

# Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 11:30 a.m.  
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

That the October 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole agenda be adopted as circulated [or as amended].

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Brief public input from registered speakers regarding items on this agenda.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Official Community Plan Project Objectives

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Purpose: To review and seek feedback on the proposed Official Community Plan project objectives.

Recommendation:

That Council support the proposed project objectives outlined in the October 16, 2019 report by the Community Planning Coordinator so that the OCP Project Plan can advance.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. QUESTION PERIOD


Public opportunity to ask brief questions regarding the business of this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

That the October 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

# Report

Date	October 16, 2019	File: 6480-30 2019.01
To	Committee of the Whole	Prospero No: SPP00040
From	Chris Hutton, Community Planning Coordinator	Endorsed: 
Subject	Official Community Plan Project Objectives Workshop	

## Purpose

To review and seek feedback on the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) project objectives.

## Background

### OCP Volunteers Workshop Summary

Staff conducted a workshop for all OCP Volunteers on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Providence Farm. Through a variety of activities, information critical to this project was gained. The full notes from all activities and group discussion are provided in Attachment 1. A summary of Activities 1, 2 and 4 is provided, as these are the most relevant to the October 16 Council workshop.

### *Morning Session*

The morning included an orientation defining what OCPs are and what the project is. This orientation is similar to the one presented to Council in the past, but also included a reflection question on what makes a great OCP. This activity was an opportunity for participants to consider the basics of what an OCP is and what it needs to do. It also acted as an ice-breaker for the groups as they moved into more challenging workshop questions. Activity 1 revealed the following priorities in making a great OCP:

- The climate crisis and the need for adaptation and mitigation for sustainability.
- Changes in weather and environment creating concerns for long-term access to clean water, food and shelter.
- A growth strategy that includes a good balance for future land-use is key.
- The housing crisis, focusing on housing availability and affordability, density of neighbourhoods, and allowance of rental units.

The most common comment was about communication and education; keeping the public and residents of the affected communities informed on (current and future) plans, processes, implementation, timelines, and to allow for input from citizens. This last response feeds in to the following activity, which focused on project objectives, rather than the plan update itself.

Rounding out the morning session was a workshop on project objectives. Validating the draft project objectives was crucial prior to presenting these objectives to the Project Steering Committee and Council. Highlights of responses include:

- A strong emphasis on growth management for environmental protection and sustainability:
  - a balance between development and environment;
  - protecting the water, forest lands, ALR and the history of a community; and

- limiting development of new lands and instead encouraging vertical growth on existing lands.
- To continue with a “community feel” in an ever-growing community, suggestions were:
  - walkable neighbourhoods, including but not limited to sidewalks, walking trails, and streetlights to encourage walking outdoors;
  - development on transportation corridors and sustainable transportation;
  - mixed use neighbourhoods with clustered amenities, clear growth boundaries, and current zoning reviews; and
  - enhance public participation by encouraging neighbourhood groups.

### *Afternoon Session*

Afternoon sessions started with a discussion about volunteer roles, which clarified a lot around the function of each group, their difference and a clarification of the limits and opportunities of each group. There was great diversity among those wishing to be involved contributors, along with experience in health care, the school district, real estate, media, architecture/urban design, regional planning, rural/agricultural backgrounds, business owners, as well as many community connections and extensive life experiences.

### Project Steering Committee Workshop Summary

The Project Steering Committee met following the OCP Volunteer Group Day to discuss OCP project objectives from their perspective. The Project Steering Committee agreed with the addition of project alignment and prioritizing emerging crises in the plan; economy and employment; and edits around strengthening environmental protection, including the incorporation of green infrastructure.

### **Discussion**

Project objectives are goals that help to guide the project. An important distinction here is that these are not final OCP goals, but those of the project to update the OCP.

