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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *Report*

May - September 2021

FRAMING THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
IMPORTANT TOPICS, OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES



This document provides a summary of public input that helped create the Framing Report (key sections and goals) that will guide OCP policy development.

The OCP Update Project awareness campaign was launched in April 2021. Engagement began in May to ask the community to identify what they thought were the important topics to include in the Official Community Plan (OCP). Stakeholders were also asked to share examples or best practices they wanted the project team and Focus Group to start thinking about. The input provided by the community helped the Focus Group create the initial Table of Contents for the OCP and inform future policy sections for the Official Community Plan.

Figure 1. Examples of social media posts used to promote talkrevelstoke.ca





Awareness Campaign

HOW DID WE GET THE WORD OUT?

To create awareness about the project and upcoming opportunities for the community to engage, outreach was completed in several ways.

See Table 1. for engagement details.

- Print ads in the Revelstoke Review (April 29, May 6, May 13)
- Mention in the Mayor’s report on the radio (April 29, May 7, May 14)
- Poster distribution to a variety of locations in town, (which include businesses, community spaces and community service organizations)
- Bookmarks were distributed in person to direct people to the TalkRevelstoke.ca engagement platform
- Community vision video launch to remind the community of the visioning outcomes that will inform the OCP update
- Social media posts through the City of Revelstoke’s Facebook Account (nine posts)

Note: COVID restrictions required the team to move the majority of the project to an online platform (Talk Revelstoke), to keep the project progressing.

Figure 2. Examples of print ads placed in the Revelstoke Review – three ads were published during the project phase.



Engagement

WHO AND HOW DID WE ENGAGE?

Equitable Engagement

The City of Revelstoke and the project team recognize the importance of making engagement accessible to groups who have historically been excluded from decision-making processes.

With this focus and value on equitable engagement, the project team sought out and received a PlanH grant to support engagement with harder to reach stakeholders in Revelstoke. As such, the project team identified key member groups to engage with directly, in addition to the online and larger community outreach efforts. They are:

- Youth
- Those with living and lived experience of poverty
- New Canadians
- New mothers
- Seniors

The project team worked with the various groups to hold focused discussions by going to the groups (as opposed to expecting them to come to us):

- Classroom visits and assignments (grades 8 & 9 RWSS, École des Glaciers)
- Discussions at the Foodbank and Soup 'n' a Smile
- Visits to parenting groups
- ESL classroom visits through Okanagan College
- Markets
- Pop-ups

Unfortunately, direct engagement with seniors was not possible during this particular round of engagement, due in part to the Seniors Centre being closed due to COVID restrictions and senior activities being cancelled. The team is looking at other tactics to engage with seniors for the upcoming rounds through safe, direct engagement. The team was, however, able to discuss with a small group of seniors at Soup 'n' a Smile.



Figure 3. École des Glaciers, OCP Assignment – presented as a video



Important Topics

INFORMING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

For those not familiar with OCPs, a *What is an OCP* document was promoted through social media and posted on Talk Revelstoke. The intent of this document (that was also shared at in person engagement) was to ask questions people might find important to their life in the community and prompt ideas.

IMPORTANT TOPICS

The first engagement step was to understand what the community thought would be important to address in the OCP. Stakeholders were asked, *What topics are important to address in the OCP?* and, *Do you have best practices or examples to share?*

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MANY DID WE ENGAGE?

QUESTIONS ASKED:		
What topics are important to address in the OCP? (What is important for our future?)		
Do you have best practices or examples to share?		
DATE:	ENGAGEMENT:	PARTICIPANTS:
May 1, 8	Farmer's Market	42
May 3, 5, 7	Foodbank	20
May 3	Soup 'n' a Smile	8
May 11	Babies' 'n' Bellies	10
May 12	Okanagan College (ESL)	6
May 12, 13	Revelstoke Secondary School	56
May 14	École des Glaciers* grades 4 - 5	18
May	Two Kitchen Parties (Food Insecurity, Neighbourhood Connections)	7
April 15 – May 17	Talk Revelstoke Online Ideas Board (66 ideas shared, 195 idea interactions, and 357 visitors to the page)	66
14 individual events		233 participants (direct)

Table 1: Engagement dates, locations and participant numbers
 *Denotes remote engagement via class assignment



WHAT WE HEARD: WHAT TOPICS ARE IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS IN THE OCP?

