

RDOS

Electoral Area "G"

Official Community Plan



Citizen's Committee Meeting #1

March 8, 2021



Agenda

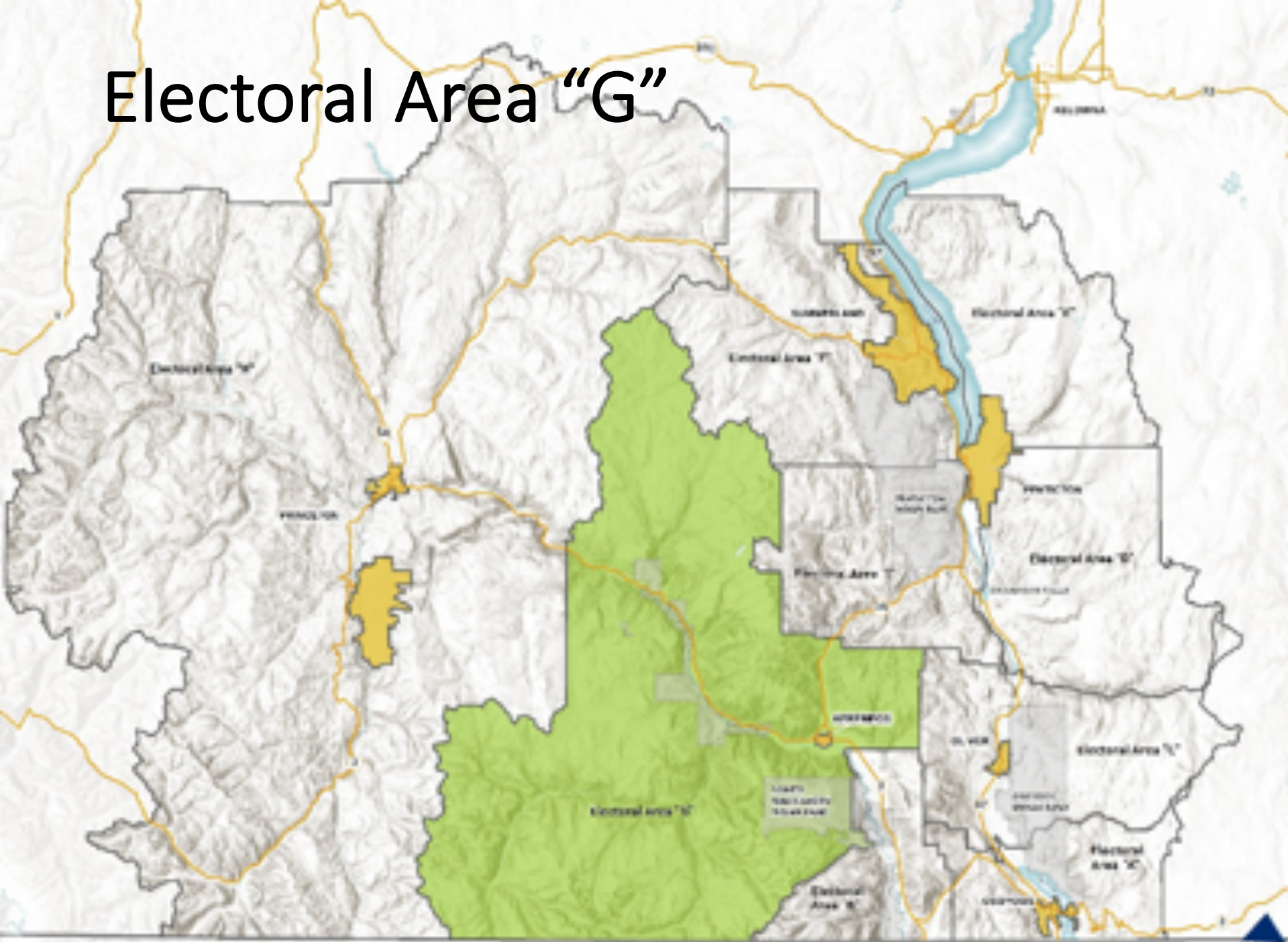
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Role, Terms of Reference & Meeting Dates
3. Project Context
4. What is an OCP?
5. Discussion 1
6. Engagement Strategy for Area “G”
7. Discussion 2



Welcome & Introductions

- What community are you from?
- How long have you been a resident of Area “G”?
- Why did you join the Citizens Committee?
- What are your expectations for the work ahead?

Electoral Area "G"



Why an OCP?

