



A Plan for City Centre



Big Moves

The draft Plan for City Centre can be summarized into 5 Big Moves. The 5 Big Moves highlight specific actions to implement the Guiding Principles, transforming City Centre into a vibrant downtown.



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Creating a Vibrant Downtown Core

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Establishing a Strong Employment Base



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Building a Family-Friendly Downtown



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Enhancing Recreation and Cultural Services



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Integrating and Connecting Downtown



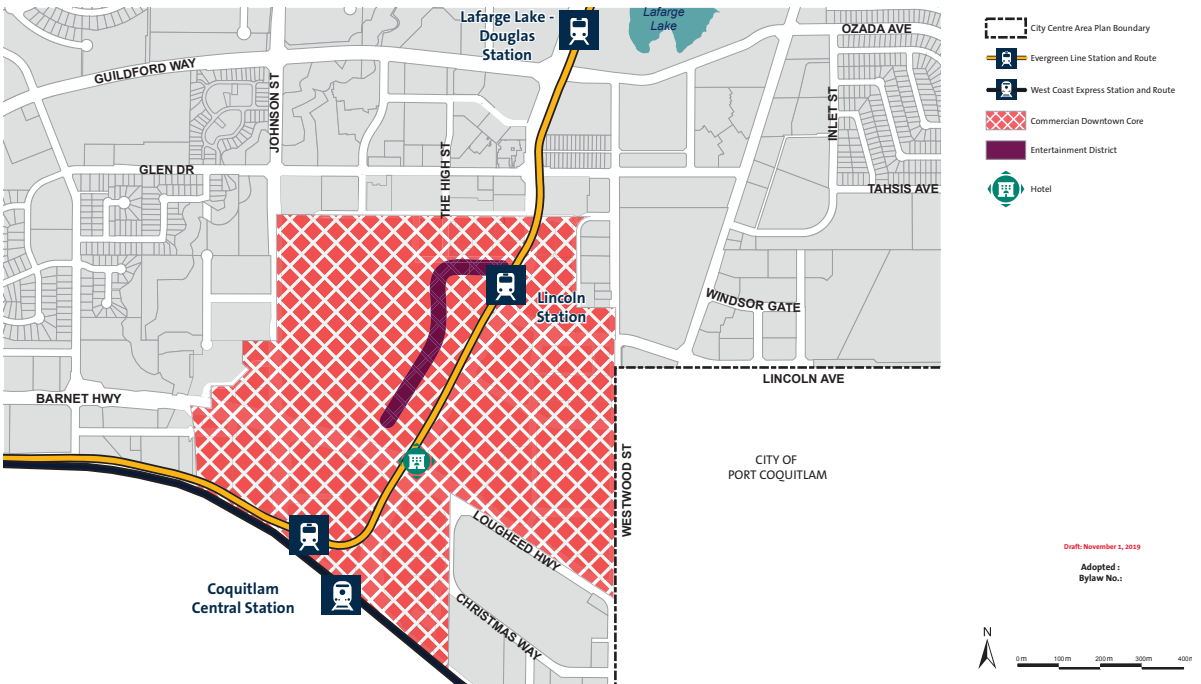


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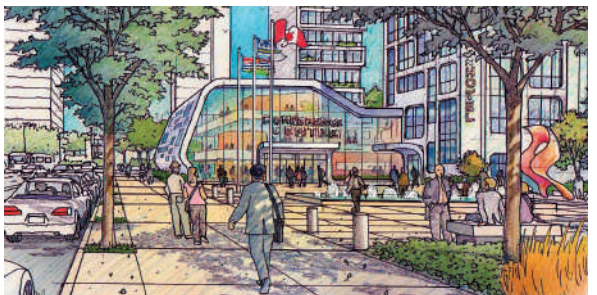
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1 Creating a Vibrant Downtown Core

Concentrating a mix of jobs, housing, shops, dining and entertainment near SkyTrain will create a vibrant and active downtown for residents, workers and visitors.



- Transform existing mall sites near SkyTrain into a new Commercial Downtown Core.
- Include a mix of residential towers, offices, shops, dining, entertainment and public amenities.
- Create an Entertainment District along Northern Avenue and The High Street.
- Support tourism and the business community with new hotel and conference space that is accessible by vehicle and transit.





