

GOAL 8 – ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AMONG JURISDICTIONS

To facilitate cooperation among jurisdictions, the Plan identifies potential issues with interjurisdictional ramifications and encourages their resolution through ongoing communication.

The Official Community Plan recognizes that the Snuneymuxw First Nation has asserted that the Plan Area is within the Traditional Territory of the Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nation. Consequently, the objectives and policy statements contained in the Plan concerning land use and zoning are made subject to the possible existence of aboriginal title or aboriginal rights to land.

Objectives:

- *Identify and recognize* land use issues with potential interjurisdictional implications.
- *Foster* communications between jurisdictions with respect to land use issues.

Policies:

- 1) Other jurisdictions will be encouraged to provide referrals to the Regional District of applications and issues relating to land use planning and management within the Regional District. For example, the Alberni – Clayoquot Regional District will be encouraged to provide referrals respecting Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park. The jurisdictions will be encouraged to give due consideration to Regional District responses.
- 2) Where appropriate, proposed land use regulations and applications for the development of lands, which may affect the interests of other jurisdictions, will be referred to affected jurisdictions for comment. For example, where appropriate, proposed land use regulations, which would affect Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park will be referred to the Alberni – Clayoquot Regional District. The Regional District will give due consideration to responses.
- 3) Future Official Community Plan and zoning amendment bylaws in Arrowsmith Benson - Cranberry Bright (Electoral Area 'C') will be referred to Nanaimo First Nations for comment prior to consideration of adoption of the bylaw amendments.
- 4) The City of Nanaimo is encouraged not to designate future truck routes, which may impact on the Plan Area prior to public consultation and interagency agreement with the Regional District and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.
- 5) The development of consistent standards for roads, sewer systems, water systems, storm water management and environmental protection will be encouraged to recognize common rural and village issues within the Regional District.
- 6) The Regional District may enter into Memorandum of Understandings or Interagency Agreements (including Fringe Area Agreements) with Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments to implement the objectives of the Arrowsmith Benson – Cranberry Bright Official Community Plan.
- 7) The Regional District will be encouraged to consult with School District 68, improvement districts and provincial and federal government agencies to coordinate and minimize regulatory requirements.