



Notes from the Official Community Plan Steering Committee Meeting Held on June 14, 2022 at 5:00pm by Zoom

Attendees:

Quentin Goodbody	Geoff Dean	Tricia McKay	Isabel Anderson	Gale Lawrence
Tamara Hutchinson	Abbas Farabakhsh	Allison McCarrick	Jake Belobaba	Jennifer Fix
Julie Tierney (recorder)				

Regrets:

Martin Byrne	Ray Gauthier	Tara Pollock	David Grimstead	Brian Childs
Emily Weeks	Cyndi Beaulieu	Jason Harrison	Jennifer Sibbald	

Acknowledgement

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

Draft OCP

J. Fix presented an overview of the draft plan and provided detailed descriptions of the following four parts:

- A. Foundations: Sets the base for the plan, outlining Ladysmith's vision and goals, greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, and community context. These elements were used to shape the policies and actions in Parts B and C. Part A also presents the process by which the Plan was developed.
- B. Growth Management & Land Use: Sets direction for growth management and land use.
- C. Policies: Sets direction for other planning elements, including nature and ecological services, housing, streets and transportation, parks and recreation, social infrastructure, food systems, municipal infrastructure, green buildings, economy, and arts, culture, and heritage. It also includes direction for the waterfront area, which is drawn directly from the Waterfront Area Plan that was adopted in 2018.
- D. Implementation: Identifies the ways in which the actions and policies in Parts B and C will be effectively realized.

J. Fix advised that the OCP will be a legally binding bylaw, prepared and adopted in compliance with the Provincial Local Government Act. This long-range plan will guide the Town's decision making in regards to growth and development until 2049.

Committee Members provided comments and questions concerning parks and trails, protecting the watershed, and preserving the heritage of Ladysmith. J. Fix requested that members review the draft and send comments and questions to J. Tierney who will compile and forward to the team.