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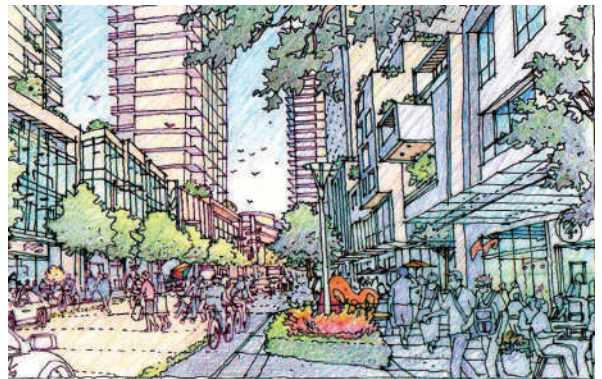
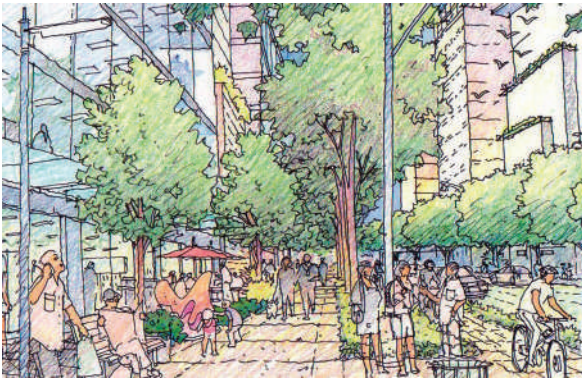
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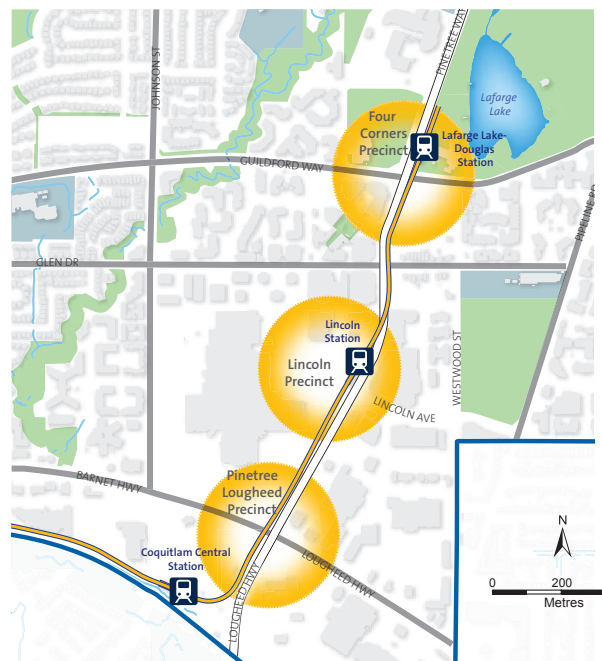
The design of public spaces, and the buildings that frame them, is essential for creating a vibrant downtown.

- Pedestrian-friendly commercial streets will have storefronts that open directly onto the sidewalk.
- Landmark gateway features will mark entrances into City Centre at strategic locations.
- Streets, parks, plazas and squares will be visually interesting, inviting, safe, functional and unique.



Three Precincts will serve as unique destinations and focal points of activity.

- Focused around or near SkyTrain stations
- A mix of office, residential towers, shopping, entertainment and civic amenities
- Major entry plazas
- Landmark architecture and distinctive public art





