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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *Report*

Draft OCP: Public Feedback Sessions

May 2 – 4, 2022



This document provides a summary of public input in response to the first Draft Official Community Plan document. The document was posted on talkrevelstoke.ca and promoted through media channels (social media, newspapers, posters, direct email) from April 14 – May 4, 2022.

Communication

HOW DID WE GET THE WORD OUT?

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

- Print ads in the Revelstoke Review (April 21, April 28)
- Digital ads in Revelstoke Mountaineer (Digital ad ran for two weeks starting April 20, and ending on May 4)
- Mention in the Mayor’s report on the radio (April 29)
- Poster distribution to a variety of locations in town (which include businesses, community spaces, and community service organizations)
- Social media posts through the City of Revelstoke’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Accounts (Posts published on April 19, April 26, May 2, and May 4)
- Newsletter update to Talk Revelstoke subscribers
- Direct emails to Council Committees, City Staff, and Focus Group’s networks and organizations.



Engagement

PUBLIC SESSIONS MAY 2 – 4, 2022

Pre-Engagement Session Information

The City of Revelstoke and the project team developed a presentation to provide an overview of the process to develop the Draft OCP document as well as to provide a description of the content for each of the sections in the OCP. The Draft OCP and the overview presentation were posted on talkrevelstoke.ca and information for the public was communicated through the channels listed in the Communications section above.

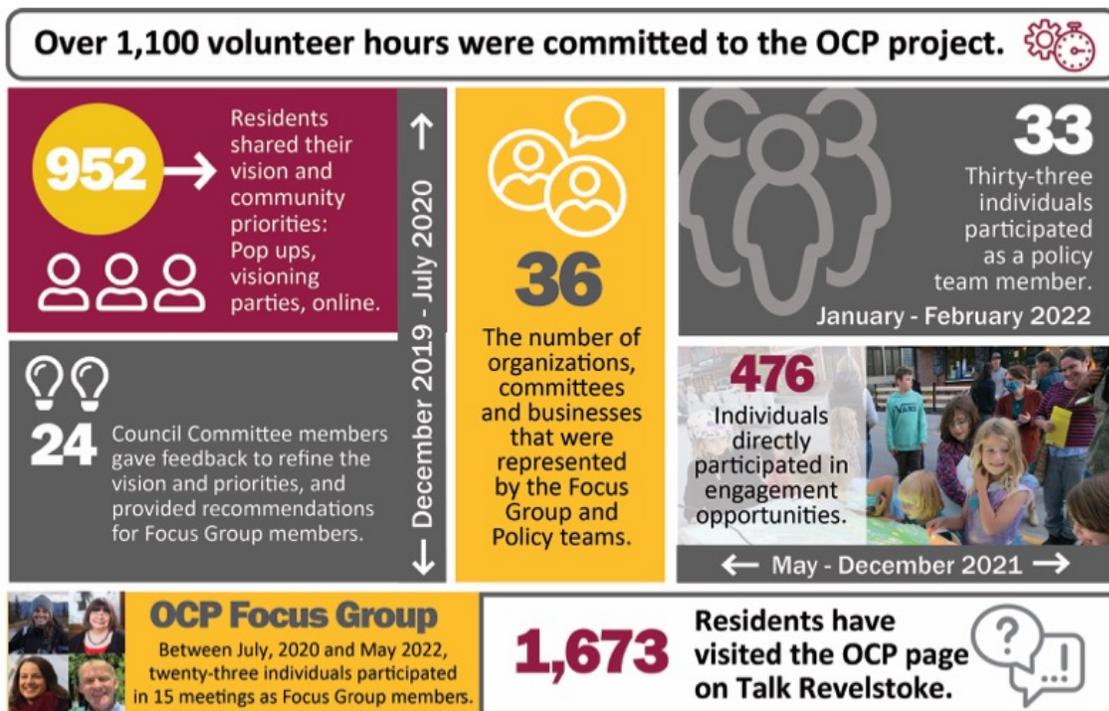


Image: Engagement by the Numbers summary infographic (As of April 14, 2022). Presentation slide for the Draft OCP overview presentation posted to talkrevelstoke.ca



