

DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

KEY FOCUS AREAS & INITIATIVES



2023 - 2026

- On Track
- Off Target
- In Progress
- Future Initiatives



KEY FOCUS AREA # 1 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Status	Departmental Lead
1. Add a staff resource to focus on grant writing and communications.						Corporate Services
2. Complete Comprehensive DCC Bylaw Review as well as annual inflationary cost adjustments to ensure rates reflect current projects, costs, and legislation.						Engineering
3. Research and identify additional municipal revenue stream opportunities.						Finance
4. Strategically lobby senior levels of government to advocate for funding opportunities for priority projects.						CAO & All
5. Develop procedures and policies to support increasing the District's financial reserves.						Finance
6. Continue to invest in asset management and make decisions in consideration of life-cycle costing.						Finance
7. Diversify the municipal tax base to be more sustainable and less dependent on low density residential.						Planning & Development
8. Implement Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) for short-term vacation rentals.						Planning & Development/ Finance
9. Conduct a Transit Service "Value for Money" Review.						Finance



KEY FOCUS AREA # 2 VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Status	Departmental Lead
1. Revise the Downtown Strategy with clear implementation actions, analysis and clarity for successful redevelopment.						Planning & Development
2. Streamline the development application process to facilitate downtown vitalization.						Planning & Development
3. Create a collaborative environment that fosters partnerships and a common vision for downtown revitalization.						Planning & Development
4. Encourage mixed use developments to increase housing options and add vibrancy to the downtown.						Planning & Development
5. Consider incentives for the implementation of the Downtown Strategy.						Planning & Development/ Finance
6. Complete a Transportation Demand Management Study, recognizing that downtown is an attractive destination and that parking requirements impact development feasibility.						Engineering/Planning & Development
7. Advance plans to connect the downtown to other neighborhoods and adjacent communities through multipurpose trails (walking and biking trails).						Community Services/ Planning & Development



**KEY FOCUS AREA # 3
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Status	Departmental Lead
1. Sewer infrastructure expansion and improvements.						
2. Roads and sidewalks improvements.						
3. Complete Turner Park Phase 1 improvements.						Operations
4. Complete a property acquisition and disposition strategy.						Planning & Development
5. Construct a new Fire Hall.						
6. Sanderson Park improvements including Dog Park.						Engineering/All
7. Initiate planning for City Hall relocation.						Community Services/CAO
8. Continue to invest in asset management.						
9. Invest in multi-use transportation planning to be grant ready for capital improvements.						
10. Complete sports field improvement plan and develop plans to be prepared to apply for funding opportunities for “grant/shovel ready” projects.						Community Services



**KEY FOCUS AREA # 4
GOOD GOVERNANCE**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Status	Departmental Lead
1. Actively engage the community by holding an annual Town Hall meeting.						Corporate Services
2. Consider fiscal responsibility as a key value in our decisions.						All
3. Develop partnerships with regional local governments, senior governments, First Nations, and non-government organizations.						CAO/Planning & Development
4. Take measures to protect our watersheds including consideration of expanding District boundaries.						Operations
5. Review Official Community Plan.						Planning & Development
6. Be environmental stewards and improve community resilience by preparing for climate change.						Planning & Development
7. Pursue grant funding to develop a Childcare Strategy.						Community Services
8. Partner with School District for expanded community use, such as evening childcare, via the development of a joint agreement.						Community Services
9. Review the existing committee structure to transition to a task force structure.						Corporate Services



**KEY FOCUS AREA # 5
INCREASE HOUSING CHOICE**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Status	Departmental Lead
1. Update Housing Strategy to encourage increased housing choices and options.						Planning & Development
2. Undertake policy and bylaw amendments to update the short-term rental policy to regulate short term rentals (such as Airbnb and Vrbo) to require owner occupancy in low density residential zones.						Planning & Development
3. Increase opportunities for sensitive residential infill or “gentle density” by providing low density infill options such as garden suites, secondary suites and plexes without major impacts on our neighbourhoods.						Planning & Development
4. Consider pre-zoning and incorporating density bonus provisions as a means to facilitate and streamline the development of mixed-use and medium density housing downtown.						Planning & Development
5. Create a ‘housing fund’ to facilitate affordable housing opportunities for Peachland’s workforce.						Planning & Development
6. Consider land use amendments that increase opportunities for housing choice.						Planning & Development
7. Identify potential incentives for encouraging rental housing.						Planning & Development/ Finance
8. Promote diverse housing options, including housing that supports seniors to age in place.						Planning & Development