

Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on our
Official Community Plan.

An Official Community Plan is a statement of the municipality's objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management. It is important that the plan be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure it continues to reflect the values and aspirations of the community.

Since October 2015 the Township of Esquimalt has been reviewing its Official Community Plan (OCP). The review process will be completed in late 2017 with the adoption of a revised Official Community Plan.



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Official Community Plan Timeline



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Phase 1

Kick Off Survey
(October - December 2015)

Phase 2

Looking Forward Forum
(January – June 2016)

Phase 3

Analysis and Findings
(July – August 2016)

Phase 4

Policies & Guidelines – Development
(September 2016 – April 2017)

Phase 5

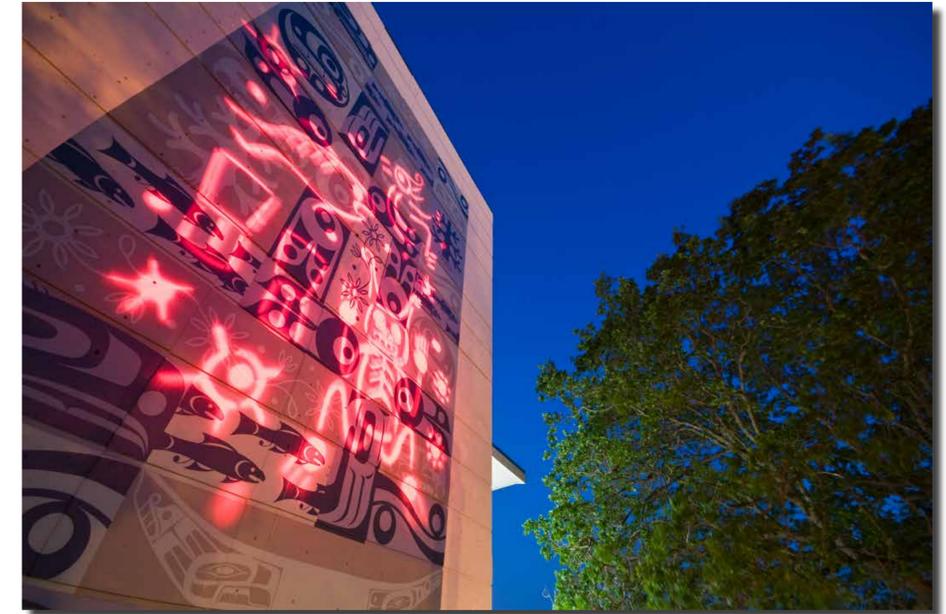
Policies & Guidelines – Consultation
(May - June 2017)

Phase 6

Draft Official Community Plan – Development
(July – August 2017)

Phase 7

Official Community Plan Bylaw – Public
Hearing & Adoption
(September – December 2017)