- Let's Talk Land Use Campaign – 2019
 - Do residents want a say in future land use decisions?
- Helps guide the RDOS
- Outlines vision to external agencies and neighbouring communities & jurisdictions
- Future projects in Area “G” must be aligned with this vision
- Establishes a framework for future regulation (should it be required)

What is the Goal?

- Accepted by the community
- Adopted by the Board
- Positive social, economic, and environmental impact on how the area grows and changes over time.



Citizens Committee - Role

- Represent community interests and Electoral “G” as a whole
- Support OCP Development
 - Identify and provide input on area issues
 - Respond to RDOS ideas and proposals
 - Review draft OCP sections
- Community Champions
 - Talk to residents about the project
 - Encourage involvement
 - Provide resident feedback to the project team and Citizens Committee

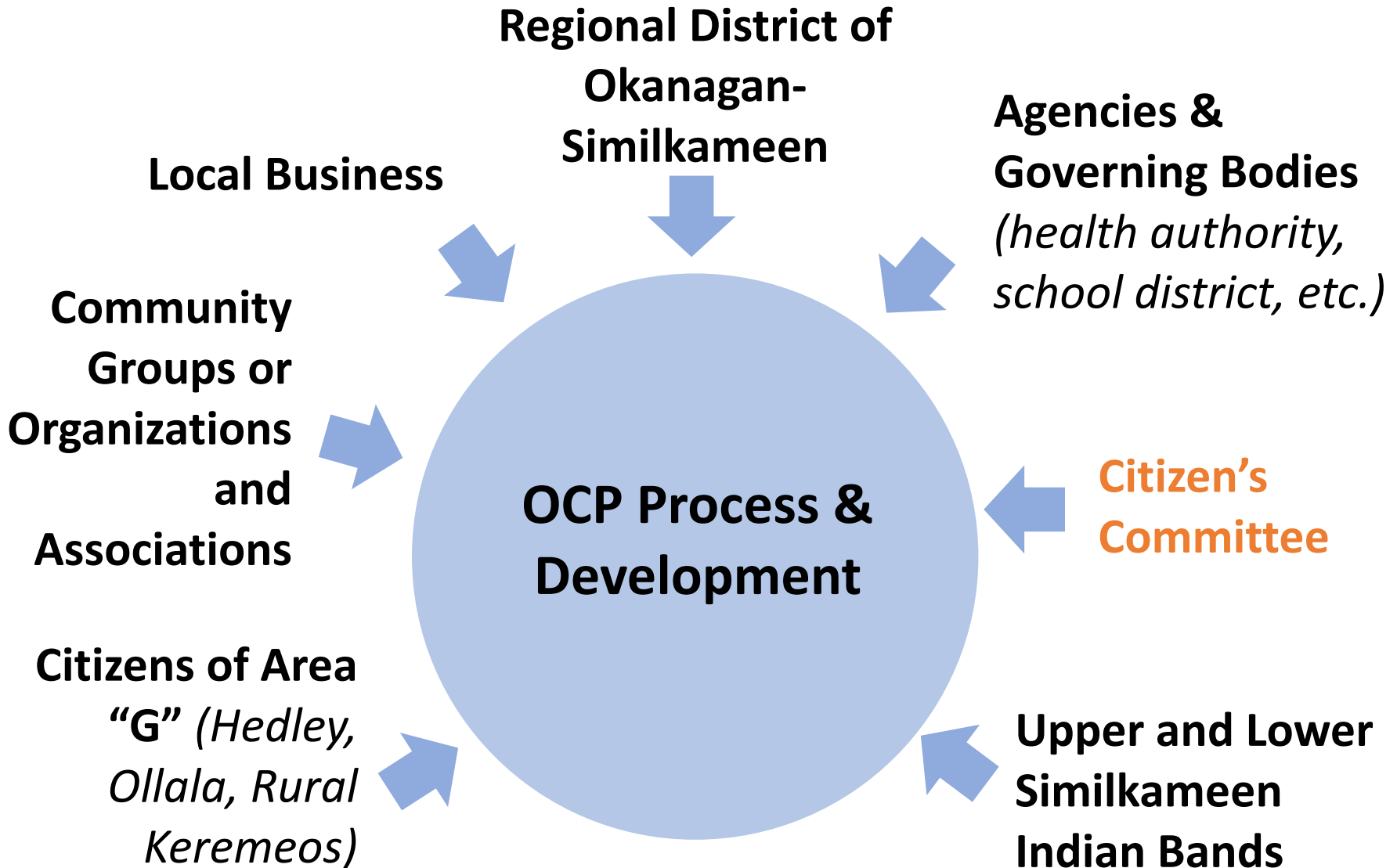
Committee Terms of Reference – Key Points



