

# **Comox Valley Schools**

School District No. 71

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:00pm

### In Attendance Via Virtual Zoom Meeting:

**Trustees** 

Sheila McDonnell, Board Chair Michelle Waite, Vice Chair Janice Caton, Trustee Tonia Frawley, Trustee Kat Hawksby, Trustee Sarah Jane Howe, Trustee Cristi May Sacht, Trustee **Staff** 

Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools
Brenda Hooker, Secretary-Treasurer
Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent
Candice Hilton, Director of Finance
Ian Heselgrave, Director of Operations
Esther Shatz, Director of Instruction (Student Services)
Allan Douglas, Director of Instructional Services K-12
Paul Berry, Director of Instruction (Health & Safety)
Josh Porter, Director of Information Technology

Recording Secretary: Marlene Leach, Sr. Executive Assistant

#### 1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Sheila McDonnell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation and welcomed Cristi May Sacht to the Board as the new Area C School Trustee.

# 2. Adoption of Agenda

# **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education adopt the January 26, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# 3. Board Meeting Minutes

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education adopt the December 15, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

**CARRIED** 

### 4. Old Business

A. Follow-up on previous motion to hold students' spots in their neighbourhood school or program of choice in the 2020-21 school year due to pandemic.

The Board advised that families who left their neighbourhood school or program of choice in the 2020-21 school year will be contacted to verify their intentions for the 2021-22 school year. This information is critical for staff planning and budgeting in the next few weeks.

Board Information

### 5. Report on In-Camera Meeting

- Land/Property
- Personnel

### 6. Board Chair's Report

None

# 7. Presentations / Delegations

A. City of Courtenay Official Community Plan Review – Video presentation by Nancy Gothard, Policy Planner, City of Courtenay and Tats Setta, Manager of Community and Sustainability Planning, City of Courtenay. Board Information – presentation attached to these minutes Pg.5

# 8. Education Committee Meeting

No meeting in January

# **Next Education Committee Meeting:**

**TOPIC:** Student Services - SOGI and Mental Health

DATE: February 09, 2021

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting (live and recorded)

# 9. Strategic Direction

### A. Superintendent

i. District News

Board Information

# ii. International Student Program - Verbal Update

**Board Information** 

# iii. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Update - Briefing Note

**Board Information** 

# iv. Kindergarten Registration – Briefing Note

**Board Information** 

# B. Assistant Superintendent

# i. School Calendar – Verbal Update

**Board Information** 

### C. Secretary-Treasurer

None

### D. Human Resources

# i. Retirements and Recognition

**Board Information** 

# **10.** Board Standing Committee Reports

# A. Finance Committee Board Report - January 19, 2021

### Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 Budget Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 Budget Guiding Principles as presented.

**CARRIED** 

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 Budget Development Process and Timelines as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education receive the Finance Committee Board Report as presented.

CARRIED

# B. Facilities Committee Board Report – January 19, 2021

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the name change of Lake Trail Middle School to Lake Trail Community School effective immediately.

CARRIED

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education receive the Facilities Committee Board Report as presented.

**CARRIED** 

C. Policy Committee Board Report – January 12, 2021

# **Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education receive the Policy Committee Board Report as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### 11. Board Business

A. Record of Affirmation - Inauguration of Trustee Area C, Cristi May Sacht Board Information

# 12. Board Correspondence

A. Correspondence: to Board of Education from Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) – Transit Service on Hornby and Denman Islands Sheila McDonnell, Trustee Board Information

B. Correspondence: to Board of Education from BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) – The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding Report Janice Caton, Trustee

