

2010 Sustainability Achievements

SUSTAINABILITY TRENDS

community development	Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan	A draft plan was released in September by the Northern Climate Exchange. Two City employees sit on the Local Advisory Committee. Pilot implementation projects will be completed by June 2011. Final plan ready in winter of 2011.	↑
education	Sustainability Education	Community consultation such as charrettes provide opportunities for public education. City Environmental Grants continue to support community environmental initiatives.	↔
leadership	Reorganize City administrative structure to deliver sustainable services	The 2010 OCP addresses re-structuring to include sustainability in all operations, and a sustainability project manager has been hired to work with all Departments to integrate sustainability into City operations.	↔
cultural identity	Increase Use of Trail Network	11 new trailheads were established this year, trail signage and features were completed on hiking and mountain bike trails, 10 km of new trails were constructed and 15 km of existing trails were enhanced.	↑
equity	Ensure Universal Accessibility	All public service areas of City facilities are now universally accessible. Barrier Free Access construction is now implemented in all new City buildings.	↑
thriving environment	Achieve Community Waste Targets	Curbside diversion rates continue to increase: in 2009, you composted 42% of your waste and we land filled 58% garbage. Two community waste audits were completed to identify separation and recycling opportunities.	↑
diverse local economy	Develop an Economic Strategy	The 2010/2011 Economic Development Action Plan was completed. The City is currently developing an integrated branding initiative to be completed in 2011.	↑

Well developed and supported



In progress with room for improvement



Just beginning or future priority



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The Whitehorse Strategic Sustainability Plan

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Since 2009, the City of Whitehorse has used the Strategic Sustainability Plan (SSP) as a guide for translating sustainability principles into action. Reflecting the broad scope of the Plan's vision statement, 53 actions were chosen, based on seven root principles. These principles are:

This report highlights three of the 53 actions the City is taking towards improving our City's sustainability within these seven principles. For a complete inventory, visit our website www.whitehorse.ca

THRIVING ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CULTURAL IDENTITY EQUITY DIVERSE LOCAL ECONOMY EDUCATION

Achieve zero waste

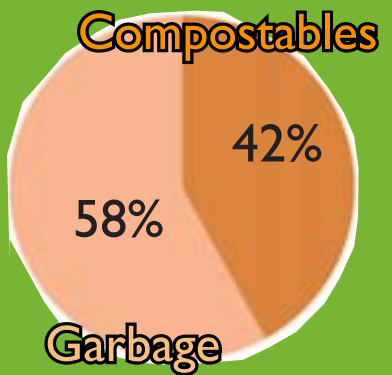
The City is striving to achieve zero waste by 2040 as defined in the UN Environmental Accord. The City's curbside composting program is now diverting 42% of all curbside waste. Two solid waste audits were completed in 2009 and 2010. Recommendations include expanding the compost program to commercial & industrial sectors; reusing wood waste from construction/demolition waste; and streamlining metal recycling from all wastes. The upcoming Solid Waste Management Plan will incorporate principles of zero waste.



THRIVING ENVIRONMENT



Curbside Collection 2009

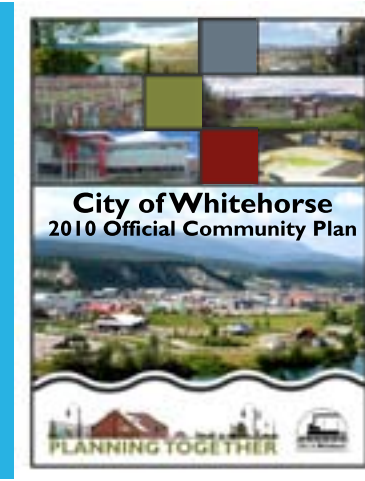


Base the Official Community Plan on the Strategic Sustainability Plan

Every objective in the Strategic Sustainability Plan (SSP) is now in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The development and revision of the OCP is a continuation and extension of the SSP. The final public consultation for the SSP involved a Community Design Charrette, which offered the opportunity for all community members to develop a vision for the future. The results of this work have been incorporated into the OCP which Council passed in late 2010. Follow the implementation of the OCP as the new zoning bylaw is developed in 2011.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Provide accessible community infrastructure

The entire Transit fleet is now equipped with bike racks and low-floors for ease of accessibility, and all new bus shelters are built with full accessibility in mind. We are working with local partners to ensure barrier-free access in all public buildings, as outlined in the National Building Code and Standards. This year a second elevator was installed at City Hall, making nearly every public City facility fully accessible. The City is also aiming to have universal design regulations incorporated into the Building and Plumbing Bylaw.



EQUITY



FULL ACCESSIBILITY



SHARED ROADS



BIKE LOCKERS

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

What we have planned for 2011

STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN



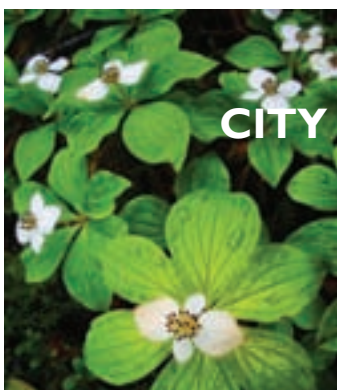
SUPPORT LOCAL AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES

A number of Whitehorse Climate Change Adaptation Projects (WhiteCAP) are addressing food security and agriculture; the City will be focusing on the public education component around edible landscaping.



ENSURE INFRASTRUCTURE IS ADAPTIVE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Energy monitoring of City energy use and infrastructure improvements such as increased waste heat recovery systems at the Canada Games Centre



CITY BECOMES LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY

Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are being piloted on various streets in conjunction with Energy Solutions Centre, Yukon Electric Company Limited, and Yukon Energy Corporation

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