Council previously approved a work plan that set out a schedule and deliverables. Deliverables are tangible products that we can see as project progress (ex. “a policy gap analysis report is completed by Feb, 2020”). Objectives are statements about the substance of what that work should address and how it was developed (ex. “the policy gap analysis involved public consultation and acknowledged the need to incorporate the results of the Climate Action and Energy Plan remodelling into the update”). The project objectives presented below are broken into two groups:

1. Thematic Objectives - themes of the plan on which we want to focus.
2. Procedural Objectives – methods that we want to use throughout the project process to ensure that the project is executed fairly and competently.

The proposed project objectives are:

#### *Thematic Objectives:*

1. Revising our Approach to Growth Management
2. Respect Individual Community Character
3. Incorporate Climate Adaptation, Mitigation, and Resilience
4. Strengthen Natural Environment

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5. Foster Healthy Employment and Economic Changes

*Procedural Objectives*

1. Vetted Deliverables and Workshops
2. Meaningful Public Consultation
3. Project Alignment
4. Creating an Accessible Plain Language Plan and Planning Process
5. Intergovernmental Consultation
6. First Nations Engagement

The objectives provide guidance and ground the project in maintaining its original goals as the project proceeds. This is important for keeping us all (volunteers, steering committee, staff and Council) on track towards successful project delivery.

**Implications**

These objectives will be incorporated into the request for proposals for contracted services and (along with the project deliverables, budget, and timeline) form an important foundation in selecting a consultant for this project, so careful consideration is warranted at this time to avoid future project change, which can lead to budget or schedule changes.

This exercise conforms to the OCP project plan endorsed by Council.

**Recommendation**

**That Council support the proposed project objectives outlined in the October 16, 2019 report by the Community Planning Coordinator so that the OCP Project Plan can advance.**

Attachments:

1. OCP Volunteers Worksop Results

## OCP Volunteers Workshop Results

Provincial direction for OCP Legislative Aims – list provided provides a wider consideration

### ACTIVITY 1

What makes a great OCP? What are the topics/processes? What are the top 3 priorities? Why are they important?

#### Activity 1 - Discussion Items:

Measureable goals, put in a way to review and monitor

Municipal growth strategies

Process, format and implementation

Include and align with other local governments. Look at our community as regional

Water – primary consideration. Shape our communities.

Streamlining how we deal with our issues and look at the process on how we will achieve those goals

How to stoke public interest,

OCP vision for future land use and providing access to clean water.

CVRD are doing measure OCP Work currently

Important aspect of measuring

Clarify – haven't said First Nations Yet have not yet defined but MNC is addressing – action is happening in the background.

What do we want to be when we grow up – simplify – what is a vision Do we become a tourist community?

There are many possibilities – it doesn't have to be black and white

Each community will have their own view and processes needed.

Community is an overworked word. Same language used in the OCP throughout our regional communities. We are a region. Recognize that. We need to work with our neighboring districts, City of Duncan and CVRD.

Is there anybody else here from other communities? Individual communities have individual needs.

Community engagement is very important. We replied - this is why we created ambassador committees to implement that engagement.

Crofton has a lot of problems re environment we have no water.

Climate knows no boundaries.

Maintain our uniqueness and our communities.

## Activity 1 – Work sheets:

### Sheet A:

- 1) Climate crisis – adaptation and mitigation
- 2) Housing crisis
- 3) Need for more park land
- 4) Need for economic diversity and living wage
- 5) Move to Regional Transportation Plan

Processes - Align with other local governments

### Sheet B:

- 1) CAEP / climate adaptation
- 2) Emergency planning
- 3) Enviro / Eco network (greenway **frame**)
- 4) Water (marine ground stream / **cakes**)
- 5) Heritage / cultural
- 6) **Protech**
- 7) Compact / real communities (density – in logical / **ct. centres**)

### Sheet C:

- 1) Measureable and reviewed goals
- 2) Inclusive and representative process
- 3) Implementation has to reflect input
- 4) Accessible language

### Sheet D:

- 1) Envisioning future balance for land-use
- 2) Ensure long-term access to clean water, food and shelter

