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## Electoral Area F Residents Invited to Participate in the Second Round of Engagement for the OCP Update

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Electoral Area F (Area F) Official Community Plan (OCP) Update is resuming, and Area F residents are invited to join the conversation in Round 2 of community engagement. The OCP sets out the community's vision for the future and includes objectives and policies to help achieve that vision. Area F residents can help shape the future of their community by attending the virtual town halls and contributing to the community workbooks which contain proposed policy options and community values. Residents can also ask questions, watch videos and more on the project webpage.

The virtual town halls will be used to share information and gather input. The Kick-Off Town Hall will be a review of work completed to date followed by six town halls organized by OCP theme areas (growth, character and resilience) to focus the conversations. Each theme area will have two town halls. The Final Town Hall will wrap-up Round 2 of engagement and discuss next steps in the project. Area F residents are welcome to attend as many town halls as they are interested in.

**Thursday, February 24, 2022** Kick-Off Town Hall – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Growth Town Hall #1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Thursday, March 3, 2022** Growth Town Hall #2 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 Character Town Hall #1 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2022 Character Town Hall #2 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Resilience Town Hall #1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 13, 2022 Resilience Town Hall #2 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Final Town Hall – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The community workbooks are organized by theme: community values, growth, character and resilience. Residents can choose to complete all or parts of each workbook as all feedback is important.

Area F encompasses Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Meadowood, Whiskey Creek and surrounding rural areas. The Electoral Area F OCP was first adopted in 1999. Since then, Area F has experienced a 39 per cent increase in population. The OCP Update was initiated in 2019 in response to this growth.

For more information on the OCP update, access to workbooks and links to the virtual town halls, please visit: getinvolved.rdn.ca/areafocp. Area F residents are also encouraged to register and subscribe to the Area F OCP Update page to receive project updates and provide feedback.

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