Board Information

### 13. Public Question Period

# 14. Meeting Adjourned – 8:58pm

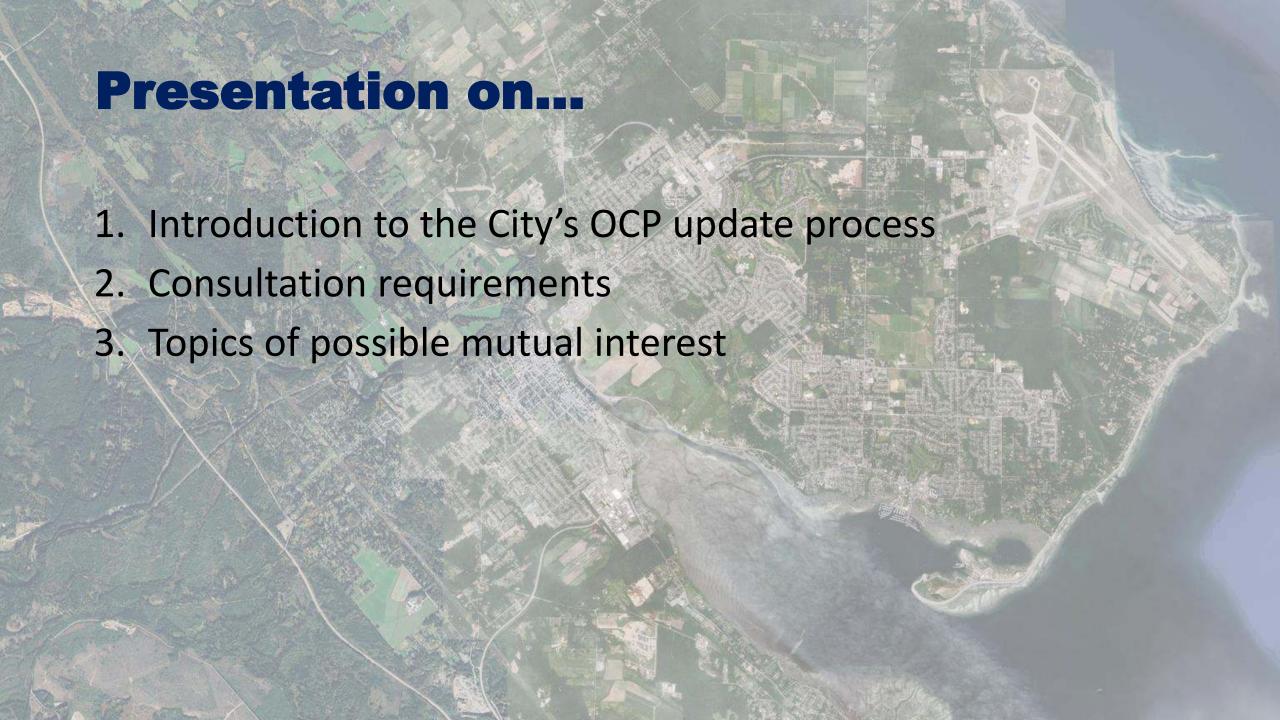
**Board Approved on:** February 23, 2021

**Certified Correct:** 

Brenda Hooker, CPA, CGA Secretary-Treasurer

Sheila McDonnell Board Chair





# CITY OF COURTENAY OCP PLANNING PROCESS: REVISED DUE TO PANDEMIC

01	02	03	04	05	06
AUG - JAN 2020	FEB - JUL 2020	JUL - SEPT 2020	FALL 2020		2021
INITIATION, WORK PLANNING, BACKGROUND REVIEW	EXPLORING GROWTH OPTIONS	DRAFT PLAN POLICIES	INTENSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIONS	FINALIZE THE PLAN	DELIVER THE PLAN
Phase 1 Engagement  Public Launch, Website, Community Advisory Committee Meetings, Stakeholder Interviews, Staff Workshops	Phase 2 Engagement  (Any engagement after mid-March hosted virtually)  Community Advisory Committee Meetings, Survey, and Workshops	Phase 3 Engagement  (All likely hosted virtually)  Interviews, Stakeholder Workshops, Community Advisory Committee Meetings, Staff Meetings	Phase 4 Engagement  *Proposed  Neighbourhood Workshops, Walkshops, Survey, Community Advisory Committee Meetings, Staff Meetings	Phase 5 Engagement  *Proposed  Open House, Community Advisory Committee Workshop, Staff Meetings	Phase 6 Engagement  *Proposed  Public Hearing, Council Report

<sup>\*</sup>All in-person engagement activities are proposed, pending evolving pandemic recommendations



High school students participating in a climate march in Courtenay. Photo by James Wood.