Arts, Culture & Heritage



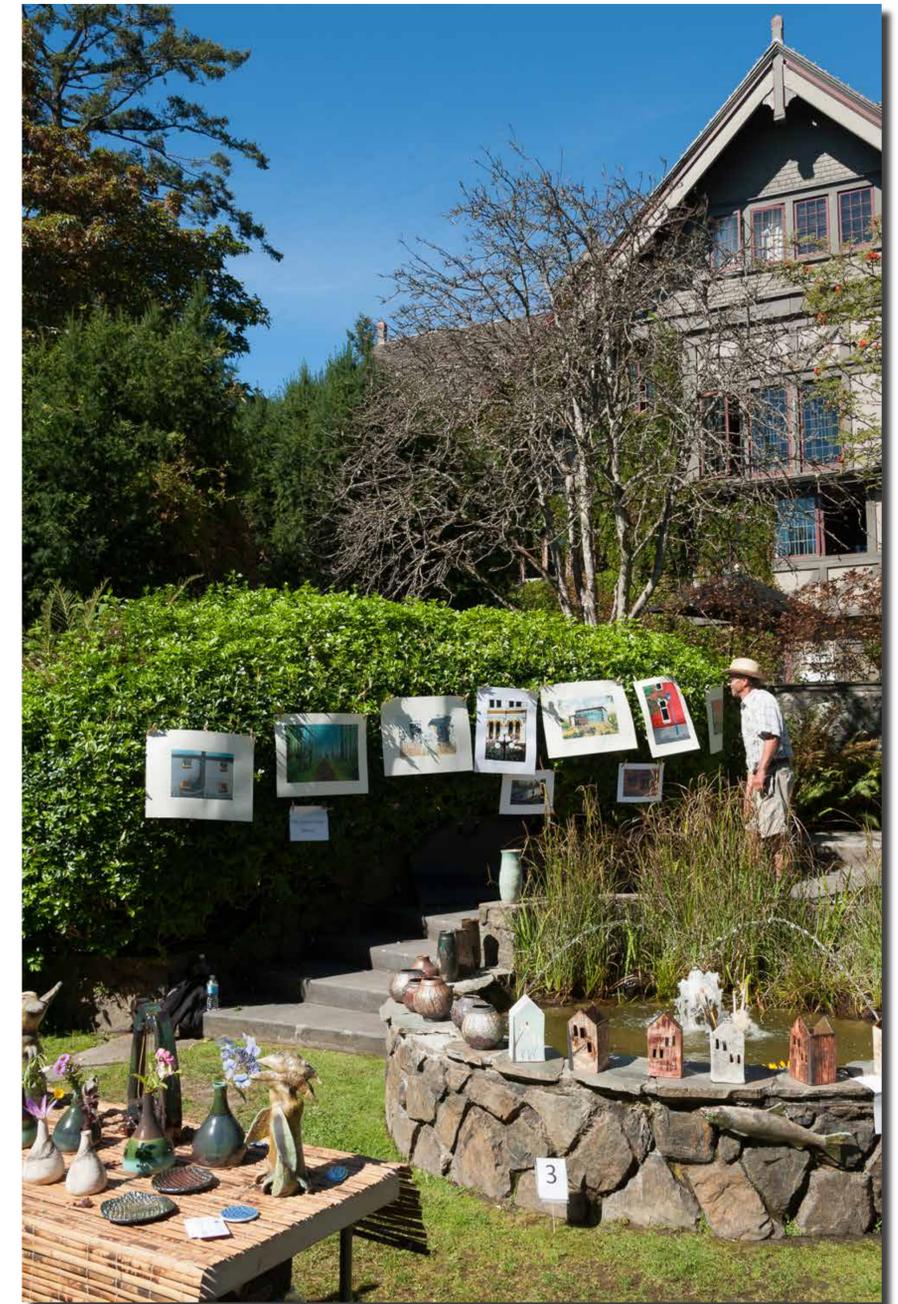
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Description:

Arts, Culture & Heritage policies focus on encouragement of public art, retaining and enhancing heritage values and character, and the importance of festivals and events in the community's cultural development.

Highlights:

- Public art as a key element in enriching public spaces, civic pride and community identity
- Importance of festivals in the community's cultural development
- Maintain and enhance public view corridors, focal points, pedestrian links, view points, and landmarks at a community wide and neighbourhood level
- Identified Community Heritage Values will be used as a guiding document when considering the impact of land management decisions



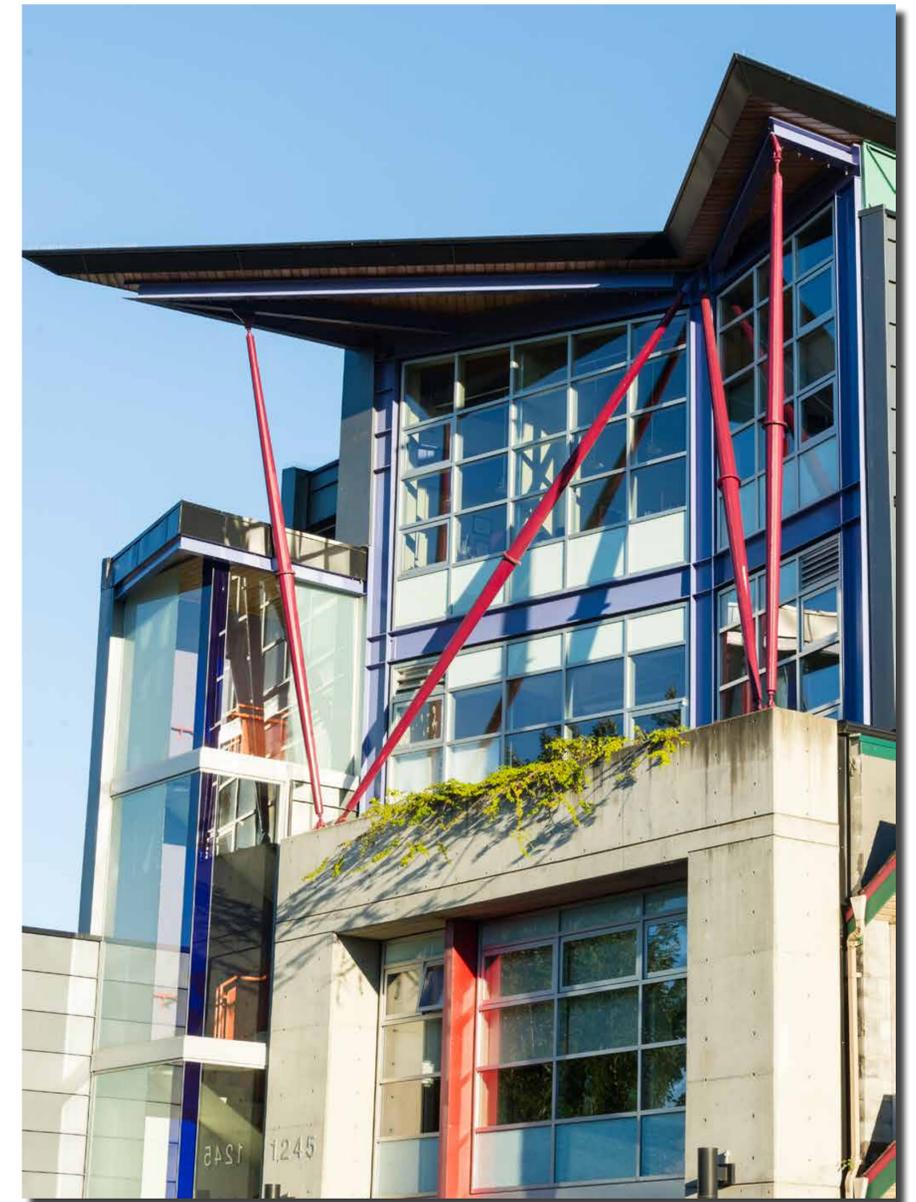
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These policies focus on innovative opportunities for growing the community's economic development and tax base.

