

Guiding Principles

- ❑ **Community Participation** - The plan will be developed with the input of the entire community. This would include major businesses, business associations, youth, seniors, local government and First Nations. All and any stakeholders will be given an opportunity to participate.
- ❑ **Social Sustainability** - The quality of life enjoyed by Deltans is to be preserved and enhanced wherever possible. Traditional industries of farming and fishing are a priority.
- ❑ **Environmental Sustainability** - The unique natural environment of Delta is to be preserved and enhanced. Air, land and water resources of Delta will be preserved for future generations. Bird and animal habitat will be protected and integrated with agricultural initiatives.
- ❑ **First Nations Inclusion** - The Tsawwassen First Nation is to be included in strategy development in a meaningful way of their choosing.
- ❑ **Community Communication** - The community economic plan will be developed in a public manner. The final document will also be available for public input and posted on community web site(s).
- ❑ **Economic Partnership** - The community economic plan will be developed under the direction of a steering committee that represents local government, business associations and other economic stakeholders in the community. The Delta Chamber of Commerce will provide administrative leadership. The Sustainable Economic Planning Committee of the Chamber, and its co-chairs, will form the core of the steering committee.
- ❑ **Transportation Assessment** - The plan will take transportation impacts into consideration as a factor in the assessment of proposed future economic growth industries and opportunities.
- ❑ **Building on Existing Economic Strategies** - The community economic strategy will incorporate strategies that have been previously developed by other stakeholders. Work will not be duplicated.
- ❑ **Enhanced Relationships with Neighbouring Communities** - The strategy will seek to incorporate and build upon the sustainable economic strategies of neighbouring communities.
- ❑ **Official Community Plan** – Proposed economic initiatives will adhere to the guiding principles of Delta’s Official Community Plan and take into account the lands designated under Provincial Agricultural Land Commission authority.