### Sheet E:

- 1) Streamlining (urgency)
- 2) Social issues (tied to streamlining)
- 3) Environment now (tied to streamlining)
- 4) Achievable goals tied to measures
- 5) Prioritization in Planning

### Sheet F:

- 1) Balance (affordable housing, emergency preparedness, economic investment, affordability, environmental social equity)
- 2) Adaptable (process)
- 3) Education (information access, how to stoke public interest, does community know of it, information flow, Who? Living, working, investing)
- 4) Implementation (concrete outcomes, “teeth”)

### Sheet G:

- 1) Municipal Growth Strategy – transportation, protected areas, development areas. UCB set without growth strategy, current OCP is not an adequate growth strategy
- 2) Sustainability – adaptation to climate change carrying capacity
- 3) Commitment to implementation of OCP
- 4) Measureable and actionable goals
- 5) Format – digital and hard copy, layout
- 6) Use – community’s policy document

### Sheet H:

- 1) Measurable goals / objectives
- 2) **RGS** is key
- 3) Process, fallback, implementation
- 4) Including things that have changed, work with other LGs
- 5) Water – climate adaptation, logical placement of settlement
- 6) Project achievement – urgency of climate and social issues
- 7) Achievable goals, good balance
- 8) Education – access to info
- 9) Access to long-term food, shelter, environment

### Sheet I:

- 1) Looking at environment and how it is affecting our communities (ie. Ocean changes, weather)
- 2) Work for change, must leave room for change
- 3) Know history of what has happened before and what is expected in the future
- 4) Housing, affordability, rental
- 5) What we want to do, why and how to do it
- 6) Implementation: 1) process 2) format

### **Activity 1 – Package Notes**

Housing Supply, commercial/industrial, sand & gravel deposits, restrictions & hazardous **crisis**, **road seven**, plan public facilities (schools), regional growth strategy → school district, climate change, etc.

### **Activity 1 – Summary**

A repetitive concern is the climate crisis and the need for adaptation and mitigation for sustainability. Changes in weather and environment are creating concerns for long-term access to clean water, food and shelter. A growth strategy that includes a good balance for future land-use is key.

Another repetitive concern is the housing crisis, focusing on housing availability and affordability, density of neighbourhoods, and allowance of rental units.

The most common comment was communication and education; keeping the public and residents of the affected communities informed on (current and future) plans, processes, implementation, timelines, and to allow for input from citizens.

## **ACTIVITY 2**

Where do you think the emphasis needs to be as we update North Cowichan's OCP? Issues, topics, or goals that are more important than others given where our community is at and over the next 20 years? Why do you think they are important?

### **Activity 2 - Discussion Items:**

Environment and strengthen community. Being larger – how do we encourage community. Add walking trails to make accessibility – encompass walking chairs

Priorities move and shift. Laps for each neighborhood embedded in our OCP. Need to be alignment of LAPs and the OCP. CAP and transportation plans should also be implemented into the OCP. Explore financial stability. Who knows what the great future employers will be?

Ways to prioritize development WITH environment. You have to talk about growth management, housing, it becomes a big picture quickly Where do you say No to things and where do you say NO?

Longer terms – continuity needs to be achieved.

Specific needs. Climate very important. Control Sprawl due to pressures. Requirements to developers. Twitter solutions, parking, and appropriate design, protect the history of areas. Sustainability.

Growth focus. Mixed use, walkable neighborhood. Sustainable transportation,

Limiting development on new lands. Protect our forest base. Not allowing development in these areas. Vertical growth support in existing lands. Any development includes bonds, planting of trees, etc. Water is an issue, we need to have an understanding of where environment is today to assist in maintain

Climate adaption – community design, envy management. Local denies – sustaining and evolving. Character of the community was an issue previous. Not just esthetics overlaps to environment and climate. Seamless entity we have become.