The following section summarizes the outcomes from the engagement that took place in May and June 2021. The outcomes from this round of engagement inform how the OCP is framed (starts the table of contents for the document based on the topics important to the community). Much of the information will be used for the policy review phase of the OCP update that will begin in the fall.

THEME 1. A SAFE, RESILIENT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

HOUSING

Diversity and densification of housing, building better homes

- Carriage homes
- Micro home initiative
- Small footprint homes
- Make passive certifiable building mandatory
- Avoid housing sprawl into natural surrounding areas
- Limit the amount of new housing developments
- Staff/temporary housing

Making housing attainable/affordable

- Priority housing for locals
- Full housing continuum (homeless shelter, supportive housing, etc.)
- Reduce black window homes
- Less requirements for development permits
- Align mortgages for local citizens living and working on Revelstoke salaries
- Work with landlords to promote quality affordable housing

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Calgary's example for people to buy their home (Attainable Homes Calgary)
- Banff middle springs subdivision: Town of Banff retains some ownership
- Whistler Affordable Housing for Locals
- Nelson Laneway House Competition Plans
- Rent control



COMMUNITY

Support Community Programs

- Multigenerational day care (in same building)
- Multicultural centre and resource centre
- More programs for youth 13-18
- Family focus to support a connected community, rather than visitors or second homeowners
- Culture of Respect and Diversity
- Caring for local seniors
- Safe community
- Increase support to already stretched social sector
- Foster strong community relationships
- Increase resources for women and children

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Andre Picard's "Neglected No More" creative ideas for aging in place, in the community
- Incorporate Indigenous culture and values in city vision and branding
- French School

FOOD SECURITY

- Ensure food security
- Increase local farming
- Increase community gardens and make local gardening more accessible

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Facilitate vertical farming into development requirements (and create incentives to include metrics for food production within a rural setting.
- More gardening supplies/lending programs
- Food festivals
- Year-round market and more permanent commercial kitchen
- More food and fast-food options close to schools
- Food waste reduction programs
- Honesty boxes (France, UK)

As part of the OCP process, SNAPSHOTS were created to provide stakeholders with information on issues important to Revelstoke.

[Read the Vulnerable Populations Snapshot here.](#)



THEME 2. VIBRANT CULTURE AND HERITAGE

RECREATION

Sports and recreation

- Indoor sports facility (includes climbing gym)
- New rink
- Bike parks
- Cultural activities
- Kid's activities
- Pump track
- More parks and playgrounds

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Mountain view field for dog park (instead of housing)
- Pride parade/celebration
- Drive-in movie theatre
- Developing quadding and snowmobiling spots
- More sports teams and leagues (lacrosse, girl's hockey, basketball, etc.)
- Expand ski hill
- Dog park
- Trampoline park

HERITAGE

- Preserve heritage houses
- Preserve downtown look and feel
- Preserve and document heritage and culture

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Graffiti prevention programs
- Colourful paint downtown
- Keep ski jump



THEME 3: DIVERSE LOCAL ECONOMY

Focus on a local economy

- Create a local economy
- Diversify economy, so that more than entry level tourism and service jobs are available
- Economy that evolves with the community and context
- Preserve local businesses
- Invest into local initiative to create product and or manufacture products or research to diversify economy
- Doughnut Economics
- Accessible childcare
- Increase affordability
- Increase minimum wage to living wage
- Increase work opportunities for youth
- Reduce red tape for new businesses
- Keep downtown vibrant

Community-minded tourism

- Attract values-aligned visitors
- No more hotels
- Keep tourists closer to ski hill in temporary homes and out of downtown
- Appropriate amenities close to ski hill
- Keep resort and town more separate

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Homeless Occupations Program (outreach to link persons with odd jobs around town)
- Continue to expand RMR
- Walmart (for cheaper, more affordable goods)
- Shopping centre with increased options (so people don't have to travel out of community)
- Bookstore
- Regenerative tourism, Bay of Plenty (NZ) Regenerative travel

[Read the Employment Snapshot here.](#)



THEME 4: HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

Climate change action

- Set climate change targets (global warming)
- Ensure all new buildings are built to meet or exceed the BC Energy step code 5 before 2032
- Address energy poverty
- Become a carbon neutral city
- Educate and communicate on recycling, upcycling, etc.

