

## 20 Year Economic Vision

A community Vision for Delta describes a future state. It is a goal for the community. It describes the characteristics of Delta after changes have taken place. The vision is built upon the results of meetings with many citizens and community leaders who have stated what could be possible in Delta, if the community takes advantage of opportunities and removes economic barriers.

After reading the vision, the reader is asked, “Does this sound like a Delta that I want to live in?” If it is, then what needs to happen to get there? If it does not, the how does the vision need to change?

The vision stated below has been supported by the Steering Committee of the Delta Sustainable Economic Plan, and is rooted in meetings with over 100 citizens.

### **The 20-year vision for Delta is:**

- Transportation infrastructure that meets the needs of citizens, industrial parks and ports
- Eco-tourism development and infrastructure including trails, water access and/or bike-paths
- Protection of wildlife habitat
- Three distinct town centers, but each with a strong sense of livability and family orientation with strong local retail, low crime, leading schools, good family oriented community services including:
  - Ladner as a destination tourism center with a focus on heritage and eco-tourism
  - North Delta as a safe, culturally diverse community with an updated, regional, retail corridor along Scott Road
  - Tsawwassen as a family-oriented community, with a welcoming village core and a diversity of housing options for young and old
- Access to local post-secondary education focused on environmental, agricultural and horticultural studies
- A diverse and vibrant agricultural area and a community that actively supports farmers to meet changing market needs.
- A fishing community supported by a well managed and shared fishery
- Successful business parks where manufacturers feel understood and wanted and partner to employ local citizens
- World class port facilities and support services
- An economic climate that integrates the aspirations of Tsawwassen First Nation
- A thriving local airport at Boundary Bay