

OCP Review Forum: Community Services – April 27.

Hilary facilitating, Marti on speaker's list, Nadine taking notes.

Attending public: Frank Buffam, Liz & Vikki, Dave Wilcox, Pamela & Larry, Lesley & Willy, Bruce Grant, Peter Johnson, Richard Chesham, Ross, Dave Rogers and guest, Camino, Robin Jacobs, Tim Peterson, Phillipe, Aigul, Jack Barrett, Dave Olsen, Alex Bain, Ted Salmon, committee members: Kathy, Shoshana, Jordan, Andrew and Colin.

Intro:

acknowledge Coast Salish territory, today's goal= to review OCP objectives related to Community Services, process= go through objectives in existing OCP + proposed objectives suggested by the community. For each objective we would like to see a show of hands to indicate support. Objectives should articulate our broadly shared values and interests and will be used to inform the policies that guide and limit our local governments. Speaker's list will prioritize folks who haven't yet spoken. Feedback we collect today will go to a Community Services Sub-committee group who will use it to word a revised set of objectives, please join, not onerous! maybe a couple of meetings, could also be done online via email.

General Objectives:

Section 3.7 Intro – To maintain infrastructure at a reasonable level, consistent with a rural community

Andrew: He has reworded this as an objective from existing OCP Intro to Section 3.7[□]

Bruce: 'consistent with a rural community' sounds vague.

Marty: 'suggests with THIS rural community'

Section 3.7 Objective #4 -To encourage the provision of adequate and appropriate services and amenities on the island.

Ross: earlier point about vagueness – encouraging 'appropriate services' – is an aid to control development

Willy thinks we need a 'control' apparatus. We need to make sure that we have some mechanism

Vicki: Broad terms suggests the inclusion of the word sustainable.

General approval to keep.

Proposed Objective #1– To manage services locally as much as possible, with service provider employment done by local residents.

Andrew: gives some background on wording, suggests rewording as:

“To manage services locally as much as possible, with both service provision and employment done by

local residents.”

General approval to add reworded objective.

Proposed objective #2 - To support basic local infrastructure and services including fire department, first responders and local communications systems.

Willy: What does this refer to?

Dave R: these do not represent the only services on the island, concern about listing services in case they change.

Kathy R: Has been suggestion to create a glossary, perhaps these terms need to be included.

Peter suggests to revisit this nearer the end.

Ross: Suggests change to “services including, change to such as

Andrew: one intent seems to be to ensure Fire Department etc. is mentioned in the OCP

suggested to use ‘such as’ instead of “including”

General Approval to add as “To support basic local infrastructure and services such as fire department, first responders and local communications systems.”

Proposed Objective #3 – To ensure local control, to the degree possible, over the management of local services and communications systems.

(?): suggests Changing local to community.

Robin: suggests removal of “to the degree possible” as is really wide ranging, doesn’t add anything

General Approval to add.

Proposed Objective #4 - To establish, modify, provide and withdraw services, including regional services, based on community needs and wants

Bruce: add consultation

Sho: add ‘manage’?

Richard: query to Bruce re: consultation

Bruce: explained his use of the term

Dave R: suggests: “with complete and full consultation with the community”

Andrew: speaks of referendum issues, and those that are not. Subjective, but intent is that outside governments are required to consult the community.

Willy: Social planning? Regional Directors in the past took upon themselves, without consultation.

(911, etc)

General Approval to add (with rewording to be considered by subcommittee)

Andrew: Clarification that RD must comply with OCP

Proposed Objective #5 To ensure services have high value relative to cost

Lesley: redundant

Richard C: agrees

Bruce: cost benefit analysis

Andrew: every policy should have an objective that it is attached to it – discussion of towers for emergency services communications as an example.

General approval to add.

Waste Management:

Section 3.7 Intro for Garbage Disposal - To ensure waste disposal in compliant with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management and adheres to Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection regulations.

Hilary: this is obviously unavoidable, but included here because this is currently the only thing close to an objective about waste management in the current OCP. There is also a Waste Management Plan document.

suggested to say ‘relevant ministries’ as ministries mentioned no longer exist.