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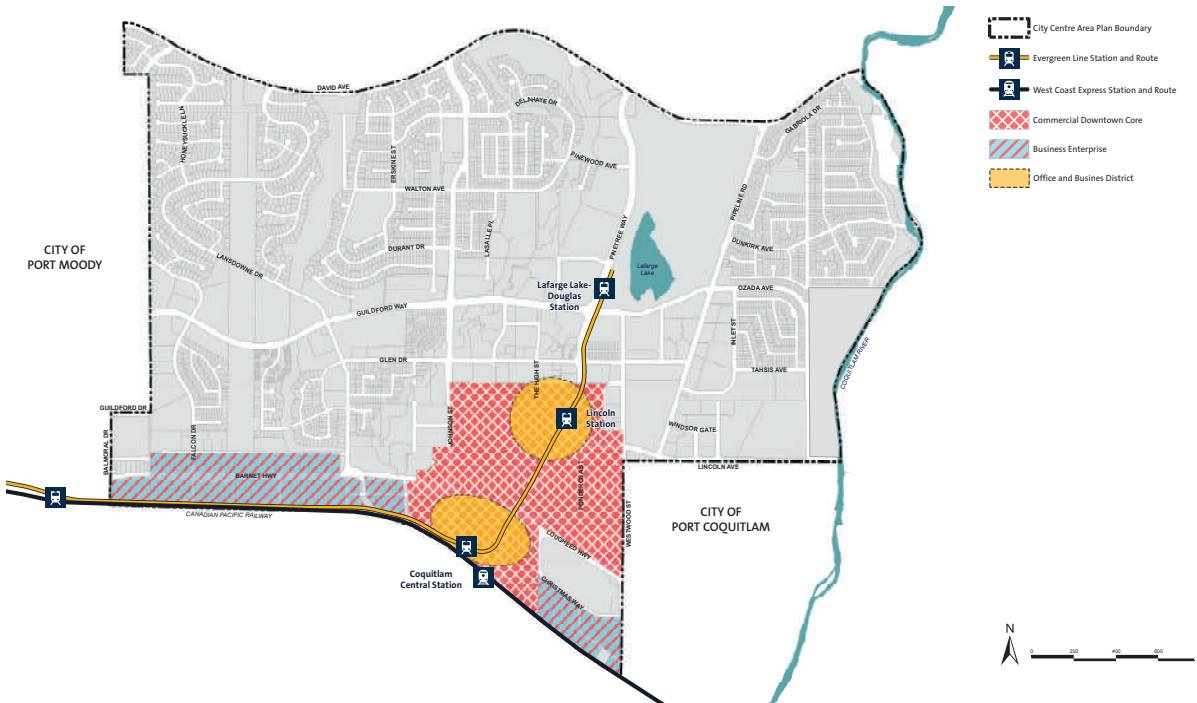


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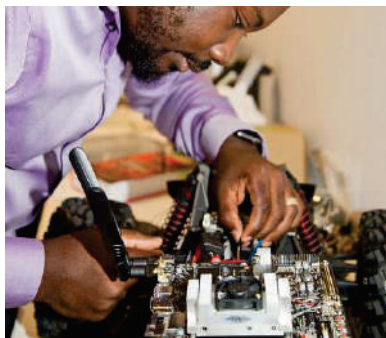
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Establishing a Strong Employment Base

A strong employment base is key to a successful downtown. The draft Plan supports job growth by providing opportunities for businesses to grow and thrive.



- Double the amount of commercial space that is required as part of new developments in the Commercial Downtown Core.
- Create Office Business Districts around Lincoln and Coquitlam Central SkyTrain stations.
- Increase Business Enterprise opportunities in areas along Barnet Highway and Christmas Way.





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Building a Family-Friendly Downtown

An attractive downtown supports residents at all stages of life with a range of housing choices and services that meet their needs.

- Direct the majority of new housing to the downtown core and maintain existing homes in surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Secure a centrally-located new elementary school site in the downtown core.
- Establish partnerships for new and expanded services, including affordable housing, child care, and seniors housing and care.
- Ensure streets, walkways, open spaces, and public facilities are universally accessible, benefitting people of all ages and abilities.
- Prioritize housing to meet the needs of various households:
 - 3+ bedroom units
 - Purpose-built rental
 - Seniors housing
 - Below-market & non market rental
 - Student housing
 - Accessible units





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Enhancing Recreation and Cultural Services

New and upgraded parks and open spaces, recreation facilities, and cultural amenities are essential to making City Centre a great place to live.



- New recreational and cultural amenities will serve the growing community in the downtown core.
- New parks will be built in locations which complement the existing park network and which provide access to residents within a 5 minute walk.





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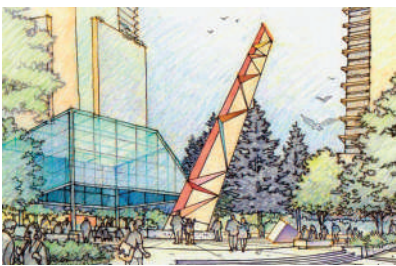


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Enhancing Recreation and Cultural Services

To provide public spaces for socializing, gathering, exploration and rest, a series of publicly-accessible open spaces are envisioned to extend throughout City Centre. Examples include:



Gateways:

- > Located at entry points to Coquitlam and the Commercial Downtown Core to contribute to a sense of identity and announce arrival.