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Daylight Urban Waterways (Sheffield, UK)
- Single-use plastic ban
- More solar panels

Creating, enhancing and preserving green spaces

- Garden park with water fountains, flowers, and trees
- More downtown green spaces
- Japanese gardens
- More parks (provincial, federal, camp sites)
- Columbia shoreline cleanup
- Allow/incentivize guerilla greening
- Wetlands preservation
- Retain natural beauty
- Preserve Begbie Falls and 12-mile (no building houses)
- Preserve Jordan River area

Specific suggestions/examples:

- France light pollution law/dark sky policy
- Bear bins

OTHER:

- Real engagement
- Listen to the voice of citizens (“this feels like a waste of time because the city isn’t listening to citizens”)



THEME 5. SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

LAND USE

- Put community first
- Work with Rural District and Provincial Government to produce a comprehensive land use plan to avoid piecemeal developments
- No more golf courses
- Keep Revelstoke rural
- Foster a growth positive mentality
- Protect neighbourhoods through strategic design and development policies

Downtown

- Bathrooms downtown
- Maintain the Heritage zone
- Consistent theme in town's look and feel (shops, buildings etc.)
- Pedestrianize downtown
- Retain front street patios
- Public parking lots that allow overnight camping
- Underground parking downtown (no parking on street because it clogs streets and makes it harder for cyclists)
- Reform parking in lieu

TRANSPORTATION

- Airport enhancements
- Increase public transportation hours and options (including Handy Dart hours)
- Safe ways of getting around
- Traffic mitigation

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Trail connectivity and expansion

- Adopt and implement trails plan
- Trail connectivity from town to neighbourhoods
- Preserve existing trails
- Expand Greenbelt trails
- Year-round maintenance of Greenbelt trails



Specific suggestions/examples:

- Build a bike and pedestrian bridge over the Illecillewaet River connecting Camozzi Road to downtown by the water
- Expand Greenbelt and connect Arrow Heights/RMR/Columbia Park
- Cross walk from Tum Tum to Greenbelt. (unofficial trail)
- Offset walking path on Camozzi Road in the name of community and resort safety
- Four-way stop at Mackenzie and 2nd
- Safe bike path on 4th street

Roads and sidewalks

- School zone sidewalks
- Lobby to reduce the highway speed between Townley and Johnson Way to 70 km
- Create more bike lanes and bike racks
- Pedestrianize downtown (2nd street to Victoria – gazebo area)

Specific suggestions/examples:

- Sidewalks outside of Arrow Heights elementary (down park and up Nichol Road)
- Big Eddy Bridge
- Expand electric charging network
- Implement City bike program

Infrastructure and management

- Garbage management
- Liquid waste management
- More public washrooms
- Better recycling programs
- More medical services



Opportunities and Constraints for Growth

INFORMING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The next step for engagement was to first share information about projected population growth between now and 2041, then ask the community to think about what opportunities and challenges they see associated with Revelstoke’s projected future population growth, as well as what they think needs to be in place to accommodate this growth.

[Read the Population Snapshot here.](#)

The purpose of this engagement was to help the project team and the OCP Focus Group prepare for the community conversations about growth management planned for the fall. By understanding what the community view as opportunities and challenges, the potential tools and policies to help address, mitigate or guide could be investigated to help develop the policies for the OCP.

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MANY DID WE ENGAGE?

QUESTION ASKED:		
Revelstoke is projected to grow in the next 20 years. What opportunities and challenges do you associate with growth?		
DATE:	ENGAGEMENT:	PARTICIPANTS:
June 12	LFI	30
June 19	LFI	20
June 26	LFI	25
July 24	F&C	20
June - August	Talk Revelstoke (18 contributors, 42 interactions, 72 visitors to the page)	18
5 individual events		113 participants (direct)



WHAT WE HEARD

Revelstoke is projected to grow in the next 20 years. What opportunities and challenges do you associate with growth?