# A CLIMATE CRISIS IS DECLARED

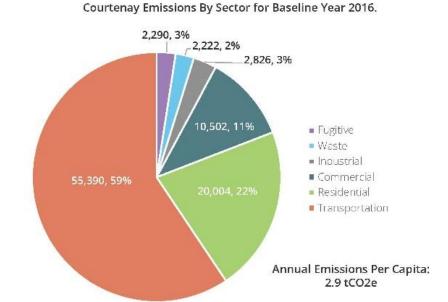






# Transportation is the largest contributor to our local GHG emissions

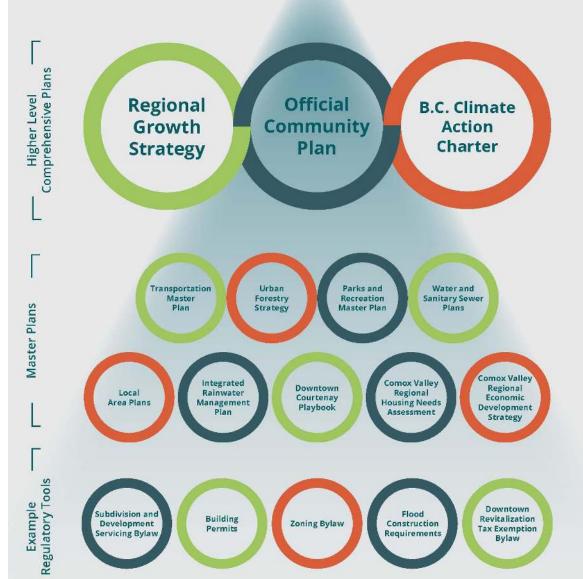
As shown in the graph, transportation amounts to 59% of total annual emissions in Courtenay. Approximately half of this value is a result of personal vehicle travel, and the other half is a result of commercial vehicle travel.



# Courtenay is car dependent

Approximately 85% of all trips in Courtenay are taken by a private vehicle. This number is high relative to both British Columbia as a whole, and other similar sized communities in the province. While car dependency is a major challenge that must be overcome, shifting to active modes and transit offers opportunities for not only GHG emission reductions, but also for individual and community health, street life and community vibrancy, providing transportation choices and reducing transportation costs, and more.

# B.C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT



# In many ways... the OCP is just the beginning!

# Courtenay's future will include...

- ✓ Net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- ✓ Inclusivity, equity and reconciliation
- ✓ Developing within existing urban centres and neighbourhoods
- ✓ More housing choices such as rentals, suites, townhomes & small apartments
- ✓ Re-balanced transportation investments towards walking, cycling & transit
- ✓ Strong neighbourhoods with unique character and identity
- ✓ More space for and time in nature as part of all neighbourhoods
- ✓ Productive City-community relationships
- ✓ Ecologically and socially responsible economic recovery and success

Here are some of the engagement activities planned for this process.



# Online Surveys

To test interest in specific ideas, on-line surveys will be used to allow for easy and convenient input.







Look for us at community events throughout 2020 for a chance to learn about the project and share your ideas in an informal setting.

We're also available to "pop up" at stakeholder meetings to engage on specific topics with organizations. Contact the project team to learn more about this roadshow opportunity.



# Neighbourhood Workshops

More than a meeting, neighbourhood level engagement will take place in at least eight locations throughout the city, with walking tours, 1:1 community leader interviews, self-guided workbooks all culminating in a neighbourhood workshop to provide local opportunity for residents to provide direct input



Comprised of members of the public representing a variety of topic areas, OCP Advisory Committee members provide valuable technical information and are community ambassadors of the OCP update.



# Big Ideas Fairs

To launch and conclude the project, ideas fairs will be used to exchange information with a large number of people in an engaging multi-dimensional







neighbourhoods Water
downtown density flood streams
incentives community trees
infrastructure energy trails parks
schools children climate energy trails parks
education housing electric solar forests

business oca urban composting gardens green chickens gardens

ant decrease natural &

change limit less safe sustainable agriculture improve reduce public charging cycling live build promote connectivity ride educate on connectivity ride

protect





































**Community Hearts** 28

**Problem or Issue Areas** 38





Over 50% STAYED FOR **MORE THAN** AN HOUR

320+ IDEAS FAIR **PARTICIPANTS** 

64% **REVIEWED** THEIR **EXPERIENCE AS GREAT** 

# The Built Environment shapes our Community's Character

We all know when we're in places that are delightful and make us want to spend time in them. A community's or neighbourhood's look and feel and what makes it memorable and distinct are part of its *character*.