Institutional policies focus on the role of civic, childcare and school facilities in the community's social development.

Highlights:

- New multi-unit high-rise residential land use designation along the Craigflower and Tillicum Road intersection
- New commercial land use designations (and heights): Commercial/commercial mixed-use along Esquimalt Road (up to 6 or 12 storeys); and Neighbourhood commercial in all other areas (up to 6 storeys)
- Consider innovative proposals for intensifying the light industrial uses in Esquimalt's Industrial Park
- Support multiple uses on institutional lands such as daycares, emergency centres, non-profit organizations and assembly



Development Permit Areas



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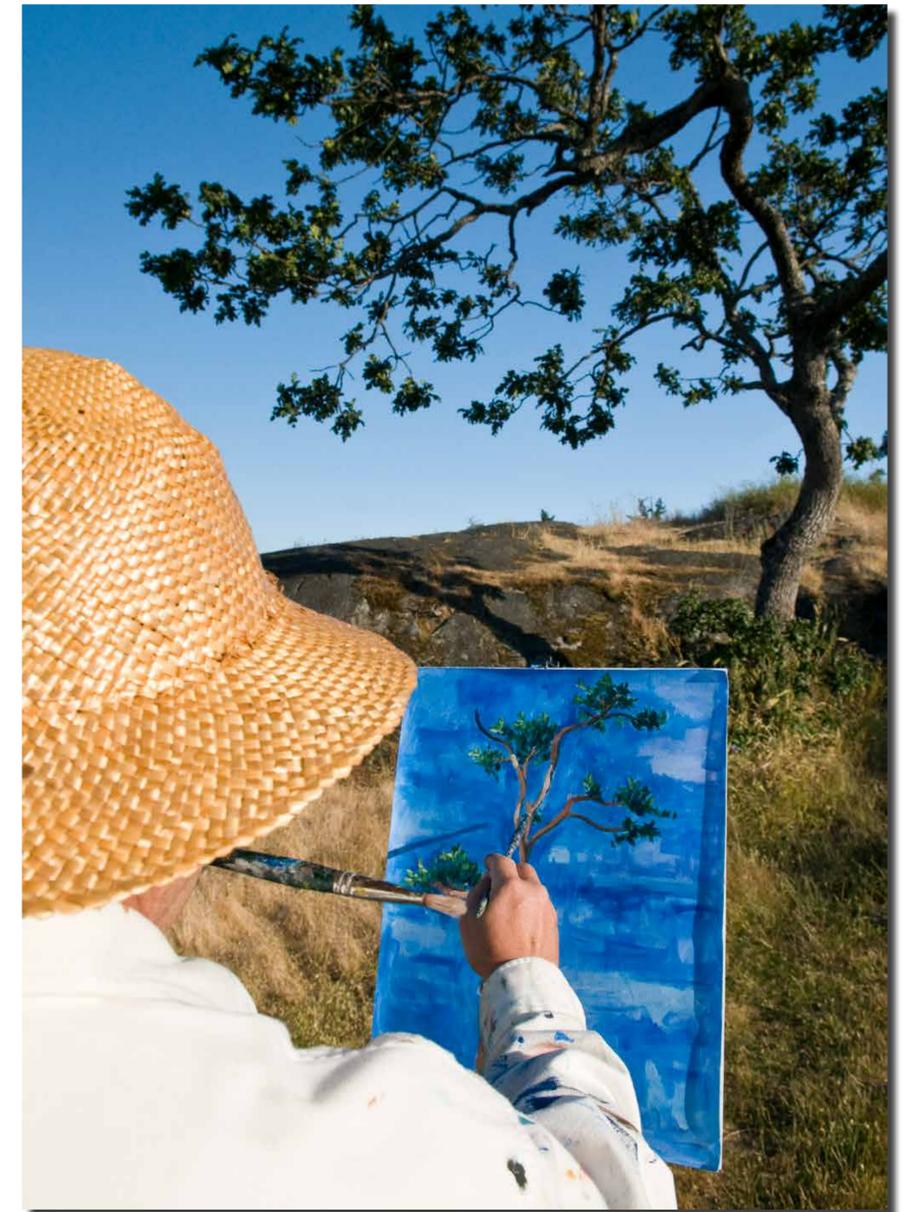
Description:

Development Permit Areas are one of the legal tools provided through the *Local Government Act* for influencing the quality and design of development. An OCP must describe the special conditions or objectives that justify the designation, and specify guidelines on how they will be addressed.

Highlights:

The updated OCP will include new development permit areas for the following:

- Protection of the Natural Environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity
- Protection from hazardous conditions
- Establishment of objectives to promote energy conservation
- Establishment of objectives to promote water conservation
- Establishment of objectives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions



Economic Development



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Description:

Economic Development policies focus on business attraction and expansion, revitalization of commercial and industrial areas, and promotion of tourism opportunities.



Highlights:

- To attract a diversity of business types with a focus on the following sectors: marine, military, advanced technology, green economy, and knowledge based
- Revitalization of commercial and industrial areas, particularly along the Esquimalt Road Corridor and in West Bay
- Expansion and promotion of tourism opportunities including parks, waterways, harbours, military, sports facilities and community events



Description:

Energy and environmental policies focus on reducing the impact of development on the natural environment and the emission of greenhouse gases.

Food policies focus on supporting local food production and distribution to support community resiliency.

Highlights:

- Targets to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by at least 38% by 2020; and 83% by 2050 compared to 2007 levels
- Demonstrate leadership by reducing corporate greenhouse gas emissions and striving towards corporate carbon neutrality
- Encourage renewable energy systems and high energy performance in new developments
- Reduce impact of motor vehicle use by increasing capacity for alternative fuelling and car sharing
- Encourage community gardens on public and private property by making it a permitted use in all zones



Description:

Housing and residential development policies focus on densification, encouraging a mix of housing types and dwelling unit sizes, and more opportunities for purpose-built rentals. Together these policies address affordability and meet the anticipated housing needs of 22,700 residents by 2038, of which 28% will be over 65 years of age.

Highlights:

- Introduce detached accessory suites (coach homes/garden suites) as rental only housing
- Expansion of secondary suites to two-unit (duplex) and small lot detached dwellings
- Increase height of multi-unit low-rise residential from 4 storeys to 6 storeys (*Map: Land Use Designation*)
- Support live-work units on residential parcels located on major roads (*Map: Road Network*)



Description:

Parks, Recreation & Trails policies focus on promoting health and wellness of residents, and preserving and enhancing the Township's parks, open spaces and public facilities.

Highlights:

- Invest in parks and recreation infrastructure: design spaces that are accessible and adaptable to different users and activities
- Establish a well-connected, identifiable, and multi-functional network of greenways
- Develop a park land acquisition strategy to ensure future community needs are met
- Develop plans and infrastructure to enhance public use of existing parkland and green spaces
- Enhance physical and visual public access to our marine waterfront



Description:

Transportation policies focus on walking, cycling, public transit, roads and railway systems that move people and goods within the Township and across the region.

Infrastructure policies focus on sanitary and storm water collection systems, streetlights, as well as traffic signals and signage.

Highlights:

- Encourage multi-modal street design and accessibility for all users
- Consider a variety of cycling end-of-trip facilities by transit stops, parks and institutions
- Improve sidewalks, street furniture, crosswalks and other street amenities to promote walking
- Supports the use of the E&N rail line for transportation of passengers and goods