- Reports to the Area Director
- No authority to call public meetings, commit funds, enter into contracts, or represent the RDOS
- All recommendations to the RDOS are non-binding

**Please review the Terms of Reference*

Other Inputs to the OCP Process



Citizens Committee – Meeting Schedule



- Facilitated by EcoPlan
- RDOS/EcoPlan will maintain administration
- Approx. eight (8) meetings total
- Evening meetings (7pm start)
- Anticipated Meeting Dates(2021): April, May, July, Sept, Nov and 2 meetings in 2022

Meeting Conduct

- Group discussion is important, everyone should get a chance to speak
- Provide honest, open opinions
- Agree to disagree, consensus may not always be achieved
- Stay on track and on topic
- Abide by the RDOS Conflict of Interest Policy
- Chairperson is required

A scenic landscape photograph of a valley. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. The middle ground features a large, vibrant green field, possibly a golf course or agricultural field, with a winding road or path. A river flows through the valley, surrounded by dense green forests. The background consists of rugged, rocky mountains under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

Project Context

Project Overview

- Work-to-date
 - Engagement Strategy (in progress)
 - Regional Connections
 - Civic Ready
 - News release
 - Preliminary mapping
 - Background Report (in progress)



Project Process & Timeline



— So what's an —

OCP?

What is an “OCP”?



Vision



Goals



Objectives



Policies



Maps

Official Community Plan Document

What is an OCP?

It's a set of policy statements...

water-smart communities

housing choices

manage land responsibly

support local

environmental

agriculture

protection

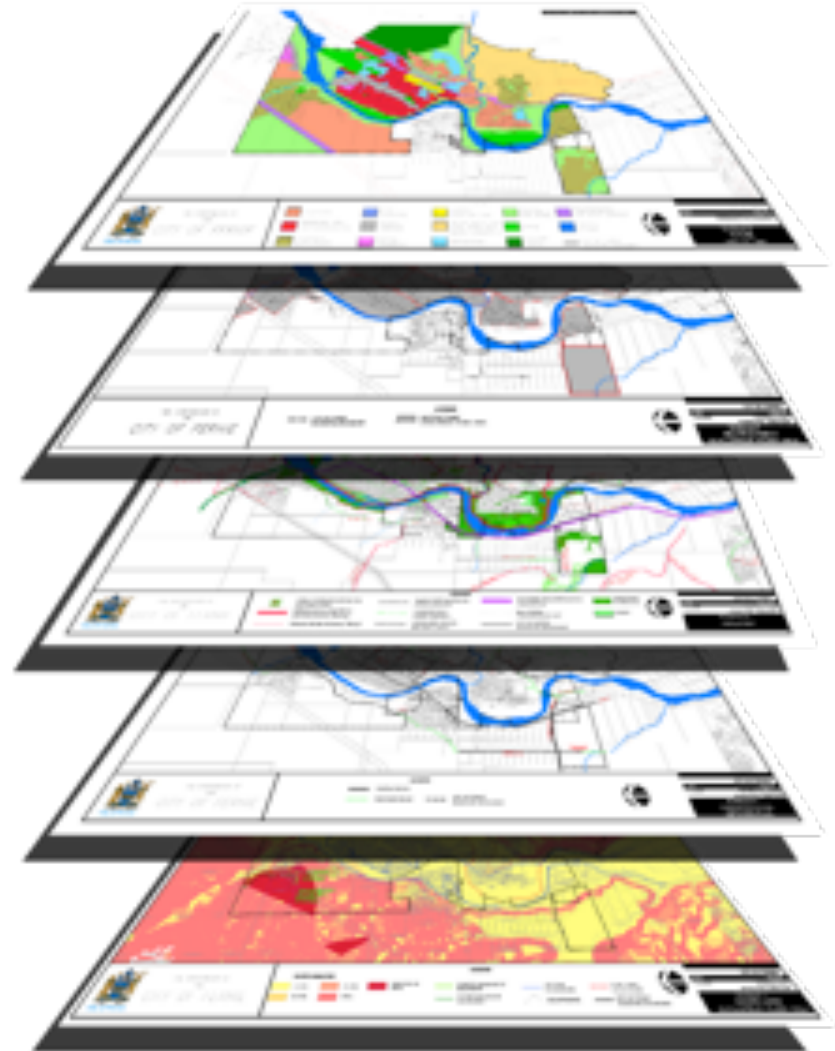
transportation options

economic
development

food security

What is an OCP?