Character elements include building spacing and massing, use and density, landscaping, architectural treatments and public art. Public realm treatments such as streets, plazas, public facilities and parks can also contribute (or detract) from a community's character. These built structures and layouts are referred to as the **Built Environment**.



# Greenfield & Infill Development

Greenfield Development refers to developing large areas to an urban or suburban standard that are previously in a natural or agricultural state, often on the periphery of the community. While Infill Development occurs within lands within the built-up area of a community to make more efficient use of land. Supporting more infill development is an important consideration of this OCP.



Some Notes About: ZONING

Community land use goals adopted in the OCP will inform revisions to the Courtenay Zoning Bylaw.

The **Zoning Bylaw** establishes what land uses may occurwhere and at what densities, how big a lot can be, where development can occur on a property, what setbacks and yards are required, the height and overall massing of structures, number of structures, if landscaping and open space are required (in commercial or multi-family zones), and parking requirements. Zoning Bylaw requirements strongly influence Community Character.

Look for opportunities to get involved in the Zoning Bylaw review in 2021 which will follow adoption of the OCP.



Below, an example of a land use transect showing how zoning can be used to transition from rural to urban environments. Modified image from: Neighbourhoods, Proving to Daily Needs, & Walkability in Farm-Asped Codes, 2014. Masters Thesis by Dan Bangelopoulos, Paculty of California Polymechnic State University.

# Floodplain

An area of land adjacent to a stream, river, estuary or ocean which experiences flooding during periods of high flow and/or tides. Avoiding further development in the Floodplain is an important consideration of the OCP, especially because floodplain levels will increase due to sea level rise.



# **Eco Assets & Ecosystem Services**

**Eco-assets** are natural assets such as lakes, rivers, wetlands, aquifers, mountains, forests, riparian areas, estuaries and salt marshes. These features have considerable economic value and **provide goods and services** such as water purification, soil stabilization and fertility, food production and recreation.

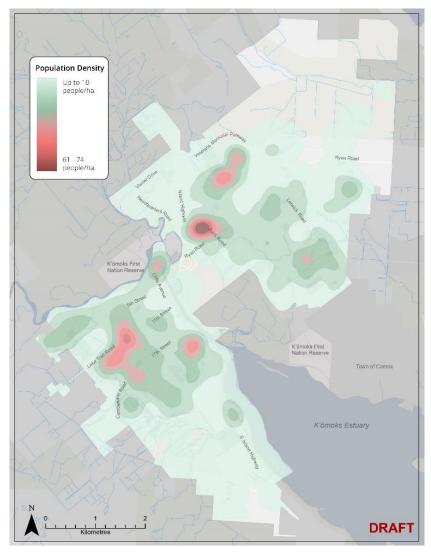
Eco-assets and their services are increasingly being recognized as critical to effectively responding to Climate Change. Incorporating them in municipal planning together with human-built infrastructure – roads, water distribution, buildings and parks – contributes to a more healthy, desirable, and resilient community.

Locally, the CV Land Trust and Conservation Partnership created a short film on these concepts at: projectwatershed.ca/ecoassets