General approval

Proposed Objective #1 – To ensure a low-impact waste management system that encourage reduced consumption and net solid waste, maximizes re-use, re-purposing and recycling, and ensure waste and recycling reach appropriate destinations.

Willy: if objective approved he would like to see policy to discourage burning as a waste management tool.

General approval with

Aigul suggests including education for waste reduction.

General approval (with rewording to be considered by subcommittee)

Proposed Objective #2: - To support initiatives to remove large waste items, such as derelict cars and boats

Peter: concern that this wording suggests that the community will take care of it

Andrew: suggests including 'personal responsibility.' Waste management does not include these items, more relates to household waste.

Robin: initiatives suggests 'ad-hoc' response rather than a process...

Bruce: initiatives is a good word –

Kathy – likes the idea of including personal responsibility

General approval to include personal responsibility

Peter: informs about dead boat removal society –funded by federal

General Approval to add (with wording to be determined by subcommittee)

Health Care:

Proposed Objective: To maintain and increase health care services

Peter: do we need more objectives?

Willy: Health Centre has domain over this.

Na: against more taxation

Frank: suggests more services can be available at no extra costs

Lesley: thinks we should increase health care services

Ross: isn't this the LRS's domain? Are we trying to manage their project?

Robin: LRS has contract with RD

Peter: health care is provided by the province, not the LRS

Larry: services will need to increase as our population ages.

Kathy: not just the aging, but also young people with children, etc.

General approval to add as "To maintain appropriate health care services as determined by the community"

Docks and Wharves:

Section 3.7 Intro to 'Boats and Maritime Vessels' - To limit the number of private docks and boat ramps located along the foreshore in order to alleviate cumulative ecological damage

Hilary: Objective on slide was rewritten from intro in existing OCP that says:

Boats and Maritime Vessel Policies\

In order to reduce the overall number of private docks and boat ramps located along the foreshore and alleviate the ecological damage that can be caused by the proliferation of private docks and boat ramps, communal private docks and boat ramps are encouraged and may be considered on a site specific basis. The development of regulations to permit such joint co-operative facilities should ensure that the communal facilities would not have the effect of closing off access to any one bay and that environmental and social effects would be addressed.

Proposed Objective - To support community ownership of existing docks.

Willy: does not approve of community 'ownership' of Squitty Bay and False Bay docks

Bruce: does not approve of private ownership.

Willie: Why was regulation taken out of the original statement?

Andrew: because it makes it a policy. Current LUB says, here are the docks, no other docks allowed. Means a new dock would have to apply for re-zoning, etc

Richard: suggests "government" ownership of docks.

Dave: doesn't want the dock to become a private enterprise

Peter: change existing, to government ownership of public docks

General approval for "To support continued government ownership of existing public docks"

Camino: wouldn't it be wise for us to ensure that the community has an opportunity to buy the dock if it's being sold?

Andrew: Feds wants to divest False Bay dock...maintenance costs are substantial

Kathy: what about folks that do have private docks?

Proposed Objective - To support the creation of a harbour authority.

Ross: No

Robin: Why?

Larry: Don't we have a wharf-master? (No, a wharfinger)

Richard: This needs more discussion, shouldn't be included in the OCP.

General approval to not add this objective.

Tim: anything in there about replacement of docks? Would like replacement to be environmentally sound.

Jack Barret: what about moorings...south of Nanaimo moorings must be registered, north of Nanaimo there is no such regulation

Islands Trust regulates.

Willy: there are big liability issues with moorings

Ferries:

Objective 1: To maintain a foot-passenger only ferry system

General approval to keep

Camino: Increase education on how ferry system works.

Peter: new arrivals and long term residents are equally confused.

Larry: concerned for safety issues

Robin: dock etiquette stuff out of scope of the OCP. would like to see an objective to increase community input re: ferry system, to reduce the ferry's carbon footprint

Andrew: suggests "To ensure public education on the safe use of ferry and dock."

