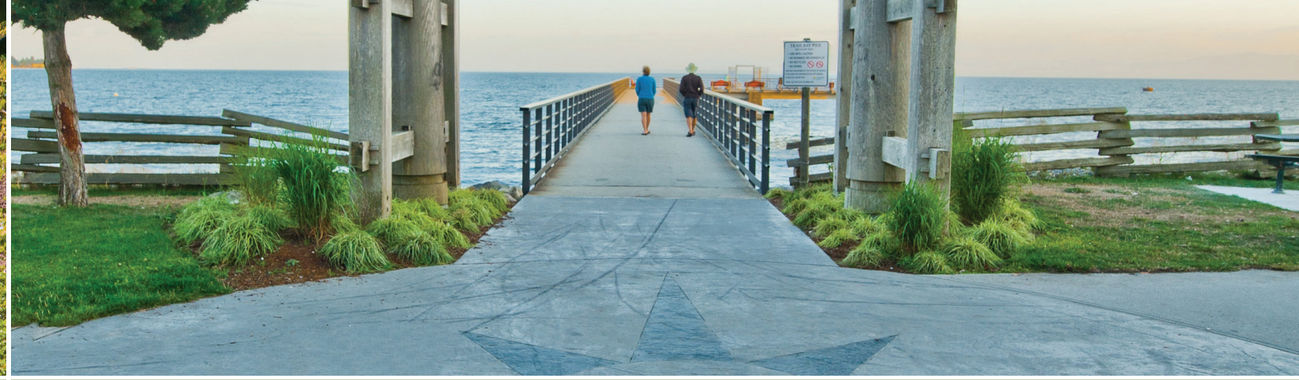
Through balance and resiliency we seek to manage growth and service delivery with respect for the natural environment.

Reconciliation

We uphold United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and recognition of Title and Rights. Reconciliation requires we work together in new ways to develop decision-making frameworks and incorporate indigenous values.

Shared Values





4 Council Priorities - Stability and Balance





Source: Sunshine Coast Tourism

To build upon our vision and values, we strive for stability and balance in our operations and community service. Council will pursue the following priorities:

ⓐ Effective Growth

› WE WILL DO THIS BY:

- Striving toward a coordinated and collaborative regional growth pattern with our community partners
- Updating the Official Community Plan with other regional partners including the shíshálh Nation
- Updating the Development Cost Charge bylaw and Subdivision and Development bylaw
- Ensuring our approach to long-term wastewater and stormwater management aligns with priorities for our growth plans

Stability and Balance







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ⓑ Housing

› **WE WILL DO THIS BY:**

- Developing infrastructure to provide accessible, sustainable services while accommodating growth
- Developing a land acquisition strategy
- Partnering with other governments and agencies to create affordable housing
- Supporting all types of affordable housing options; seniors, families and supportive housing



ⓒ Community Safety and Wellbeing

› **WE WILL DO THIS BY:**

- Partnering with ministries for mental health and addiction to improve local conditions
- Identifying and acting on effective solutions to reduce crime
- Advancing policies to support diversity, education, inclusion and accessibility
- Supporting well-being solutions to reduce harm for housed and unhoused
- Communicating and engaging with community
- Working with grassroots community partners to grow sustainable food security
- Considering a parks, recreation and culture lens on our community service delivery

Stability and Balance







ⓓ Ensuring Financial Balance

› **WE WILL DO THIS BY:**

- Continuing to improve financial resilience
- Exploring new revenues
- Reviewing permissive tax exemptions
- Analyzing and reviewing service levels to ensure we are efficiently managing core services, improving as a team and planning for the future
- Collecting asset management data for long range financial planning





ⓔ Commitment to Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and the Preservation of the Natural Environment

› **WE WILL DO THIS BY:**

- Requiring the conservation and reduction in demand of water and support increase in supply
- Advocating and educating for the preservation and value of our water supply
- Providing cultural, educational and stewardship opportunities
- Developing the urban forest plan to support both ecological protection and FireSmart principles
- Enhancing and restoring the local bio-diversity
- Understanding and categorizing our natural assets and greenway corridors
- Advocacy in regional and provincial emergency preparedness







ⓕ Fostering a Vibrant Downtown Core

› WE WILL DO THIS BY:

- Researching and implementing specific strategies to promote densification
- Supporting a vibrant community with housing options and business opportunities, and community health and safety, particularly in our downtown core
- Considering an active network including, walkability, streetscapes, beautification and connection to neighbourhoods outside the downtown village area
- Cooperating with community partners



Source: Sunshine Coast Tourism





Shared Water Vision

The shíshálh Nation, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Town of Gibsons, and District of Sechelt share a deep commitment to cooperatively manage water resources sustainably while respecting and connecting with nature. Our collaborative goal is to create vibrant neighbourhoods and economies while taking a multi-generational approach to protecting watersheds and other natural resources for future generations.

We acknowledge that achieving our collective water conservation goals require a fundamental shift in the ways we utilize water. We recognize a collective responsibility to care for drinking water and that we must build off each other's strengths, leveraging shared resources to make transformative shifts.





We advocate for transformative shifts by empowering our communities to preserve this scarce resource through education, innovation and collaboration.

We strive to foster a sustainable future where water is utilized responsibly for the benefit of both present and future generations. Reconciliation, upholding UNDRIP and the recognition of shíshálh Nation and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw Title and Rights are important parts of these significant changes. Changing mindsets and ways of using water will require monumental efforts by each of our governments.





Our governments must each take monumental steps towards shifting perspectives on individual and commercial water use practices, adopting innovative technologies and effective solutions as we navigate climate change and evolving communities.
Living this vision requires that we consistently engage in dialogue, respect our shared values, and seek a mutual path forward.