# Where people live today

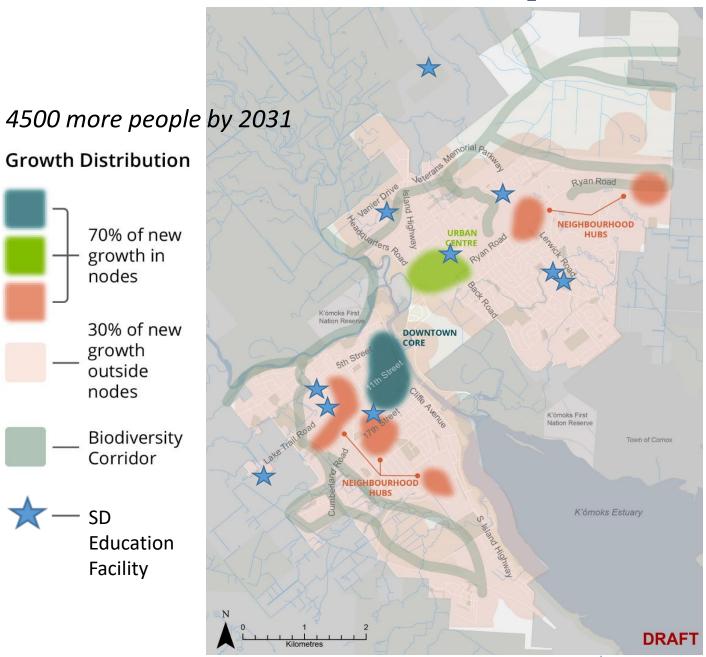


# **Land Use Structure Concept**

nodes

growth outside nodes

Facility



# **Interactive Public Survey**









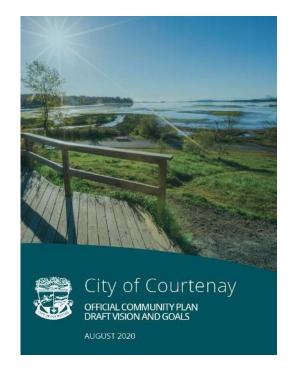
# **Vision and Goals**

# Vision

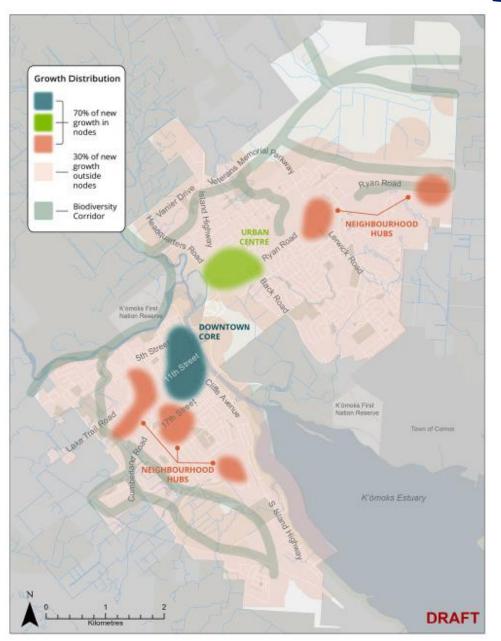


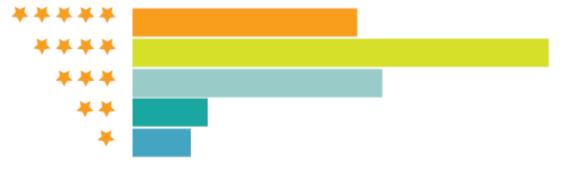
# Goals

LAND: A PRECIOUS RESOURCE HOUSING CHOICES FOR ALL STRONG NEIGH- BOURHOODS	AVG. RATING: 3.9/5  AVG. RATING: 4.1/5  AVG. RATING: 4.2/5
TRANSPORTATION CHOICES	AVG. RATING: 4.2/5
SPACE FOR NATURE	AVG. RATING: 4.5/5
LOVE FOR LOCAL PLACES	AVG. RATING: 4.2/5
A CITY FOR EVERYONE	AVG. RATING: 4.1/5
ECONOMIC SUCCESS	AVG. RATING: 4.3/5
RELATIONSHIPS	AVG. RATING: 4.2/5



# Where the City Grows





AVERAGE: 3.7 STARS

# **Stakeholder Virtual Brainstorming Sessions**





# **Neighbourhood Consultations**





8. GREATER DOWNTOWN

Virtual: Sat Nov 7, 1 - 3 p.m.

11. HEADQUARTERS AREA

Sign up for

walks in the areas

you spend alot of

time in, where you

live and work.

Sign up early!

