

TEXADA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

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In **Phase 3** of the planning process for the new Texada Island Official Community Plan (OCP), the work of Phase 1 (Laying the Ground Work) and Phase 2 (Exploring Our Community) is being combined. A refreshed community vision and goals have emerged through the community engagement process. **A special 'Thank You' to all community members who have participated in the planning process over the past two years!**

Stakeholder Survey
43
submitted by regional & local organizations

Community Workshops
40
people + committee + area director

Community Survey
206
submitted 125 paper & 81 online

Children & Youth
31
students: 23 elementary & 8 high school

Advisory Committee
22
meetings with 15 committee members

Public OCP Presentations
31
made by individuals or groups

COMMUNITY VISION

Texada Island's vision is to sustain an independent rural lifestyle with minimal regulations. We envision our Island economy fostering a diverse and balanced mix of resource industries, tourism, small business enterprises, and services for seniors. Texada Island will adapt to change carefully, while always preserving our freedoms, stewarding the natural beauty of our island, our coast, and our island lifestyle.

The community vision statement & goals reflect priority themes heard from the community

COMMUNITY GOALS

Sustain Community Values

We will sustain our independent spirit and island lifestyle that embraces the community values of freedom, friendliness, safety, volunteerism, history, culture, diversity, respect of the natural environment.

Promote Healthy Community

We will promote supportive community services (educational, medical, social, and recreational) for all ages, including seniors and children. There will be access to safe drinking water, successful food systems, and suitable housing.

Grow Local Economy

We will grow a diverse local economy that attracts young families and provides sustainable employment opportunities in mining, forestry, tourism, small business, health care services, farming, and arts and culture events.

Improve Connectivity

We will improve the connectivity of people and goods including reliable internet services, safe roads, safe airport, community bus services, and convenient and accessible ferry service.

Adapt to Change

We will adapt to change to ensure access to appropriate, affordable, and safe housing for all ages. Our community will support measures to improve services for seniors, and adapt to climate change to protect people and places from natural hazards.

Encourage Outdoor Recreation

We will encourage outdoor recreation opportunity for all ages and abilities and promote access to natural areas for people to enjoy the natural beauty of the island's forests, shorelines, and lakes.

Steward Natural Environment

We will steward the natural environment to seek a balance between economic growth and environmental protection, environmental stewardship of our watersheds, riparian areas, shorelines, and old growth forests.

COMING SPRING 2019

Community Open House to review the Draft Texada OCP!



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Planning Advisory Committee

Monthly meetings are open to the public to attend as observers. A question period is included. The next meeting is:

Tuesday, January 8, 2019
5:00-7:30 pm

Texada Community Hall, Gillies Bay

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