Urgency – action we want. Education working collectively. One heart – one mind. OCP needs to be adaptable to the changing needs of society. Poverty, water, and community resilience,

Economics needs to an objective. I second that. Struggling working in the area. Need to travel. I am an electrician, Environmental impact to that.

Focus on building economies. Recognizing incorporating regional plans to include neighboring jurisdictions. Ladysmith, card.

Working with more districts may slow the process down.

Projection demographics aging population will grow \$250%. Need to recognize that demographic.

Housing. Adult children are living with parents. Part time jobs only offered. Smaller construction. Lost our grass roots industry. Level entry not here as they can't afford to live here. Aging demographics. Need to find a way to house the younger generation. Addressing employment.

Could we get a copy of the OCP? Will we discuss committee roles?



## Activity 2 – Work sheets:

### Sheet A:

- 1) Actions – “urgency”
  - a. Education
  - b. Collective work
  - c. “one heart – one mind”
- 2) Adaptable to changing needs of society
- 3) Water, food security, poverty
- 4) Community resiliency

### Sheet B:

- 1) Need to create requirements for developers:
  - a. Water solutions
  - b. Parking solutions
  - c. Contact appropriate design
- 2) Need to protect the history and character of the place
- 3) Important areas:
  - a. Water supply
  - b. Forestry
  - c. ALR
- 4) Why important? Sustainability

### Sheet C:

- 1) LAPs appendices to OCP must align with OCP
- 2) **Valve** statements by neighborhood OCP does not reflect these
- 3) LAPs for sub-areas to be considered
- 4) Integrate CAEP, forest management plan, NC transportation Plan, align with CVRD, growth strategy
- 5) LAP might challenge OCP, mechanism needed
- 6) Climate change major issue: must do more – mitigation and adaptation
- 7) Financial sustainability of community
- 8) Social justice – integration of indigenous values, goals

### Sheet D:

- 1) Because we are growing in population, need to put emphasis on ways to build community (place where community gathers)
- 2) More locations for community connection, distributed throughout community, not just sports fields
- 3) Clarify what we mean when we talk about environmental protection, this may mean different things to different people
- 4) Protect our water, watershed - it is connected to us for drinking, food, industry, health
- 5) Rural character but with active transportation capabilities
- 6) Sidewalks, streetlights to walk
- 7) 8 – 80 communities accessible to 8 year and 80 year olds
- 8) Encouraging walking, etc. builds community

#### Sheet E:

- 1) Public participation – encourage neighborhood groups
- 2) Growth – mixed use, clustered amenities, zoning review, walkable neighborhoods, clear growth boundaries, development on transportation corridors
- 3) Rural character – how to align with ALC?
- 4) Climate – sustainable transportation, active and protected lanes, 74% GHG cars
- 5) Environmental protection – restricting development in flood plains
- 6) Clear focus and scope at outset
- 7) Define advisory group vs. ambassador team
- 8) Define staff roles
- 9) Communication strategy
- 10) How to synthesize a cohesive plan?

#### Sheet F:

- 1) Incentive and prioritize development that has socioecon and environmental benefits (move away from “tradeoffs”)
- 2) Affordable housing, mixed use planning, densification, growth management, safety, food security, water supply, local agriculture, climate adaptation, equitable access, health
- 3) Where do we say no? How?

#### Sheet G:

- 1) Growth management, density of development, up & infill
- 2) Protection of trees and currently forested areas (ban new development)
- 3) Bond posted for trees and natural environmental provisions
- 4) Forward-looking planning – what is the vision in 20 years? First Nations connection and engagement, environment
- 5) Water – understanding of aquifer supply, development in proximity to ocean rise

#### Sheet H:

- 1) Climate adaptation: a) understanding vulnerability ass. – UWI, EP, Density, b) density (form of development / location), (mitigation / adaptation)
- 2) Growth management – community design
- 3) First Nations
- 4) Environmental Protection (& management) – restoring sustaining eco function
- 5) Community character – its more than just aesthetics, quality of life, overlaps, procedure (thinking of regional growth strategy)
- 6) Coordination & weaving of land use & policy w/ Acc. Govt & jurisdiction (eg. First Nations)
- 7) Sustain local identities & sub-identities (Crofton Cl)
- 8) Community engagement – some metrics, define “meaningful”

