



RDOS

Electoral Area “A”

OCP Update

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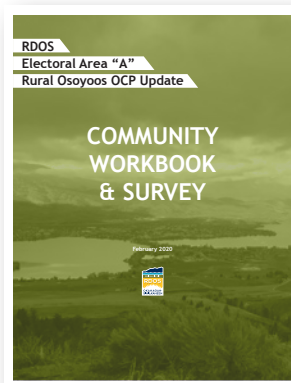
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE - PROJECT BACKGROUNDER

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) launched a project to review and update the Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area “A” Rural Osoyoos that got underway in November 2019.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

We have continued to work on the project through the COVID-19 public health emergency and have developed an early draft for review.

Since launching the project, we have conducted our first project survey, did an Area-wide project mailout, and have engaged with project stakeholders including Osoyoos Indian Band, Okanagan Basin Water Board, Interior Health, the Agricultural Land Commission, and the Town of Osoyoos. We’ve also been working the Area Planning Commission (APC) and the Electoral Area Director. We will be conducting a second survey and meeting with more project stakeholders this summer.



WHAT’S CHANGED?

While the updated OCP does contain new policies, no major changes were made. The majority of changes involved updating information (e.g., population projections) and ensuring that the updated OCP was aligned



What’s an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a planning document that provides policies on a broad range of topics including land-use, transportation, housing, parks and infrastructure. OCPs designate land for specific purposes, such as commercial/retail, residential, park, and industrial.

OCPs help provide a blueprint and map for a community’s future. They are created to guide decisions on planning and land use management by establishing a long-term vision, supporting goals and objectives, and policies to achieve them.



with new Provincial legislation and policies (e.g., new Agriculture Land Commission policies, *Water Act*, updated climate change emissions reduction targets). Other key changes that we would like community input on include:

- ▶ An updated vision and broad goals for Electoral Area “A”
- ▶ Expanded water stewardship and conservation policies
- ▶ Expanded climate adaptation policies to address emerging risks like increased drought and wildfire risk

WANT TO PROVIDE MORE INPUT?

We will be posting a revised copy of the OCP on the project website and will be conducting a second community survey. Please visit the RODS website (www.rdos.bc.ca) for more information. You can also sign up for automatic project notifications on the CivicReady page when you’re there. If you would like more information or are interested in participating in an on-line project information session let us know and we can set one up. Watch for information on a possible open house and pop-up information events at the Osoyoos Farmers market.



Photo source: Osoyoos Market on Main, facebook

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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