Opportunities	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased diversity • Increased services • Increased diversity of work and higher wages • New ideas and perspectives • Increased infrastructure • Development of guidelines for in-fills (creating/adhering to a community look and feel, like they did in Banff) • Opportunity for Revelstoke to grow “up” versus out • Potential opportunity to pedestrianize downtown, make traffic free and calmed historic district • Increased chances/ability to age in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher cost of living • Affordability • Increased development – leaving community behind (black window homes, change in demographic and values) • Increased pressure on infrastructure • Sunnyside development is an issue (environmentally especially) • Too many vacation rentals – where does all the new revenue go? Should go to City to be put into infrastructure, and for community benefit • Emergency services that reflect the needs (highway traffic, highway closures making it more challenging to access services elsewhere, extreme sports hub requiring more immediate medical access, growing town, increased needs with tourists, etc.) • In-migration of newcomers dilutes community values/fee; newcomers have less “fidelity” to community • Decrease in population diversity • Piecemeal development • Industry growth (is decreasing), single-focused economy • Tourism DOES NOT promote community • Taxes out of hand • Loss of ALR lands • PARKING is an issue (also don’t do meters) • Density: Revelstoke has a high percentage of homes with multiple vehicles including trailers, sleds, RVs, boats, etc. creating challenges for higher density housing and snow management



What needs to be in place to address the opportunities and challenges?

Framing Theme	Suggestions
Safe, resilient, and healthy community	<p><i>Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize RMR staff housing • Need MANDATORY staff accommodations for any new business, and especially RMR • Community Trust Housing • Penalties for large houses • Tax for Vacation Rentals • Restrictions for non-primary/secondary homeowners (increase taxes, for example) • Incentivize housing for locals • Making it easier to build secondary suites, lane and carriage houses, and lofts above garages to accommodate housing needs. Too many hoops to jump through or pushes people to create illegal suites. FAST track suite applications. (FB) • Multi-family living with adequate storage options (people here have a lot of gear). Housing needs to meet lifestyle needs. • Need tiny house bylaw, and support for affordable housing initiatives • Discourage single-family homes on oversized lots • Need amendments to zoning bylaws • Housing options for all incomes • More modular home and mobile home parks so there is benefit to infrastructure. • Need attainable housing • Need eco villages (farmland with affordable housing) • Family units and low-cost housing • Housing options for seniors to downsize to • Seniors supportive housing: complex/cluster housing in town, with onsite medical staff • Zoning and spots for van dwelling • Illegal camping (must be addressed, taxed and leveraged – permit system or agreement with campgrounds?) <p><i>Other</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce upkeep of properties • Keep taxes in check • Preserve the quality of life for all residents and limit growth to a moderate sustainable level • Access to adequate and appropriate medical services (emergency, cat scans etc.) considering our size, local (highways), and adventures sports economy • Emergency egresses and emergency plan to ensure community members are safe • Eastern Access to the highway for residents of upper arrow and lower arrow heights



<p>Vibrant Culture and Heritage</p>	<p><i>Recreation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve neighbourhoods for community (develop hotels and tourism along the highway corridor instead) • Need pump track in town for kids, that they can get to safely • Need signage (horse trails, bike trails), especially at shared trails • Off leash dogs an issue – need dog park • Parking at Cartier trail • Trail damage due to misuse • Non-profit pay what you can climbing gym <p><i>Support for the arts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to continue and boost support for the arts and culture (art galleries, public art, creation of culture zones and an art district – i.e. Big Eddie) • Inventory and preservation of community cultural assets (RPAC, City partner), include creative in planning processes – they have great ideas/new ideas!) • Preserving heritage/historical component • More art around town (i.e. Nelson murals) <p><i>Honouring First Nations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Sinixt history into our town • Municipal reconciliation efforts, relationships with the four nations
<p>Diverse Local Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more job diversity • Need diversified and balanced economy • Support and preserve historical industries • Better and increased post secondary educational opportunities
<p>Healthy Ecosystems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect undeveloped land • Address light pollution • Preserve Jordan River area • Dealing properly with garbage and bears • Address environmental impacts of new golf (run off of chemicals -we will lose Williamson Lake to algae blooms) • Must prioritize the protection of wildlife and natural assets • Must preserve wildlife – too many developments on outskirts • Protection of wildlife corridors (consideration for these in new developments) • More education about wildlife, and the impacts of development on wildlife (to city officials, developers and decision makers) • Education campaigns for newcomers on bears, bear safety, garbage etc. • Bear proof garbage bins • More/secure farm land for food production • Urban chicken farming • Restrict taking any additional land out of the ALR unless it is for multifamily home building or infrastructure to support higher density living. Otherwise it's for agriculture and no other purpose is justified. Need