Pamela: maybe ferry personnel could present dock etiquette info

Phillipe: with increased ferry traffic in summer, should there be an objective in the plan to increase ferry service in the summer?

Camino: Western Pacific Marine: responsible for ferry, community responsible for dock...

Vikki: signage for dock use...

Camino suggests co-op working the line-up.

Na says: call the wharfinger

Willy: any major changes for ferry service will be discussed by public meeting.

Camino: do we want to expand freight services?

Dave W: suggests changing ferry scheduling.

Roads & Trails:

Section 3.7 Objective 2 - To ensure that the road system is designed, built and maintained in keeping with the rural character of the island

Lesley: does that mean no tarmac?

Vicki: anywhere about speed limits? Not jurisdiction of OCP

Bruce: Class A and Class B roads, the MOT ?

Ross: No such thing as Class A and B. Subdivision roads, 60 feet wide,

Aigul: any committee or advisory relating to roads?

Peter: provincial regulations are adapted within islands,

General approval

Section 3.7 Intro to 'Road System' Intro - To maintain the road system and the standards to which it is constructed and maintained because these are key elements in preserving the rural character of Lasqueti

referred to sub-committee

Section 3.4 Objective 4 To support the creation of a public trail network throughout the Island.

Willy: trail system becomes mapped and public knowledge, so thinks this may be problematic

Robin: in favour of retaining objective, despite liability issues etc.

Richard, remove trail system, re-word: to promote pedestrian friendly transportation system

Tim: liability: program for trails for group liability, alternatives are do-able, insurance available

Phillipe: people walk through his land on existing trails

Camino: to promote public trails on public land.

Vicki: expresses concern over public use of trails

Bruce: happy to leave this objective as is.

Willy: if keeping, add policy to promote accessibility to marine access points, beaches and bays

Andrew: suggests sub-committee discussion, too many factors to hash out here and now.

Dave O: road allowance 66 feet wide. Road allowance may offer opportunity to develop trail system

More trails on public land? Yes, General approval.

Proposed Objective - To reduce dangerous driving and speeding.

Yes, General approval to add.

Proposed Objective - To reduce dust created by vehicle traffic.

Yes, General approval to add.

Proposed Objective - To increase human powered transport, including bicycling and walking.

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Yes, General approval to add.

Proposed Objective - To support more bicycle infrastructure, such as shelters, electric charging stations, bike paths, etc.

Yes, General approval to add.

Proposed Objective - To support a plan for short and long term parking in False Bay.

Yes, General approval to add.

Proposed Objective - To support local public and shared transportation options.

Peter: would like to decrease vehicle traffic on roads

Robin: reduce motor vehicle traffic

General approval

Proposed Objective - To support continued public ownership and maintenance of public roads and trails and water access

Willy: Add: increase water access

Dave: encourage public access roads to water

General approval

Communications:

Proposed Objective - To maintain and improve telephone and internet communications

Tim: placement of towers etc?

Proposed Objective - To prevent construction of towers used for commercial broadcast purposes to avoid public health consequences

Richard: problem with this one...towers necessary for LIAS

Lesley: doesn't want 5G, wants to avoid health consequences

Willy: LIAS has constructed a number of towers on private lands to provide internet service to the island. Does not wish to see this objective approved as it could destroy infrastructure.

Dave O : add cell-phone towers, as it is cell phone towers that can cause health concerns

Ross: commercial, the LIAS towers are all commercial.

Kathy: Construction of towers must be approved by community, tower builder must provide evidence of health issues

Jack: towers may not be an issue in future due to fibre-optic link on the horizon

Peter: needs better wording.

Bruce: federal initiative, comments are accepted re: location, not existence, as they have been deemed safe.

Vikki: service of LIAs would be compromised,

Phillippe: suggests “All towers must meet with community approval, after public engagement and consultation”

General approval for adding “All towers must meet with community approval, after public engagement and consultation”

Sho: Would like to add an objective about community safety, concerned about public safety without police presence.

Sho and Jordan will be heading up the sub-committee

Meeting adjourned 2:45pm.