



## Area D – Cowichan Bay OCP

### Meeting Notes OCP Steering Committee

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Cowichan Valley Regional District – CR2  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

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#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda was adopted with the addition of “Draft Goals Review and Vision” to OCP Process – Next Steps.

#### 2. October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes

- Notes from the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted without changes.

#### 3. Consultation Activity Summary

- October 6<sup>th</sup> Shoreline Planning & Development: The event was well-attended and received positively by residents. The CVRD is moving ahead with a Marine Riparian Development Permit Area. The public hearing will be scheduled for November. The DPA will function similar to the Riparian DPAs which are found throughout the CVRD.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Cultural Planning Update: Maddy attended the Cultural Planning Update presented by Kirsten Schrader to the Island Savings Centre Committee. Funding to communities is available through the cultural capitals program but communities first need to have a cultural plan in place. While the CVRD does not have a cultural plan, the OCP can incorporate policies to support culture and heritage in Area D – Cowichan Bay. This is in line with the draft goal.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Lambourn Sewer & Water Expansion: the meeting was attended by approximately 30 property owners in the Lambourn Area. Generally, there was support for the proposal to bring 24 Lanes Road area homes onto the Lambourn Sewer System in exchange for issuing connections to developers outside the Lambourn Sewer System Area. Some concerns were raised with regard to other properties in the area with questionable septic systems and also with the potential impact on groundwater supply. While engineering studies indicate that there is ample groundwater, there are concerns



in the community about the validity of this assertion. The committee questioned the next steps with the developers. It is up to the Area Director to determine how to proceed. Ultimately, the expansion of the Lambourn Sewer System area is a political decision as a bylaw amendment is required. More consultation with residents is needed regarding water and sewer servicing.

- October Drop-In Hours: Ann has been staffing the Cowichan Bay Community Policing office on Thursday afternoons and local residents have been dropping by to talk about planning issues. The Drop-In Hours will continue if there continues to be demand.

#### 4. OCP Process – Next Steps

- October 19<sup>th</sup> EASC Update: Robert will provide a brief presentation to the EASC on the status of the Area D OCP process. This will include an overview of the process, key issues and draft goals.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting: a meeting has tentatively been scheduled for this date with guest speakers focusing on the topics of Agriculture and Economy.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Cowichan Bay Marine Vessel Regulation: CVRD, DFO and Transport Canada are moving forward with a process to deal with derelict boats and negative boating behavior in Cowichan Bay. This is being aligned with the OCP as boating issues have been identified through the OCP process as well.
- November Public Safety Focus Group: a focus group to deal with public safety issues will be scheduled for early November. Public safety has been identified as a key issue and factors into many of the draft goals.
- Draft Goals and Vision: more consultation is needed to flesh out the goals. Ann and Maddy will go through the input to date and categorize the input as potential measures. Ann will incorporate the potential measures into a second OCP survey, which could be distributed in the coming weeks with completion early in the new year.
- The committee agreed that community meetings should be held to address all of the draft goals and in some cases, it may be possible to combine goal areas (e.g. Agriculture and Economy; Growth and Character). It was agreed that neighbourhood focused meetings are also needed to deal more specifically with localized concerns.

#### 5. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.