	<p>responsible flight path for helicopters, especially heli-biking on Mt Cartier, and responsible trail use (trail damage etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency policies • Water consumption (use of meters) • More downtown green spaces • Responsible tourism policies • Halt on marketing the city out until we can handle the population we have
<p>Sustainable Built Environment</p>	<p><i>Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop marketing the community to bring in more people until we can handle the population, we do have • Sustainable growth <p><i>Transportation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail connectivity (neighbourhoods to/from town ie. Whistler) • Cycling path on 4th street, or encourage cycling on 5th street bike lane • Safe routes for seniors and children • Urban ski tracks to/from town in the winter • Incentivize active transportation • Official bikeways plan, with user input/review • Increased infrastructure for active transportation (ie. Whistler) • Bike lanes from RMR to town • Emergency egress • 2nd access to Arrow Heights • Renewal in downtown sidewalks on 6th • Need long term plan for bridge • Big Eddie (merge in right hand lane on to bridge to Big Eddy – traffic flow issues) • Victoria Rd. (shoulder to city furniture, widened out with walkway, more cross walks • Traffic flow, cross walks at 4th street • More Parking • Continuation of public transit • Need better traffic management ie. roundabout at Southside market, speed bumps along airport way • Reasonable commute options for satellite communities (shelter bay) and outlying areas - what would the tax infrastructure look like? <p><i>Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid piecemeal development and planning - consider traffic flow, wildlife preservation, and the impacts of development on city assets (ie. Williamson lake) • Discussion around where we would accept gravel pits • Use a neighbourhood approach • Plan that will be taken seriously/adhered to (not token community consultation)



	<p><i>Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better management of liquid waste, including around Williamson • Year-round public toilets • Prioritize fixing existing infrastructure before marketing the community (creating added stress on infrastructure) • Must leverage existing assets (ie. we have a heritage golf course – why build another one that will have negative environmental impacts?!) • “Equitable” tax set up, according to services (ie. some people living within city limits, paying taxes but have no sewer or city infrastructure)
Process/other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency (how is money spent, including buy outs and lawyers) • Fiscal accountability and disclosure of staff salaries and buy outs (FB) • Need to fix money leaks – crown land gets sold to private landowners who then resell at a hefty price – money leaves the community and housing opportunity is lost. • Respect for community values • Need transparency on non-resident owner numbers • Not allowing vacation rentals to displace residents • Need consistency between plans (ie. OCP) and actual growth/development decisions that get made - no alignment • Need a better way to engage with the public (in general): open, clear, consistent and interactive communication (council at times when no one can make it, comments are closed on FB and YouTube, etc.) (FB) • Use FB and social media for engagement because people want to discuss there (FB)



Policy/Best Practice Examples

Theme	Best Practice/policy
Safe, resilient and healthy community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 'Food Hall' coming to Kamloops Spirit Square in 2021 • Housing: The Street review – quietly enraging portrait of Hoxton lives on the brink • https://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/monitor/our-opportunity-end-housing-poverty • Leverage the recent National Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) for funding. • Governments should immediately level the rental playing field by continuing to provide protections for good renters but facilitate efficient, rapid remediation and/or eviction for bad renters. This would also help public housing improve quality and remove some of the stigma. • Strongly lobby Provincial and Federal governments to invest heavily in public housing • Implement development cost charges (DDCs) that fairly reflect additional service costs and eliminate the wasteful lengthy process of individual negotiations with builders to extract amenities in exchange for special exemptions developers want. Higher DDCs likely will be more efficient in the long run and also avoid the optics of lobbying officials of the day. • Create focus groups to discuss re-evaluating who should qualify for subsidized housing and how this might be managed. • Reintroduce co-op rental housing with government assistance. Ideally include a sense of ownership and contribution where renters could accumulate shares in the project for each month and/or contributions to upkeep. Bad tenants should be subject to a quick co-op hearing to establish remediation or eviction to prevent bad actors from spoiling the benefit for deserving renters. https://chfcanada.coop/ • Eliminate the BC Property Purchase Tax • Restrict all short-term rentals to hotels, registered bed & breakfast operations and homeowners renting within their own full time residence property as a mortgage helper. • Provided tenancy laws facilitate prompt resolution of bad renters to help reduce the high-risk cost of bad long-term tenants that currently contribute to the preference for short term rentals.
Vibrant Culture and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaiming city streets for people - European Commission • Vancouver approves plan to turn Commercial Drive into pedestrian-first 'high street' • Peckham local wants to keep high street closed to traffic forever for sake of 'character and the community'



