



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOUTHERN REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

INFORMATION GATHERING WORKSHOP #3

The Southern Regional District Official Community Plan (OCP) sets out a vision of how your community wishes to evolve by establishing community goals, objectives and policies. The OCP provides direction to the local government, provincial agencies, businesses and landowners for making land use decisions. For example, the OCP includes parcel size policies which provide direction to the Regional Board when reviewing and making recommendation on subdivision applications.

An extensive public engagement and consultation process for the review of the current Southern Regional District OCP is being conducted by the Powell River Regional District (PRRD) and Landworks Consultants Inc. for the southern portions of Electoral Areas 'B' & 'C' running from the southern boundary of the City of Powell River down to Elephant Point.

The third and final **information gathering workshop** will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2009 in the Gymnasium of the Kelly Creek Community School. The workshop will include the following:

1. **A presentation of the existing OCP "report card" results.**
2. **Open discussion: Share your views on any topic related to the OCP review and have your questions answered by Landworks Consultants Inc. and PRRD staff.**
3. **Drafting of a "Vision Statement" for your community which will be the foundation for the development of your new OCP.**
4. **Where do we go from here: focus groups, drafting of the OCP, public review of draft OCP and adoption process with public hearing?**

WHAT: Information Gathering Workshop #3

WHEN: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 10, 2009

WHERE: Kelly Creek Community School – 2345 Zilinski Road

WHAT'S NEXT IN THE OCP REVIEW PROCESS

While this is the final information gathering workshop, focus groups will soon be established to provide continued guidance to the consultants for the development of the new draft OCP. Once the draft plan is prepared, it will be presented to the community in a series of information meetings to ensure that it is consistent with the community's vision. After these information meetings, the formal adoption process will begin which will include a public hearing.

FOCUS GROUPS- PARTICIPANTS WANTED

You are encouraged to participate in one of the focus groups to share your expertise. If you wish to put your name forward, please e-mail the Regional District at planning@powellriverrd.bc.ca; drop us a line at Powell River Regional District, 5776 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC V8A 2M4; or give us a call at 604 483-3231.

Visit the Regional District website at www.powellriverrd.bc.ca to discover what we have learned to date about your community from the survey responses and come to the meeting to hear about the OCP Report Card!

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