#### Sheet I:

- 1) The specific needs of North Cowichan – emphasis needs to be met
- 2) Climate change - mitigation and adaptation

- 3) We need a smart growth strategy to control sprawl – there will be increased pressure on land & environment

**Activity 2 – Package Notes**

Sustainability, water supply, forestry, ALR, adjustment to climate & water, balance

**Activity 2 – Summary:**

There seems to be a strong emphasis on growth management for environmental protection and sustainability; a balance between development and environment; protecting the water, forest lands, ALR and the history of a community; limiting development of new lands and instead encouraging vertical growth on existing lands.

To continue with a “community feel” in an ever-growing community, suggestions have been made of walkable neighbourhoods: including but not limited to sidewalks, walking trails, and streetlights to encourage walking outdoors; development on transportation corridors and sustainable transportation; mixed use neighbourhoods with clustered amenities, clear growth boundaries, and current zoning reviews; and to enhance public participation by encouraging neighbourhood groups.

#### **ACTIVITY 4**

Discuss how you see yourselves contributing to this OCP process: How you want to be involved? What are your unique skills? What we can learn from you?

#### **Activity 4 - Discussion Items:**

Familiar with working with municipality, being a landlord, school, etc. Diversity. Connection between OCP Advisory Group the two groups.

Healthcare, community connections. Speaking closely linked with both groups. Success will bringing Maple Bay = School Board. Lots of community contacts, involved as community s, get feedback from community. How should we be communicating? Clear questions to pass onto the area? Process to engage? Municipality will take steps to provide area groups and good consultation process.

Are we your eyes and ears Chris? We need to be focused in our Questions to citizen via these groups.

Legal boundaries of areas establish in Maple bay. Bell McKinnon. We will establish the geographic boundaries of our area?

Community Engagement. What kind of strategy to us have planned? I know we will hire a consultant.

Gibbons area – we have lots of skills to offer, arts and entertainment, planning, etc. We need more community involvement. We need to actively engage our neigh bouts.

Can we waive liability for block parties and can we have more free lunches? Insurance for events????O

Chemainus and Lakes Road Group: Who doO we get input from stakeholders. Dealing with direct demographic groups. Going Chemainus Place? To discuss with them. How do we want to engage? Reaching all demographic. Housing for rural vex housing for youth. Reflect that.

Quamichan Neighbourhood. Skills cowichan lake neighbourhood group members. Facebook page to solicit. OCP Process. Solicit the members to see if they want to have input. Independent facebook re communication. Strong communication roles, knowledge of housing, real estate, health care. Clarity on how we are going to engage with the citizens. Opportunity to lease with the other groups to measure success and process. Land economics is another skillset we have as a group.

Rural Groups – we don't want to overlap with other neighbourhood areas. We need a big map. We will create a binders with maps and outlines, goals, engagement. Roles for rural areas will be outside the community areas.

Municipal forests included under the 'rural group'. We have not talked about the forest today. We need to incorporate within rural areas. Defining the areas of responsibility of forestry be included in the rural group so it won't get lost. Rural group has volunteered to oversee the forest lands and look after this important area.

Be helpful if we had a list of the members of both groups Names and/or contacts?

Non duplication – the reality is trying to not duplicate is difficult.

We expect proactive community and reactive community. Discuss what is important to members. We are looking at an existing OCP perhaps we can look at bylaws and how those changes have impacted. Guiding OCP with a clear implementation. This is the guidance and this will be the next step. Good indicator will be that we are still excited about the OCP Amendment in 2020 as we are today!

Continuity between staff and group discussions so we are discussing the same topic.