Diverse Local Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seriously increase the minimum wage and complete a comprehensive review of compensation structures in the service industry. Perhaps if we relied less on a low wage service industry to subsidize our recreation and entertainment, we would not have to in turn rely on subsidized housing for low wage workers.
Healthy Ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street traffic reduction: Fighting For Air • Switzerland and Austrian ski towns as successful model (managed to preserve farm lands, cap on hotels, etc.)
Sustainable Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central neighbourhood garbage pick-up model • Make Crown land available for multifamily housing where reasonably close to the town center. • Change zoning to include a minimum and maximum housing density relative to the distance from town centers. Essentially encourage multifamily housing near town and discourage large single family estate homes on large lots within 10km of town centers. • Increase density with relatively low neighborhood impact and building cost. For example, allow replacement or renovation of single-family homes to create 2-4 unit homes. • Encourage carriage-house/garage/laneway/basement suites for existing homes provided there are no short-term rentals without the owner living on the same property. There are good examples in East Vancouver of purpose-built 3-3.5 story 4-plexes that look like older character homes in the neighborhood. Each containing a basement bachelor, basement 1br, main floor 2 bedroom and upper 3 bedroom. • Reduce government regulatory costs including costs related to building and renovation permits such as fees, delays, and application labour hours. • Seek to follow Banff and Canmore as examples of best practices (building style) <p><i>Options to facilitate increased density:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage secure affordable nearby site storage for big toys and vehicles. • Encourage affordable car-share options to facilitate higher density with fewer vehicles. • Restore frequent, regular and efficient bus service to major centers in the region between Vancouver, Calgary, Kelowna, Prince George, etc. Ideally locate bus stations within walking distance of town centers. Possibly repurpose old train stations with convenient town center locations with a longer-term dream of providing passenger rail service similar to that in the UK where train travel is an efficient and desirable mode of travel.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider a gondola transit route with stations near Hwy 23 in the Big Eddy for tourist parking, the Victoria roundabout, Railway Museum, SouthSide, Arrow Heights and RMR. Ideally follow along Victoria, Powerhouse Rd and Cammozi to minimize neighborhood impact. I understand this can be more cost effective than bus transit. Revelstoke may not have sufficient ridership demand currently, but it can be cost effective relative to building additional road access for South of the Illicellewaet river, including a new additional bridge.
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Framing Survey Results

INFORMING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Based on the community’s input on ‘important topics’ and review of the documents listed here...

1. The OCP Vision and Community Priority Check-In Report (January 2020)
2. The OCP Vision Amendment Focus Group Results (June 29, 2020)
3. Sustainability Framework (2013)
4. Public Engagement Outcomes: What topics are important to consider in the OCP? (April 19 –May 18, 2021)

... the 22 member OCP Focus Group worked with the project team to outline (Frame) the OCP sections and goals. The project team then posted the “Framing the OCP” report and survey on the Talk Revelstoke OCP project page on July 7, 2021 and closed it on Monday, September 21. In addition to the online survey, several in –person pop ups were held, and surveys were distributed to a number of groups and locations to test the direction the Focus Group developed for the OCP.



WE'VE IDENTIFIED AND ARE INTRODUCING LENSES



OUR THREE LENSES

The OCP vision and priorities reflect Revelstoke residents' values: a sense of community, equity and climate change action.