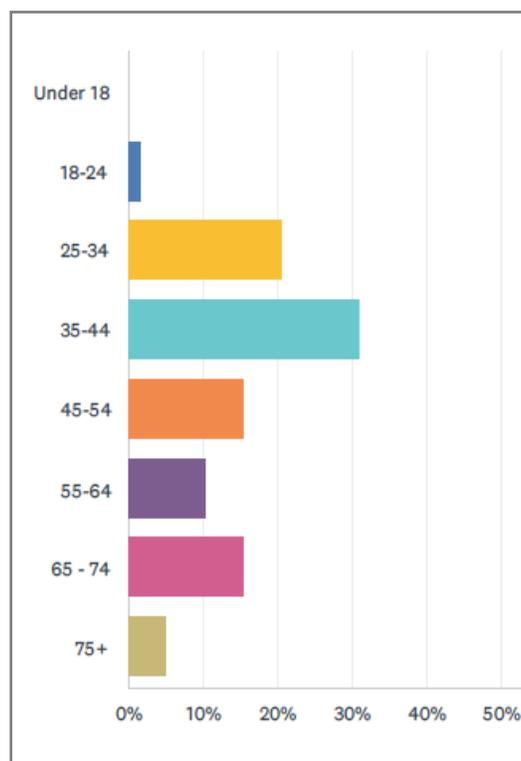
ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATION

Four public sessions were offered: 2 in-person and 2 online opportunities.

Summary of Participation		
DATE	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
May 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Revelstoke Community & Aquatic Centre	21 Drop-in
May 3, 2:00 – 4:00	Revelstoke Community & Aquatic Centre	13 Drop-in
May 4, 12:00 – 1:00	Online Session	11 Registered 7 Attended
May 4, 7:00 – 8:00	Online Session	12 Registered 8 Attended
4 opportunities		49 (directly engaged)

At the in-person and online sessions, participants were provided with overview information of the process and sections. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and provide feedback verbally and through a more formal channel in a hard copy or online survey.

A total of 58 surveys were completed. The chart to the right shows the age ranges of those that completed the survey.





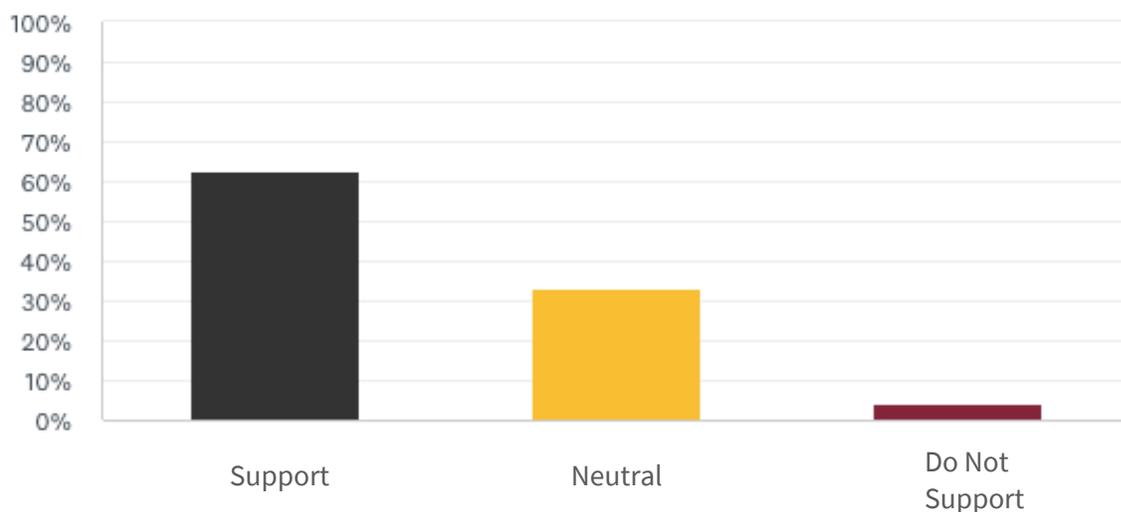
PUBLIC FEEDBACK

The Revelstoke community was asked to provide their level of support by section of the Draft OCP. The *level of support* indicated by those that completed the survey is summarized below. Each survey section offered the choices of:

