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Fall Update

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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

I love Sooke because...

Community Engagement Overview

Considering Council's request to review the OCP in 2016, staff has engaged a wide range of residents on topics related to community planning. The questions posed to the public began with generic phrasing, such as "I love Sooke because..." and have since evolved into more complex issue questions such as "agree or disagree, the sewer system should be expanded for environmental reasons only". These questions have been developed upon the feedback received as the process moves forward.

The goal of the engagement process is to maximize community input opportunity on a wide range of current issues facing residents today.

In many cases, people have joined the conversation while attending local public events such as the Thursday Night Market, the Fall Fair or while walking on

the Whiffin Spit. The following list provides an overview of the engagement opportunities held to date, the number of participants and the relative public exposure of the project.

OCP ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES	
THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET	21 COMPLETED SURVEYS (+50 ATTENDED EVENT)
FRIDAY MORNINGS AT THE WHIFFIN SPIT	200 PEOPLE INFORMED OVER THE MONTH
SOOKE FALL FAIR	42 COMPLETED SURVEYS (+100 ATTENDED EVENT)
LIBRARY COMMENT STATION	187 COMMENTS RECEIVED
ONLINE SURVEYS	331 COMPLETED TO DATE ON 4 UNIQUE SURVEYS
TOTAL	384 SURVEYS COMPLETE 187 UNIQUE COMMENTS + 350 CONTACTS MADE

145 Email Contacts

Over 380 surveys have been completed, of which 145 residents have provided their email contact information and have asked to remain in touch throughout the process. This commitment provides the District with an opportunity to regularly include the public as a sounding board for new planning ideas based on feedback received. Additional ideas are welcome and participants are encouraged to spread the word.



The Library Comment Station was open for 3 weeks in September

A Snapshot of

394 Surveys...

The following questions and results have been provided through preliminary paper and online surveys. These renderings provide a snapshot of results received to date.

I CHOOSE TO LIVE IN SOOKE BECAUSE...



THREE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT SOOKE ARE...



MY FAVOURITE PLACES TO VISIT IN SOOKE ARE...





FUTURE OF SOOKE INCLUDES...

Later survey questions have been more challenging and are designed to be open-ended and stimulate valuable thoughts and responses. The following themes and relevant issues have become predominant trends in the feedback received to date.

KEY THEME	RELEVANT ISSUES
ACCESS	Secure and develop access to waterfront,
	parks, work, school, key destinations
AFFORDABLE	Sustainable housing models, variety of
HOUSING	options for all ages and stages of life.
COMMUNITY OF	aging in place, options for all, youth, children
ALL AGES	and seniors. Affordability
CONNECTIVITY	sidewalks, pedestrian, bike, horse to
	residences, bus and transit opportunities
DESTINATIONS	Enhance, protect and celebrate
FOOD SECURITY	Support locally produced food.
HERITAGE,	Preserve, protect and celebrate. Provide
CULTURE & ARTS	space to create and innovate.
LAND & OPEN	Protect the environment, secure public
SPACE	accesses and open spaces for views and long
ACQUISITION	term public benefit in and surrounding
	Sooke
PLANNING &	Plan sustainably, protect views, water,
DESIGN	heights, aesthetics, density in core, green
	spaces
PLAZA/GATHERING	Outdoor plaza, gathering spaces, indoor and
PLACES	outdoor.
RECREATION &	More programs and options for all ages
SPORTS	
SAFETY	Improve the road. Improve mobility options.
SUPPORT LOCAL	Provide incentives for innovation and
BUSINESS	leadership. Support local businesses.
TRANSPARENT	Reduce conflict, politics, leadership, educate
GOVERNANCE	and engage

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRAFT VISION OPEN HOUSE: Thurs. Oct. 20th 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sooke Community Hall ONLINE SURVEYS through District of Sooke website www.sooke.ca