What will the community engagement be? How will that look? Does the zoning bylaw align with the zoning bylaw?

#### **Activity 4 – Work Sheets:**

##### Sheet A:

- 1) Skills & Connecting
  - a. Working at municipality on building projects – building / planning / engineering
  - b. Children – sports
  - c. Church projects – Chemainus (HSG afford, agriculture)
  - d. Work efficiently – limited time available, goals reasonable and not too lofty
  - e. Ability to make connections and be productive – solve problems
  - f. Familiar with school systems, need system and municipality process BMPs elsewhere
  - g. Volunteer org. skills
  - h. Business owner – mom
  - i. Resilient homestead
- 2) Skills - Agriculture, health (midwifery, physician), business, wider geographic focus, (CVRD), climate change, healthy built environment, water, indigenous perspective, architecture, urban design, regional planning, experience from International approaches (Netherlands), graphic visualization & understanding
- 3) Role – What will be the community engagement process for evaluation (Measuring success after OCP put in place, do these groups have som “legacy: role? (ie. Zoning bylaw alignment)
- 4) Involvement – spreading information on key issues (ie. Where does are water come from, how does development affect water quantity / quality?)
- 5) Success – Aligning beyond MNC

##### Sheet B:

- 1) Role and Involvement
  - a. Proactive, not reactive
  - b. Committee-led agendas with input process (early)
  - c. Ability to direct and tract action items between meetings (for staff)
  - d. Concise documents provided in advance
  - e. Working groups / sub-committees for specific topics and tasks
  - f. Ability to review and comment on specific bylaws closely connected to OCP themes (need mix of high level and specific details)
- 2) What will success look like?
  - a. A guiding OCP with a clear implantation plan

- b. Measureable objectives with clear indicators and review points at regular intervals (public report?)
- c. Still as excited about committee and plan in 2021 as we are today!
- d. Engaging physical document with accessible language and visuals and direct quotes, no stock photos
- e. Staff and volunteer continuity
- f. Clear plan for marginalized communities' involvement

Sheet C:

- 1) Rotary
- 2) Children and early childhood development
- 3) Festival of murals
- 4) Project management
- 5) Residents association – 182 units, seniors / under seniors
- 6) Climate change and adaptation
- 7) Chemainus advisory / committee
- 8) Energy
- 9) Air-shed roundtable
- 10) Housing coalition
- 11) Housing first for youth
- 12) Epic eldercare project in Cowichan
- 13) Community Action Team (CAT) opioid response
- 14) Planning for new CDH
- 15) Real estate – logistics / transportation
- 16) Facilitation / community development

Sheet D:

- 1) How will we make sure we get input from all stakeholders (over demographics)?
  - a. Youth
  - b. Families
  - c. Business
  - d. Seniors
- 2) How do we communicate?
  - a. Social media
- 3) What is our level of responsibility to get input & feedback?
- 4) How do we want to be involved?
  - a. Provide input to the process how to hear from the community
- 5) Success – OCP that reflects culture & values of our region

Sheet E:

- 1) Skills, connections, knowledge, QLNA
  - a. Email list
  - b. Facebook – soliciting input from Quamichan neighborhood residents, solicit those residents who want updates on OCP issues / process

- c. Media – MNC website, SLACK / FB info-sharing
- 2) Skills / knowledge
  - a. R/E, development
  - b. Architecture / planning / knowledge of community
  - c. Design / planning / facilitating
  - d. Communication
  - e. Knowledge of process / working with MNC, other involvement in other organizations
  - f. Land / economics, Quamichan water-shed stewards Municipalities
- 3) Our roles?
  - a. Are we soliciting input or simple as housekeepers?
- 4) Success for our roles
  - a. Knowing numbers of residents in our area that have attended solicited their input, or have been monitoring Facebook / have voiced their concerns / ideas for upcoming 2019 version of OCP
  - b. Want to liaise with advisory council on an ongoing basis

Sheet F:

- 1) Skills, etc.
  - a. Maple Bay Community Association President (Sheila)
  - b. Email lists and contacts in Stoney Hill (Wendy) – Maple Bay Peninsula
  - c. Former Mayor, on the School Board (Anne)
- 2) How do we want to be involved?
  - a. As a communicator - This is what's going on, I can hear feedback and bring it to the meetings
  - b. School visits
- 3) Questions:
  - a. Does the Planning department have clear questions they want us to ask our community?
  - b. Am I going to be told my role?
  - c. How should I be communicating with my area and my teammates? (community association)
- 4) What will success look like?
  - a. Getting quality feedback

Sheet G:

- 1) Skills - Berkey's Corner / Crofton, PAC & DPAC, VIU, MCP, active transport, social services, equity, accessibility, intercultural society, arts & entertainment, psychology, world view, teacher, environment (nature, land trust, alt. energy), Cowichan elder care, block watch cycling, tutor @ VIU, inclusive leadership
- 2) Roles - build community capacity – get to know neighbors, “ground game”, talk to people and listen, info / survey distributor
- 3) Success – more community involvement, active & engaged neighbours, helping neighbours
- 4) What engagement strategies are efficient? Mentorship? – Can Municipality facilitate road closures for block parties? (ie waive / pay liability insurance). More free lunch events?

Sheet H:

1) Skills

- a. Background in hospital - large capital project
- b. Good historic context – lots of connections
- c. New, fresh perspective
- d. Lived a lot of places, US, Canada, Alberta, overseas
- e. Healthcare background
- f. Range of points of life – retired and career
- g. Media background / connections
- h. Regulatory background
- i. Rural / agricultural connections (needs work)
- j. BC EMO's
- k. Alternate energy (solar)

2) Success

- a. High level of involvement
- b. Speak as one voice with Advisory – closely linked

**Activity 4 – Package Notes**

Communications – email, to contact those who don't participate and see their view, consultation, listening.

**Activity 4 – Summary:**

There is great diversity among those wishing to be involved contributors, along with experience in health care, the school district, real estate, media, architecture/urban design, regional planning, rural/agricultural backgrounds, business owners, as well as many community connections and extensive life experiences. Input and feedback from the community will allow for new, fresh perspectives, ideas, and feedback.



## **ACTIVITY 5**

What key groups or people need to be invited to and part of this OCP process? What are their key interests and why is it important for them to be involved? Who is the key contact?

### **Activity 5 - Discussion Items:**

Are there any issues of confidentiality? Example: What if I wanted to discuss this with a Council.

To what extent will Political influence have with the information that is brought forward by our groups (distrust).

Back to structure. I would like our community ambassador group be a sub-committee to the OCP Group.

There are risks to the current structure between groups. We need a formalize mechanism between our groups.

Concerned we have narrowed it down to two places. We are part of the Crofton Committee Group too.

Number of forms on how we communicate to our area? Can you provide language, process etc?

Do you have a list of consultants - . . .

PlaceSpeak will be utilized. We cannot identify responses made on this site.

Defining borders can you identify the ALR? Council does not decide where the communities are. We will mapping as a group.

Can I forward activity 5 by email. When will be meeting next? Jan or Feb?

Is there a glossary of all the terms you have used.

### **Activity 5 – Package Notes**

- 1) What key groups or people need to be invited to and part of this OCP process?
  - a. Urban containment boundary
  - b. Local community group of ready included
  - c. School Board and local Parent’s Groups
  - d. RC Legion #191
  - e. Chemainus Rotary
  - f. Chemainus Shout Out (part of Facebook)
  - g. Harvest House (food bank)
  - h. Chamber of Commerce
  - i. Marine
  - j. Waterfront properties
  - k. First Nations
  - l. School District #79
  - m. Community Futures
  - n. Mental Health Substance Use (MHSU)
  - o. Development Community