- Support – the general direction reflects what I hope to see happen in Revelstoke
- Neutral – it is not perfect, but I can live with what is there
- Do Not Support – the direction in this section does not reflect what I hope to see happen in Revelstoke.

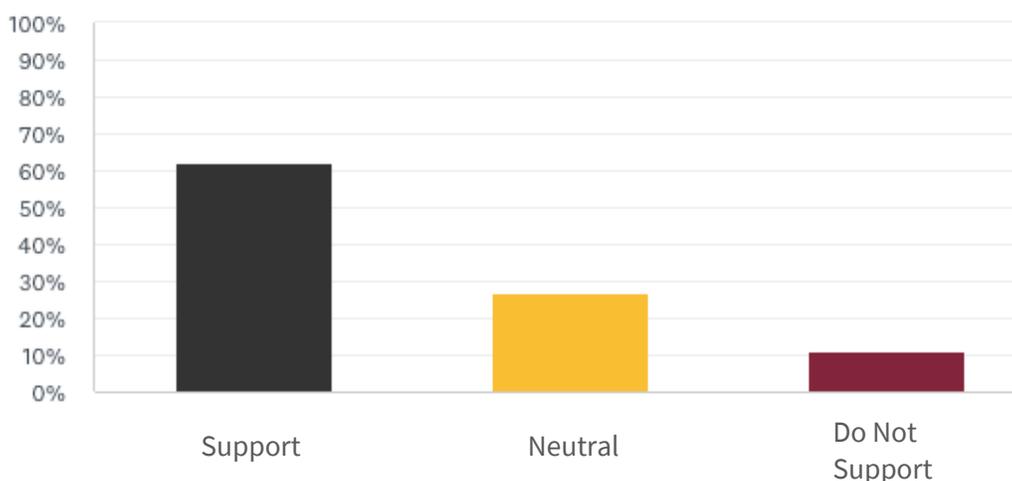
Sections 1 and 2 are introductory and background sections and do not contain policy or action items.

1. Level of support for the Draft OCP **Section 1, Introduction and Community Goals** was **supported or neutral** by the **majority** of respondents.

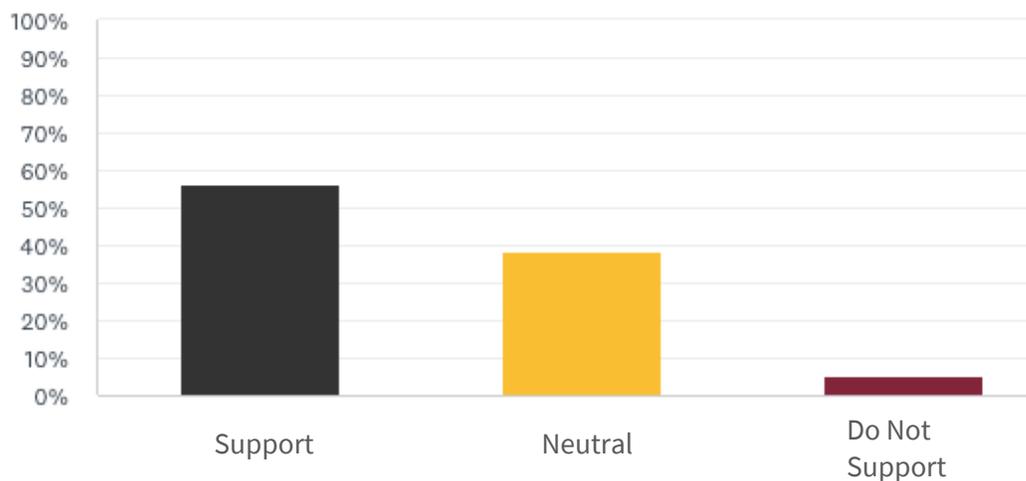




2. Level of support for the Draft OCP **Section 2, Future Growth** was **supported or neutral** by the **majority** of respondents