Limited space is

1. COURTENAY AIRPARK Walk: Mon Oct 26, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Walk: Sat Oct 31, 10 - 11:30a.m. Virtual: Tues Nov 10, 6 - 8 p.m. Virtual: Mon Nov 9, 6 - 8 p.m.

9. EAST COURTENAY Walk: Tues Oct 27, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Walk: Sat Oct 31, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

### 3. MCPHEE/17TH STREET

Walk: Tues Oct 27, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 10. SANDWICK AREA Virtual: Tues Nov 3, 6 - 8 p.m. Walk: Sun Nov 1, 10 - 11:30a.m.

#### 4. LOWER RYAN ROAD Walk: Wed Oct 28, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Walk: Sun Nov 1, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Virtual: Sat Nov 7, 10a.m.- noon Virtual: Sun Nov 8, 1 - 3 p.m. 5. UPPER RYAN ROAD

#### Walk: Wed Oct 28, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Virtual: Wed Nov 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

6. HARMSTON AREA Walk: Thurs Oct 29, 4 - 5:30 p.m Virtual: Thurs Nov 5, 6 - 8 p.m.

### 7. LAKETRAIL AREA

Walk: Fri Oct 30, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Virtual: Fri Nov 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

# Neighbourhood

walk-shop and/or a virtual discussion of one of several Courtenay neighbourhoods to discuss how our city should grow.

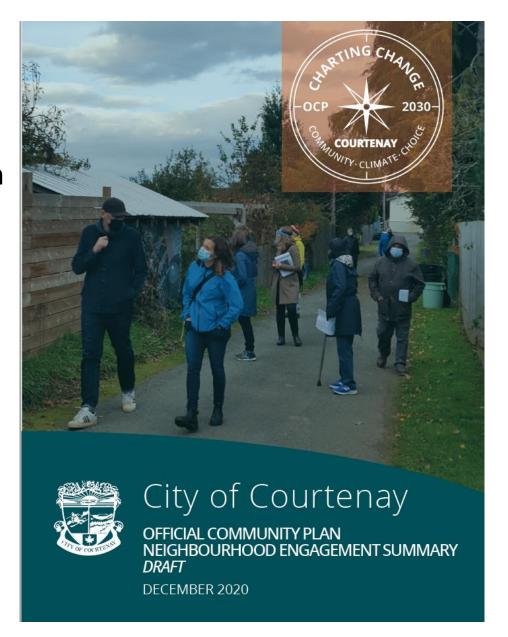
WALKSHOP: 90-minute group walk guided by City staff. Limited number of participants per walk. in place.

Zoom neighbourhood discussion. Computer, internet and audio equipment required (speakers & mic if you wish to speak).

Learn more and register at courtenay.ca/OCPupdate Questions? 250-703-4839 or

# **Discussed:**

- ✓ How to bring vision and goals to life at neighbourhood scale
- ✓ Look and feel of growth
- ✓ Local aspirations and concerns



COVID-19 protocols will be

VIRTUAL OPTION: 2-hour Pre-Registration required for walkshops and virtual options, Instuctions provided upon registration.

planning@courtenay.ca



# **Neighbourhood Consultation**



3B. MCPHEE/17TH ST. MIRO BOARDS



Porches facing the street is good but must face something that is attractive otherwise people won't use it (e.g not just cars and concrete) - nice for watching

should harmonize

Need large enough porches so no just storage spots What is the limit to the people on the lot? Don't want overcrowding

There needs to be a green buffer between building and street. When I'm in my garden people stop and talk and I can give them flowers. Also buffer from

5 - dislike due to large sizetiny houses in character in pre-existing garages would be better - e.g. one level bungalow on small lots themes of 40s housesdon't want more concreteareas needed for drainage

More green vegetation in design - too much concrete in drierways etc

I like that the houses are not overly large - appropriate size - 3 and 8 are good in the way they are close to the street - creates a presence on the street that contributes to safety. Proper porch - sitting on it - contributes to sense of community and creates eyes on the street, sense of safety - people are aware of what's going on

Secondary dwelling can't be larger than primary building. Don't want large buildings. our neighbourhood is like a time capsule. In the past, someone had a garage (mechanic) and someone else had another business.