To ensure the policies in the OCP are working toward, and not away from our vision and community priorities, we are introducing 'Lenses'. Lenses are used when there are overarching issues the community wants to see addressed to reflect important values, topics, and goals.



Sense of Community



Equity



Climate Change Action

THESE THREE LENSES WILL BE USED TO GUIDE POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN THE FALL. THE INTENT IS TO INFLUENCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT TO REFLECT A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, EQUITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION.

SECTIONS AND GOALS

SECTION 1: SAFE, RESILIENT & HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- GOALS
- Housing for All
- Responsive Social and Support Services
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Food Security for All
- Advance Community Health, Well Being and Safety
- Engage in the Process of Indigenous Reconciliation

SECTION 2: VIBRANT CULTURE AND HERITAGE

- GOALS
- Celebrate Our Natural Heritage
- Support Diverse and Accessible Recreation
- Support Heritage Conservation
- Champion the Thriving Arts Sector
- Foster Cultural and Spiritual Values

SECTION 3: DIVERSE LOCAL ECONOMY

- GOALS
- Resilient Industries
- Invest in Local Businesses and Entrepreneurship
- Attract, Retain and Support a Skilled Workforce

SECTION 4: HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

- GOALS
- Natural Area Conservation and Stewardship
- Access to Nature in the City
- Healthy Watersheds
- Wildlife Management and Connectivity
- Learn from Indigenous Ecological Knowledge

SECTION 5: SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- GOALS
- Complete, Compact Communities
- Encourage Mixed Use
- Connect Parks, Trails and Communities
- Accessible, Integrated Transportation Options
- Shift to Carbon Neutral
- Resilient Infrastructure

POLICIES FOR EACH OF THE GOALS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN FALL 2021



WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MANY DID WE ENGAGE?

Hard Copy Distribution

- Okanagan Regional Library
- Community Centre poster wall
- Bellies ‘n Babies parenting group program
- Community Connections/Food bank location
- Stepping Stones Day Care

In Person/Pop-up Locations

Date	Location	Direct Interactions
August 21	Farm and Craft Market	20
September 8	City Hall pop up	15
September 15	Corner Stones Day Care	8
September 15	Save-on Foods	10
September 16	Southside Foods	20
		188: Total in person interactions

WHAT WE HEARD

Survey Responses

A total of 90 survey responses were collected: 44 online and 46 paper copies.

Survey participants were asked to review the Framing Sections and Goals before completing the survey.

The detailed framing report was available [HERE](#).

a summary framing report was provided at in person engagement.

Survey participants were asked to indicate their level of support for the Framing document.

Support	58
Neutral	27
Don't Support	5



Gap Analysis

Survey respondents were asked to identify anything missing that cannot be addressed by one of the five Sections or Goal Statements. The comments have been reviewed and analyzed to understand if there are gaps that will need to be addressed during the policy phase. Many of the comments reiterated the conversations the Focus Group engaged in when creating the framework and therefore, the project team is confident the Framing reflects what is important to the community – with one potential shortfall.

Climate justice was raised by a number of respondents in this section of the survey. It is recommended that the Focus Group and administration discuss the Climate Action lens and potential refinement prior to policy development in November.

Conclusion

The community was asked to provide their input on what ***they think is important to address in the OCP*** which resulted in Framing the OCP (sections and goals). The community was also asked ***what they view as the potential opportunities and challenges Revelstoke will need to address into the future in the context of an increasing population and growth pressures.***

In addition to community outreach, 22 community representatives, the OCP Focus Group, started their work in March, until when this report was completed, to ensure a diversity of perspectives was captured and represented.

The Focus Group work will continue in October, November, December, January, and February to ensure the project team is hearing from a diversity of voices in the community.

Next Steps

The next steps are hosting community conversations about growth and what the options are for addressing growth as a community. After those conversations conclude, policy work will begin. Policy teams will be recruited by the Focus Group to review and suggest what actions (policies) will best help achieve the visions and goals outlined in the Framing report. The project team will draft the OCP for public feedback before it is presented to Council for consideration in March and April.

To stay up-to-date and informed on this process and upcoming engagement events like the community conversations on growth is [Talk Revelstoke](#). There is also a [Question-and-Answer](#) tool on the site to ask questions or suggest how we can improve the process.

Thank you for reading this report.