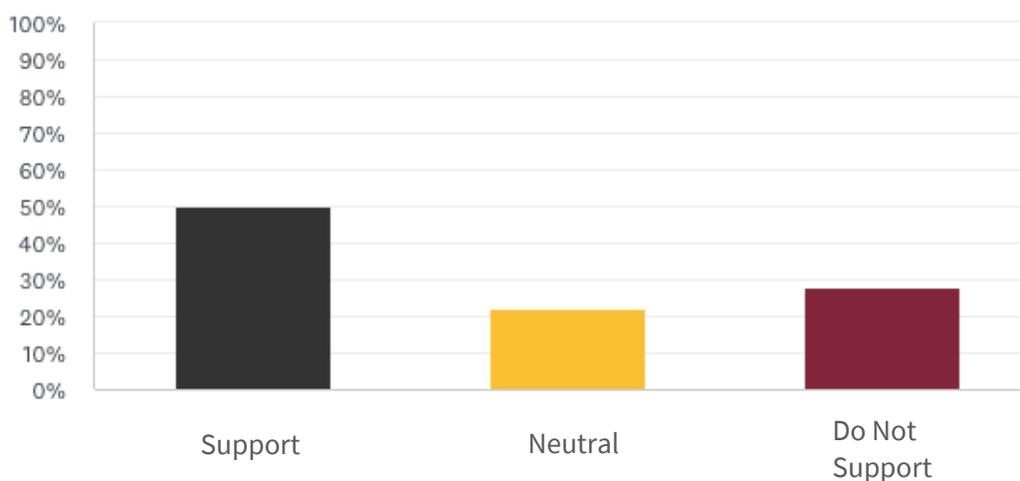


3. **Section 3, Community Policies and Action Items** focuses on topics such as Indigenous Reconciliation; Parks, Recreation and Culture; Community Economic Development; and Community Infrastructure. The level of support for the Draft OCP Section 3 was **supported or neutral** by the **majority** of respondents. A number of comments were provided to stress the importance of trail connectivity, the need to identify culture to include more than built and natural heritage and ensure the arts was also considered.