SECONDARY DETACHED DWELLINGS
(CARRIAGE HOMES AND GRANNY FLATS)















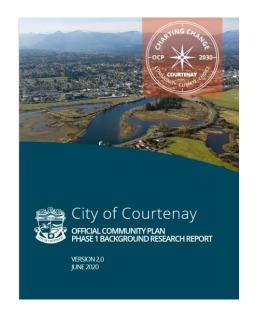






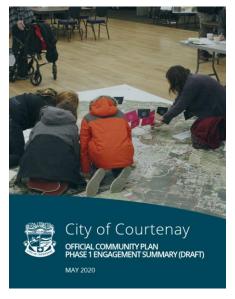
# A snapshot of our work accomplished to date

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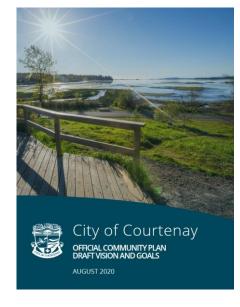


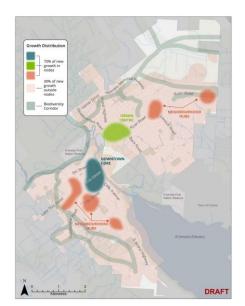


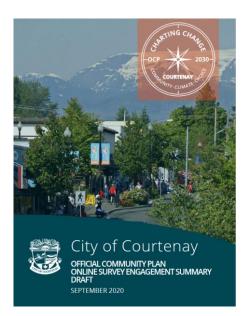
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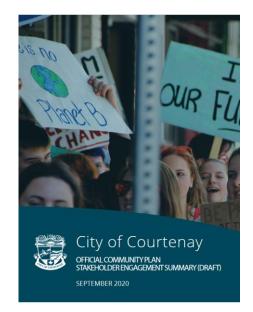


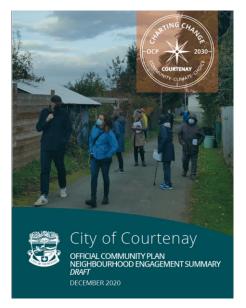












Stakeholder Policy Engagement

# **Draft OCP Policy Framework Topics**

- Reconciliation
- Community Participation
- Growth Management & Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation & Streets
- Parks
- Sensitive Ecosystems & Green Infrastructure

- Infrastructure & Utilities
- Buildings
- Culture, Heritage & Arts
- Social Planning & Community Development
- Local Economy



# **Local Government Act consultation requirements**

The City must seek input on the following:

- **i. actual** and **anticipated needs** for school facilities and support services;
- ii. size, number and location of the sites anticipated to be required;
- iii. type of school anticipated to be required;
- iv. when said facilities and services are anticipated to be required;
- v. how the existing and proposed school facilities relate to existing or proposed community facilities.

# Possible additional topics of mutual interest

- Community schools policy
- Growth forecasting
- Safe routes to school

- Ecological lands and parks
- Climate action
- Youth involvement

- Reconciliation
- Housing policy
- Child care

# City-SD71 engagement

✓ Staff level

✓ OCP Advisory Committee member

√ 60 day referral (expect April-May)

? City-SD71 deeper dive workshop

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**OCP Project Scope and** Timeline



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# **OCP Update**

# Courtenay's Official Community Plan is being reviewed!

Please check back on this webpage to stay up to date on project updates and learn how to get involved.

The COVID-19 pandemic may impact the engagement timelines for this project. Please subscribe to the project newsletter below to receive updates.

# OCP Update E-Newsletter

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Related Links

- Existing Official Community Plan
- Zoning Bylaw
- · CVRD Regional Growth Strategy

### Contact Info

#### **Building Division**

Phone: 250-703-4862 Email: building@courtenay.ca

#### **Business Licencing**

Phone: 250-703-4835

Email: businesslicence@courtenay.ca

# **Films for Thought**



Explore these thought-provoking short videos from a variety of sources featuring examples of land-use planning concepts.

#### View past OCP Update **E-Newsletters**

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Courtenay Council Invites Public to Community Visioning Throughout 2020