

Attachment 1 Project Overview

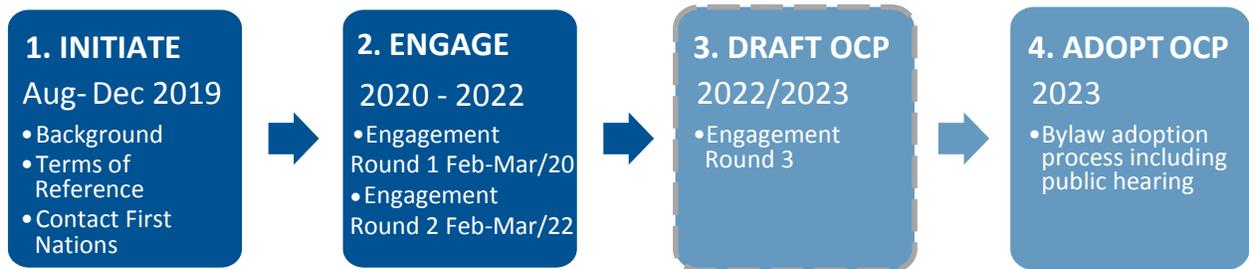
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An Official Community Plan (OCP) is an overarching plan that guides planning and land use management by describing a community's vision for the future and includes objectives and policies to help achieve that vision. An OCP is used by the public when planning future use of their land and by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) when planning related community or infrastructure projects or approving development.

The first Area F OCP was adopted in 1999 and parts of the current OCP remain relevant. This review is structured around the following topics where updates will be focused:

- Growth Management
- Employment and Economy
- Climate Change Preparedness
- Environment
- Housing
- Mobility, Health and Well-Being

The Area F OCP update process includes completing best practices research, reviewing technical information, reviewing existing RDN policies and strategies, and gathering information and feedback from community members. As part of the update process, a comprehensive and robust engagement process was developed to provide opportunities for community members to learn about the project and share their ideas and concerns at key milestones throughout the project.



During **Phase 1: Initiate**, the Terms of Reference and Engagement Plan were adopted by the RDN Board. Communications were initiated with First Nations and Métis communities and key stakeholders.

In **Phase 2: Engage**, two rounds of engagement were implemented. The first round of engagement was held in February and March of 2020, where the project and general process were introduced to community members who were provided opportunities to share their thoughts and concerns about what is and is not currently working with the existing OCP. The second round of engagement was then put on hold in March 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 related in-person gathering restrictions. The second round of engagement resumed in February 2022, following an update to the RDN Board approved engagement plan which shifted all in-person events to be held by virtual means. The second round of

engagement occurred between February and March 2022 and several opportunities were provided for community members to review and share feedback on OCP policy options and draft community values.

Phase 3: Draft OCP involves drafting a revised OCP based on feedback received from community members through the first two rounds of engagement. Additional engagement opportunities for community members to provide input on the updated draft OCP will be provided during the Phase 3 of the project. Round 3 of engagement is anticipated to occur in January 2023.

Phase 4: Adopt OCP is the final phase of the project. Once community members have had opportunities to review and provide comments on the draft OCP and revisions have been made to reflect resident and stakeholder feedback, the updated OCP will be presented to the RDN Board for three readings and adoption. Prior to the Board considering adoption, community members will have a final a final opportunity to provide input at the formal public hearing.