

# Official Community Plan Review

## Phase 2 – Looking Forward Forum Public Input

*Presented to Council on August 22, 2016*

Township of  
**ESQUIMALT**

The logo for the Township of Esquimalt features the words "Township of" in a small, white, sans-serif font above the word "ESQUIMALT" in a large, white, serif font. Below the text is a white, stylized wave graphic that curves under the letters.

# Timeline for OCP Review



# Communication Engagement

- 328 people participated in the Age-friendly Assessment (Workshop, Survey, Focus Groups, and Interviews)
- 50 people attended the May 4<sup>th</sup> Looking Forward Forum
- 221 completed surveys
- 183 youth provided input (Schools and Teen Centre)
- 5 written submissions were received
- Total of 787 people were engaged during Phase 2
- *Note: a handful of people may have participated more than once*



# Survey Respondents

- Lower response rate: 221 vs. 539 (decrease 59%)
- Questions about the respondent was moved to end of survey – there were only 138 responses (loss of 38%)
- Esquimalt Residents: 80%
  - Female: 57%      Male: 34%      No response/other: 9%
- Under-represented: *Males; Ages 0-29; and 75+*
- Over-represented: *Women; Ages 35-39; and 60-74*



# Community Vision Statement

*“Esquimalt is a caring and welcoming community that has strong relationships with our First Nation, Naval and regional neighbours. Our vibrant economy is supported by an engaged community. As a coastal community, we are stewards of our environment and value our past, present and future.”*

- 53.4% of respondents selected “Reflects exactly” and “Reflects a lot” (decrease of 5.4%)
- 43.4% of respondents selected “Reflects moderately”, “Reflects somewhat” or “Does not reflect” (increase 4%)
- Biggest change was 7% more people selecting “Reflects moderately”
- 100 comments received



# Survey Comments

- Over 1,500 comments received under 7 theme areas
- A summary of the results are presented as follows:
  - Theme areas (in order of comments received)
  - Top 3 sub-themes
  - Up to the top 5 items
  - Other items



# 1. Transportation & Infrastructure

## 1) Cycling

- Bike Lanes, Cycling Paths/Separated Paths, E&N Trail, Bike friendliness, Safety

## 2) Sewage

- Location, Supported, Not Supported, Green Technology, Design

## 3) Public Transit

- Bus Service , Fares, Accessibility, Boat, Bus Stops
- Other: Weekday Traffic



## 2. Community Health and Safety

### 1) Safety of People

- Streets, Parks, Crosswalks, Cycling

### 2) Age-friendly

- Pedestrian friendliness, Accessibility, Recreation, Young Families, Transit

### 3) Pedestrian friendly

- Sidewalks, Pedestrian Ways/Connectivity, Crosswalks
- Other: Police, Library Expansion





# 3. Arts, Culture and Heritage

- 1) Heritage Feature Conservation/Recognition
  - Recognition, Conservation, Tours, Museums, and Macaulay/Work Point
- 2) Events
  - Events, Concerts, Ribfest, Market, Buccaneer Days
- 3) Public Art
  - Street Art
- Other: Community Identity



# 4. Parks, Trails & Recreation

## 1) Parks

- Improvements, Dogs in Parks, Children, Waterpark, Natural Areas

## 2) Trails & Waterfront Walkways

- Trails, Waterfront Access/Walkways, West Bay Walkway, Accessibility, Gorge Vale Golf Course

## 3) Community Events

- Community events in Parks, Neighbourhood Parties
- Other: Improvements (Recreation), Tree Protection



# 5. Economic Development

## 1) Business Attraction, Retention & Expansion

- Local business, Red Barn, Technology Sector, Arts, Green Economy

## 2) Food Services

- Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes, Farmers Markets

## 3) Business Types

- Not supported, Supported, Banking
- Other: Esquimalt Road Revitalization, Employment, Sewage\*



# 6. Planning & Development

## 1) Affordable Housing

- Policy, Homelessness
- Rental Housing, Secondary Suites, Seniors Housing, Special Needs and Assisted Living

## 2) Density

- Support, Green/Public Space

## 3) Garden Suites/Carriage Homes

- Policy
- Other: Vacation Rentals



# 7. Environment

## 1) Urban Agriculture & Food Systems

- Community Gardens, Food Systems, Local Food Production, Boulevard & Rooftop Gardens

## 2) Renewable Energy

- Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations, Solar, Incentives

## 3) Pollution

- Water, Garbage/Waste, Air
- Other: Construction, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Plans



# Youth Highlights

- Victor-Brodeur, Rockheights, Esquimalt Teen Centre
- Priorities:
  1. **Parks, Trails and Recreation:** Pools, Sport Courts/Fields, Children Parks
  2. **Economic Development:** Stores, Food Services, Tourism
  3. **Environment:** Garbage/Waste/Litter, Community Gardens, and Trees/Forests



# Youth vs. Adults

## • Similarities

- Events
- Public Art
- Safety: People & Parks
- Food & Stores
- Trees/Forests
- Community Gardens
- Parks: Children + Waterparks
- Affordable Housing \*
- Public Transit

## • Differences

- Drugs & Safety for Youth
- Fast Food Outlets
- Tourism
- Litter
- Youth recreational activities
- Esquimalt Teen Centre



# Next Steps

- Phase 4 (Fall 2016): Draft new OCP policies
- Phase 5 (Winter - Spring 2017): Consultation on new and updated OCP policies
- Phase 6 (Summer 2017): Draft updated Official Community Plan
- Phase 7 (Fall 2017): Community Consultation, Public Hearing, and Adoption