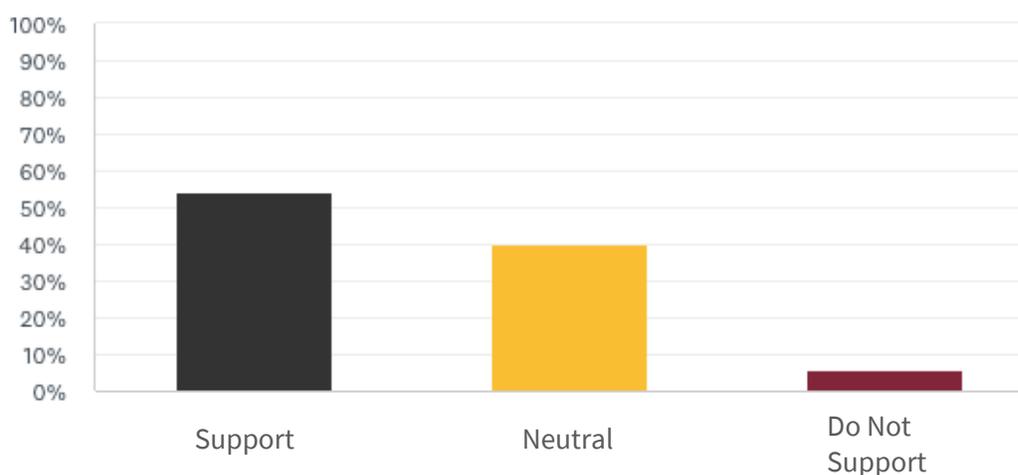


4. **Section 4, Land Use Policies and Action Items** focuses on topics such as General Land Use; Housing; Heritage Conservation; Environment; Floodplain; Neighbourhoods; and Land Use Designations. The level of support indicated there were some policies and action items several survey respondents hoped to see addressed. The most prevalent item was the way the Draft OCP policies regarding mobile homes were worded compared to the 2009 OCP document. This has been brought to the attention of City staff and they are working on revising the policy and action items related to mobile homes in order to try and address concerns raised by survey respondents. Another subject raised in the comment section was the frustration with the impact second home ownership and short term rentals have on housing for those that live and work in Revelstoke either on a part time basis or seasonally.

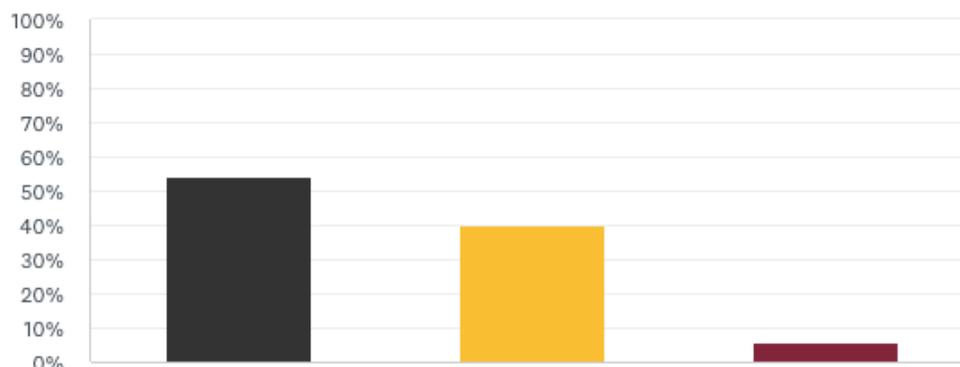




5. **Section 5, Development Permit Areas** provides policies and action items related to Environmentally Sensitive areas; Environmentally Hazardous; Downtown Revitalization; Scenic Corridor; Multi-family and Mixed-use; Revelstoke Mountain Resort; Commercial; and Industrial. The level of support for the Draft OCP Section 5 was **supported or neutral** by the **majority** of respondents. More insight on wildlife corridors and connectivity was suggested by a number of respondents.



6. **Part 6, Implementation** outlines ways the policies and actions in the OCP will be tracked for progress over time. While the majority of support was **supported or neutral** by the **majority** of respondents, many expressed reservations on whether administration and Council will follow through in a timely manner on these commitments.





CONCLUSION

Policies related to mobile homes were the most frequently mentioned topic in the comment sections. Other suggestions provided by respondents include operational level comments (street maintenance), strategy level suggestions (trails, park design, housing action plan), more focus on the arts sector as part of the Recreation and Culture topics; ensuring implementation of environment related policies (in some cases more stringent environmental policies); and requests to ensure trail connectivity throughout the community. A number of comments highlighted the continuing tension between the impacts of the resort, related vacation home developments/rentals, and taking care of those that live and work in Revelstoke.

The majority of respondents to the survey were in support of the various sections in the Draft OCP and several recognized the work community members contributed to creating the document. The encouragement of the missing middle housing types and centralized development continue to be supported based on a number of comments provided in the completed surveys. Some specific suggestions for policy wording were provided and will be considered by staff to prepare the next version of the OCP that will be presented to Council for consideration in June 2022.

Next Steps

As part of the report to Council in June, staff will provide a summary table showing which policies were revised as a result of this round of feedback. The tables will be available to the public on talkrevelstoke.ca and the City's website as part of the Council Agenda package for the June 14th meeting.

Please visit talkrevelstoke.ca to review the most recent documents.

Thank you to those that participated to provide feedback on the Draft OCP.