

## COMPARISON TABLE: “WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?” SECTION

Current Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2450, 2008	Proposed Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2905, 2021
[Not applicable]	<p><b>2.0 WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?</b></p> <p><b>2.1 Background</b></p> <p>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 are developed through public consultation and the objectives and policy statements within them reflect the collective desires of the people within the planning area.</p> <p>Effectively, OCPs provide a blueprint and map for the 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.</p> <p>Local governments in British Columbia are given the authority to adopt an OCP through the <i>Local Government Act</i> (LGA), which describes what must be included in the OCP, what may optionally be included, and what steps need to be followed for the OCP to be adopted. The required content of an OCP is defined in Section 473 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>.</p> <p>Occasional updates also ensure the OCP remains consistent with other procedures, bylaws and government implementation tools.</p>
[Not applicable]	<p><b>2.2 Planning Process</b></p> <p>Commencing in November 2019, development of the Plan included a community outreach component, which included two on-line project surveys, project newsletters, a project webpage on the RDOS website, meetings with community stakeholders and agencies throughout the process (e.g. Province, Town of Osoyoos, Osoyoos Indian Band, Anarchist Mountain Community Association), and regular update meetings with the Electoral Area “A” Advisory Planning Commission. It should be noted that in-person engagement was limited by the Coronavirus pandemic that emerged in the province in mid-March 2020. An in-person open house took place in mid-September 2020 that followed strict public health guidance.</p>
[Not applicable]	<p><b>2.3 Amending the Plan</b></p> <p>An OCP is not a static document. Rather, it is intended to be adaptable to new trends within society and responsive to changing circumstances within the community. As such, following careful consideration by the Regional District Board, policies and land use designations in this OCP may be revised by an amending bylaw pursuant to provisions outlined within the <i>Local Government Act</i>. A comprehensive review of the OCP will be undertaken in accordance with an Electoral Area OCP Bylaw Review to ensure it continues to reflect the long-range planning objectives of Plan Area residents, local government staff, and the Regional Board.</p>