Plazas:

- > Provide opportunities for socialization, exploration and special events (e.g., farmers market, performances, and outdoor exercise classes).



Squares:

- > Located to maximize access to sunlight and provide opportunities for gathering, socializing and rest (e.g., neighbourhood parks and playgrounds, patio seating, and dog parks).



Parkettes:

- > Located mid-block along commercial streets to break up the streetscape by providing opportunities for socialization, rest, and support for adjacent businesses (outdoor displays and patio seating).



Gardens:

- > Provide opportunities for rest and reflection through additional landscaping and public amenities (e.g., food garden, rain garden, or quiet reflection park).



Walkways:

- > Located mid-block to break up larger blocks and provide pedestrians and cyclists access and movement throughout City Centre.



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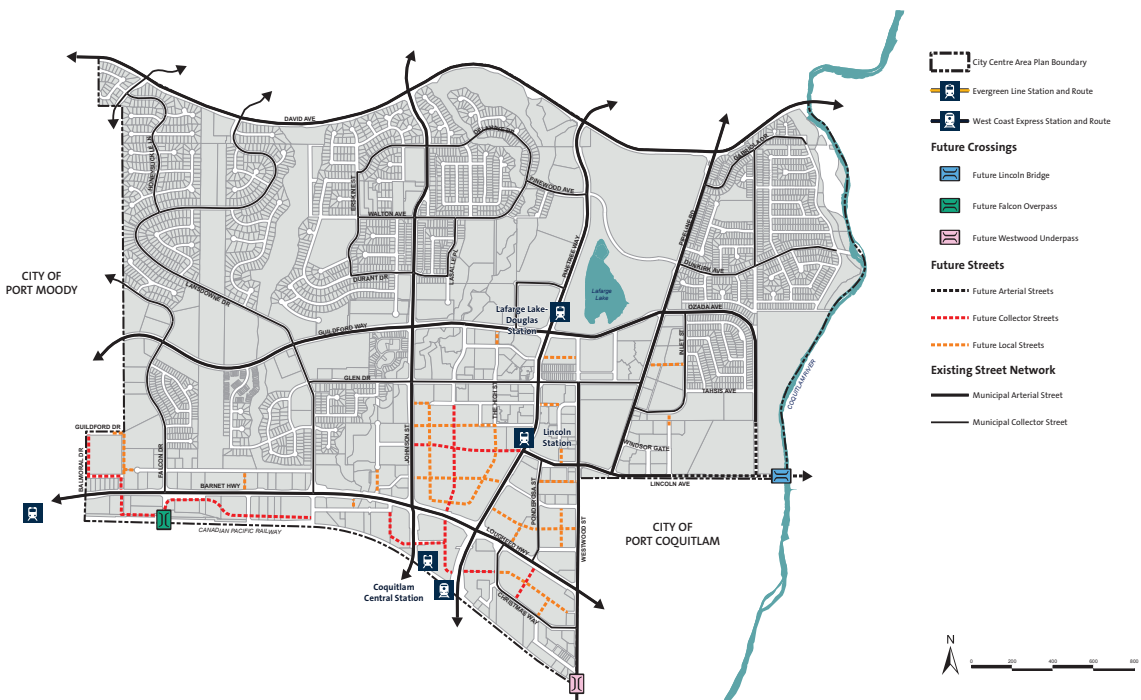


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Integrating and Connecting Downtown

The draft Plan balances the needs of vehicle traffic with improvements to make City Centre more walkable and bicycle-friendly, while taking advantage of access to SkyTrain.



- New streets and a finer grid street network will improve movement for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists throughout City Centre.
- Shorter block lengths will reduce travel distances between destinations.
- Pedestrian-friendly streets will improve safety and help create an enjoyable and healthy environment for walking and cycling.





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New and improved sidewalks and pathways will help to make walking and cycling safer and more enjoyable.



- A network of sidewalks and pathways will connect business areas with neighbourhoods, schools, cultural and recreation facilities and natural areas.
- Sidewalks and pathways will also serve as links between parks, creating an interconnected park system.

