Official Community Plan Review

Community Planning
Council Workshop
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Overview

• What is an Official Community Plan?
  – Local government’s statement of long-term vision for the future with broad community goals, objectives and policies to achieve this vision
  – Guides planning, land-use management and decision-making in the community
  – All bylaws enacted and works undertaken must be consistent with OCP
  – Does not commit or authorize a municipality to proceed with any aspect of the plan
Overview

Authority to adopt an OCP is set out in *Local Government Act*

- Statements and designations for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and parkland uses
- Provision of affordable, rental and special needs housing
- Include targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Work towards purpose and goals outlined in *Regional Growth Strategy*
Overview

• Enables municipalities to include policies on:
  – Transportation
  – Natural Environment
  – Parks and Recreation
  – Social Services
  – Financial Resiliency

• Is not a detailed implementation plan or static, unchanging document
Current Plan

• Existing OCP adopted in 2011
  – Planning horizon to 2030
  – Considered a “living document” to be amended from time to time to respond to community needs and change
  – District-wide Integrated Sustainable Community Plan to provide a framework that aligns social, environmental and economic planning
Framework of Current Plan

Planning Hierarchy (4 Levels)
– Official Community Plan
– Centres Implementation Plans
– Neighbourhood Infill Plans
– Strategic Action Plans

Preparation of plans at all levels to involve meaningful public and stakeholder consultation
Monitoring of Current Plan

- Set of targets and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving the OCP’s vision and goals
- Recommends a review every 5 years to ensure ongoing validity
Review Items for Discussion

Examples of Topic Areas
• Housing and Affordability
• Climate change
• Transportation
• Jobs and Employment Lands
• Development Permit Areas
• Other…. 

Key Questions to Consider
– New perspective or view on a topic area
– More or less emphasis in a particular area(s)
– New issues or emerging trends to consider since last review
– Anything you would like to modify