- p. Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
  - q. Earth Guardians
  - r. Quamichan Watershed Stewardship Society
  - s. Chemainus Festivals and Murals Society
  - t. Chemainus Residents Association
  - u. Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society
  - v. Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce
  - w. Chemainus B & A
- 2) What are their key interests and why is it important for them to be involved?
- a. The School Board is aware of changes in their students' home addresses and size of family. They are also aware of trends in needs exhibited within their student population.
  - b. Giving to com. and veterans and those who served
  - c. Informing people living in Chemainus
  - d. Live-aboard (marine)
  - e. Climate change (waterfront properties)
  - f. Land Claims & use (First Nations)
  - g. New/closing school build planning (school district)
  - h. Community Futures requested link to Economic Development
  - i. Oproid / social housing / mental health arises / addiction services
  - j. Lived experience
  - k. Water quality / lake health / ecosystem health
  - l. Community improvement
  - m. Arts & cultural growth
  - n. Community engagement / environment
  - o. Economic development and growth
- 3) Who is the key contact?
- a. Candice Spilsbury & Rob Hutchins (SD #79)
  - b. Ken Lavender (RC Legion #191)
  - c. Mike Boggs & Tom Andrews (Chemainus Rotary)
  - d. Jan (Harvest House Food Bank)
  - e. David Messier (marine & waterfront properties)
  - f. Chief Seymour (First Nations)
  - g. Cathy Robalson (Community Futures)
  - h. Sheena Nolli & Lisa Murphy (MHSU)
  - i. Bruce Muir (Development Community)
  - j. James Tomsignant & David Mitchell (CMHA)
  - k. Sierra Robinson (Earth Guardians)
  - l. Per Dahlstrom & Jim Cosh (Quamichan Watershed Stewardship Society)
  - m. Bernie Jones (Chemainus Residents Association)
  - n. Peggy Grigor (Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society)
  - o. Paul McGregor (Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce)
  - p. Chris Istash ( Chemainus B & A)

## **ACTIVITY 6**

### Session Evaluation

- 1) What did you like about this session?
  - a. Met with many of the good citizens involved with the discussion on amalgamation, as most of the speakers today were from discussion on amalgamation. It made me think about the changes in the Maple Bay area since we first arrived in 1959.
  - b. The respect that facilitators showed to everyone's thoughts and ideas. Kept to the time, but also respected questions and comments.
  - c. Information
  - d. Meeting the team and all the people involved
  - e. Good conversation, some people jumping ahead
  - f. Great opportunity to hear diverse opinion.
  - g. Incredible learning about the depth of experience within residents of the valley. Gives me hope that the OCP 2019 report will reflect this comprehensive diverse thinkers augmented by staff at MNC.
  - h. Well organized, well presented
  - i. Appreciated the opportunity to hear from other community-minded citizens
  - j. Chris did a terrific job! Thank you to all staff – for handouts, lunch, coffee, etc.
  - k. Thank you for creating this neighborhood group. This is positive and visioning.
- 2) What could we do better?
  - a. Powerpoint
  - b. Be a little firmer with limiting/reducing questions (slows flow).
  - c. More background info: 1) old OCP & 2) identified areas in need of work
  - d. Solicit written feedback prior to meetings, "Brainstorming" in a group environment leads to fewer ideas being collected and articulated less well.
  - e. Fewer documents / better organized with flow of meeting
  - f. Add another hour
  - g. Gate-keep unnecessary comments
  - h. Having tea – herbal and black would be great
  - i. Food was good (I'm a gluten-free and dairy-free gal).
  - j. Just continue community engagement – this is a great endeavor
- 3) Do you have any outstanding questions about your role or things you'd like us to cover in future sessions?
  - a. Need direction as to how to contact the community as ambassadors.
  - b. Would like to see commitment from Council to provide rationale for any major changes to final document (for transparency).
  - c. Please give us as much notice of an upcoming meeting as possible. FYI won't be able to attend January session but hopefully it'll be scheduled after Feb. 4 which would facilitate my attendance.