



## **Transition Streets Project**

Transition Sunshine Coast CANADA Initiative

*We all need to find ways to save money and reduce our energy use these days. Thankfully, on a Transition Street, the two go hand in hand.*

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A Transition Street is a place where people get together with their neighbours to take steps towards greater self-reliance while at the same time finding ways to live in balance with the world's diminishing resources. And the benefit is that participants build stronger connections and friendships with their neighbours, empowering a sense of true community.

### ***How does it work?***

- An Initiator from a street or neighbourhood gets a group of neighbours together to apply for the program. Ideal group size is 7-10 households.
- We provide a manual with useful, accessible information, free of charge.
- You and your neighbours meet to discuss and share ideas around 5 topics:
  1. **Energy Use**; *Spend less on energy* (learning how to measure energy and how to use less of it)
  2. **Water use**; *Spend less on water* ( looking at all the ways we use water and how to conserve it)
  3. **Local Food**; *Spend less, eat well* (looking at food, how to avoid waste and eat a lower-carbon diet)
  4. **Transportation**; *Getting Around* (reducing dependency on the car)
  5. **Waste**/consumption; *Wasting Away* (avoiding waste; recycling and composting)
- You do the learning together, one topic per session and then individuals and their families identify the personal actions they are able to take in each area. It's up to each participant to decide what they can do
- Groups meet for 2 hours every 2-4 weeks about 7 times, usually over 7 months

- The first session is about getting started. With the support of a volunteer coordinator, you meet each other and agree how to run the sessions. The last meeting is a wrap-up, celebration and evaluation of the pilot project.

### ***What are the benefits?***

- Have fun, get to know your neighbours and increase the resiliency of your neighbourhood
- Identify and reduce your daily costs of living
- Learn more about climate action resources, regional food and more
- Reduce your carbon footprint and impact on the environment
- The building of social capital, as has been observed through the Transition Streets program, is a key aspect of emergency preparedness, creating a stronger sense of community and a sense of optimism about that community's ability to respond.

The Transition Street Project is a tried & tested, award winning project designed by Transition Town Totnes UK, to reduce energy use, household costs, and strengthen neighbourhoods. The model has been adopted by Transition Initiatives globally, including BC.

On the Sunshine Coast, Langdale & Gibsons neighbourhoods now join the ranks of Transitions Streets projects in Victoria and Nelson.

*Transition Sunshine Coast CANADA is a not-for-profit grassroots Initiative which is part of a global network that inspires us all to imagine and create a vibrant future that has alternatives to fossil fuels. We embrace building local resilience which is ecologically sustainable while nurturing and celebrating our community.*



To check out more information and resources on The Transition Streets Project and Transition Towns, visit our website:  
[www.sunshinecoastintransition.wordpress.com/education-2/](http://www.sunshinecoastintransition.wordpress.com/education-2/)

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