...and a series of maps

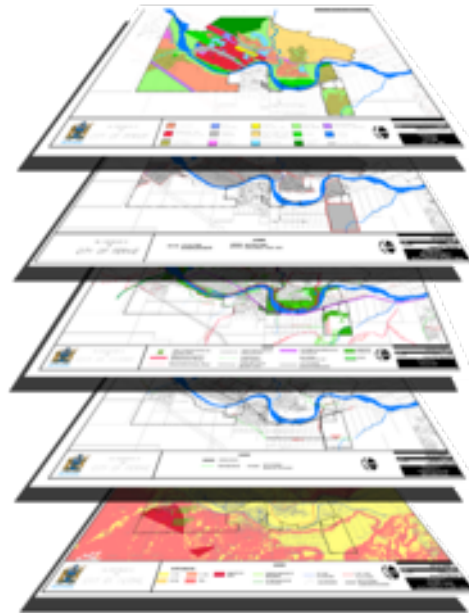


What is an OCP?

...that provides a consistent and coordinated approach for land use planning and community development

water-smart communities
housing choices
manage land responsibly support local agriculture
environmental protection transportation options
economic development food security

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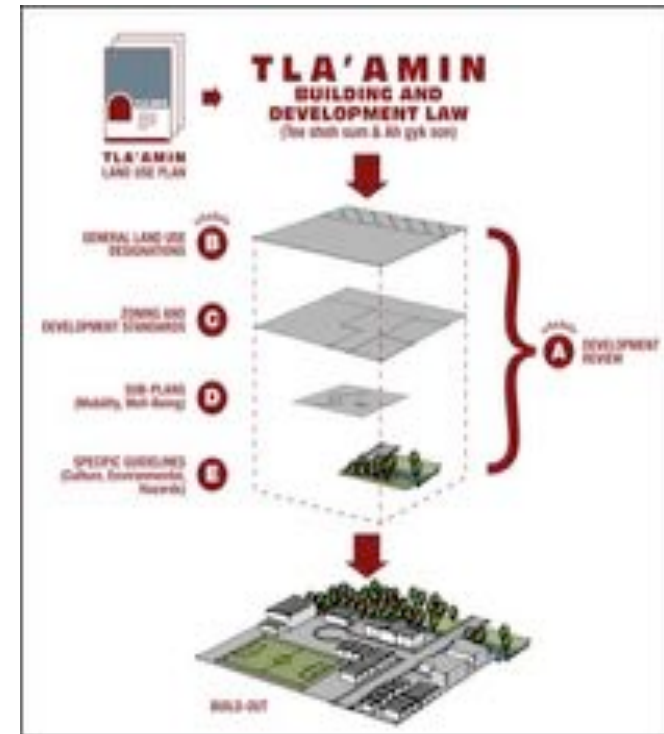
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What is an OCP?

- Local Government Act governs the purpose, required content, and adoption procedures of OCPs
- Future Vision for the community
- Guides Elected Officials and provides certainty to external business, development and agencies
- Developed through community input

What makes a good OCP?

- Incorporates local planning context
- Well-constructed
- Easy to read and follow
- Clear objectives and policies
 - Articulates the community vision and addresses challenges



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- Initial thoughts for Area “G” -
 - What is important to your community?
 - In 20 years, what do you want your community look like?

Engagement Strategy for Area “G”



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Engagement*

Engagement Strategy

- Public Outreach
 - Newspaper, newsletter, postcard, social media, Regional Connections, civic ready, community posters
- Online engagement
- Engagement by mail & community pick up and drop off locations
- Community Events (as permitted or online)
- Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Citizen's Committee
- Agency & Governing Bodies Consultation
- USIB and LSIB



Current & Upcoming – Community Engagement (Phase 1)



- Regional Connections (online)
 - Information
 - Questions
 - Mapping
 - Video “What is an OCP?”
- Survey (online/paper)
- Community Display Boards & Post Card Mail Out

Discussion - Engaging Residents



- What organized groups exist in Area “G” ?
- What are the “hard to reach” groups in Area “G”?
- Are there additional or preferred ways to connect with residents? (i.e. rural areas)

Next Meeting

- Update on Outreach & Engagement
- Review and Discussion of the Background Report
- Looking ahead to Phase 2



- *Meeting notes will be emailed with slides & posted on the Regional Connections page*
- *Further thoughts? Please email anne-marie@ecoplan.ca*