

Pursuant to section 471 of the *Local Government Act*, an Official Community Plan (OCP) is a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management within the area covered by the plan, respecting the purposes of the local government. The “purposes of local government” defined in Part 2 section 7 of the *Community Charter* include:

- Providing for good government of its community
- Providing for services, laws and other matters of community benefit
- Providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community
- Fostering the economic, social and environmental well-being of its community

A full description of the authority and how it may be exercised may be found in Part 2 Section 8 of the legislation. Respect for the Regional Growth Strategy must also be demonstrated within an OCP.

The following framework describes the cascading relationship of various components of the OCP and regulatory bylaws that flow from the objectives and policies established in the plan.

