



Notes from the Official Community Plan Steering Committee Meeting Held on January 31, 2022 at 5:00pm by Zoom

Attendees:

Tara Pollock	Quentin Goodbody	Geoff Dean	Emily Weeks
David Grimstead	Brian Childs	Jason Harrison	Tricia McKay
Tamara Hutchinson	Abbas Farabakhsh	Jennifer Sibbald	Gale Lawrence
Allison McCarrick	Jake Belobaba	Mike Gregory	Lucas Ozols-Mongeau
Chris Barfoot	Julie Tierney (recorder)		

Regrets:

Jennifer Fix	Martin Byrne	Ray Gauthier
Isabel Anderson	Cyndi Beaulieu	

Acknowledgement

J. Belobaba gratefully acknowledged with gratitude that this meeting takes place on the traditional, unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

Emerging Vision and Goals

L. Ozols-Mongeau presented an overview of the emerging visions and goals, which are based on the themes established through the community involvement processes. The emerging goals include:

1. Reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by X% and be on track to reduce emissions by X% by 2040 and reach net zero emissions by 2049
2. Be ready for impacts of climate change
3. Be a place where people from all walks of life call home, with access to affordable housing and services that reduce barriers faced by equity-seeking groups
4. Prioritize green, safe and convenient choices for getting around, including walking, cycling and transit
5. Will grow in population to over 12,000 people, but not in its physical footprint
6. Be home to thriving ecosystems that are protected and, where needed, regenerated for habitat, ecological services, recreation, and intrinsic value
7. Walk the path of reconciliation
8. Celebrate its unique and vibrant downtown – the heart of the community – where new development complements historic charm and sets it apart from other places across Vancouver Island
9. Revitalize the waterfront to create community prosperity, more public spaces, and ecological regeneration while honouring past, present, and future generations
10. Be known for a burgeoning arts and culture scene

Committee members provided feedback including use of terminology that may not be easily understood; modifying some statements to promote importance of goal and requested clarification regarding some statements.

L. Ozols-Mongeau provided a primer on growth scenarios, which includes delving into expected population growth, land availability, evolving demand and planned development, performance metrics, community input and lastly, a land use plan.

In the coming weeks, the growth scenarios will be finalized followed by community engagement opportunities to gather comment on the draft vision, goals and growth scenarios.

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