

Regional District of Nanaimo

Summary of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review Citizen's Committee Meeting Held on Monday, December 1, 2008 @ 7:00pm At the North Cedar Improvement District Hall 2100 Yellow Point Road

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. There were approximately 22 people in attendance including guests.

The Chair, Director Burnett, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Minutes of the November 2, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan review Citizen's Committee meeting of November 3, 2008 were moved by Ray Digby and seconded by Lynn Clark and were approved without amendments.

Agenda Item No. 2 – OCP Review Update

Greg Keller, Regional District of Nanaimo Senior Planner, gave a brief update on the Official Community Plan review process including the sustainability principles workshop, the visioning session, and upcoming events.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Draft Sustainability Principles

Greg Keller, gave a 25 minute presentation on how the draft sustainability principles were formed using the comments received from the Sustainability Principles Workshop.

Greg Keller explained that the purpose of having sustainability principles is to help guide decisions and actions that will lead us towards becoming a more sustainable community. Mr. Keller also explained that the sustainability principles will provide direction during the development of the new Official Community Plan and following its adoption. Mr. Keller indicated that the principles will be used in conjunction with the Community Vision during the Community Workshops scheduled for January where the community will be tasked with determine how it wants to achieve its vision.

Following the presentation, the Committee discussed each draft sustainability principle. There was discussion related to each principle which led to the Committee approving the following 15 principles.

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| Principle 1 | Preserve local history and rural character. | Principle 2 | Maintain functioning rural landscapes. |
| Principle 3 | Build an active community that connects people | Principle 4 | Adapt to nature's complexity, diversity, and unpredictability. |
| Principle 5 | Economic, social and environmental factors are interdependent and must be considered together. | Principle 6 | Consider the needs of future generations in today's decisions. |
| Principle 7 | Respect the community's diversity | Principle 8 | Develop a safe and healthy community for all residents. |
| Principle 9 | Commit to environmental stewardship and conservation | Principle 10 | Nature has intrinsic value. |
| Principle 11 | Encourage and facilitate participation by all stakeholders. | Principle 12 | Transparency and clarity of process |
| Principle 13 | Provide services in an efficient and cost effective manner. | Principle 14 | Support and Strengthen the local economy. |
| Principle 15 | Support a wide range of transportation and mobility options | | |

Agenda Item No. 4

The Committee agreed that all future meetings would start at 6:30pm.

The meeting was closed at approximately 9:35 pm.

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Director Joe Burnett, Committee Chairperson