

TEXADA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

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We are well underway in **Phase 3** of the planning process for the new **Texada Island Official Community Plan (OCP)**. On January 8, 2019, the Area D Official Community Plan - Planning Advisory Select Committee received a revised draft of the OCP that included new sections on Infrastructure & Community Services, Transportation, Economic Development, and Heritage Protection. Refining the section on the Resource Land Use Designation was a priority at the last meeting.

Visit www.bit.ly/advisory-link to see the draft OCP & maps

RESOURCE LAND OBJECTIVES

The Resource designation applies to provincial Crown land, private managed forest land and private land with mineral resources, limestone quarries, and surface mines. Given the Regional District has no authority over provincial Crown land, private managed forest land, or submerged land, community objectives and policies for land designated Resource are advisory only.

DID YOU KNOW...

Recreation trails on Crown land are in the working forest, they are not parks. They are on the traditional lands of First Nations who hold Aboriginal title and rights and on land that is owned by the Provincial Government.

Trails on Crown land that have not undergone the status and clearance process and have no legal standing or authorization from the Minister, can result in risks to public safety, negative impacts to the environment, damage to forest and water resources as well as impacts to licensed rights and wildlife disturbances.

To protect the island's future resource potential.

To support an integrated resource management approach on Texada Island in order to enhance and conserve the island's wide range of abundant natural resources.

To reduce risk to sensitive ecosystems, rare and endangered species, Crown land resources and the community from unintended or unnecessary change to the natural environment.

To ensure the long-term availability of water for domestic, industrial, recreational, agricultural, wildlife, and fisheries.

To ensure sustainability of sea life in the planning area.

To preserve areas of particular biological, recreational, scenic or historical significance.

To liaise with provincial agencies and licensees to advocate for the conservation of areas of importance to the community, as identified on Map No. 3.

DRAFT CONSERVATION VISION MAP

A draft Conservation Vision Map has been added to the new Texada Official Community Plan. The purpose of this map is to provide a visual representation of the community's long-term vision for conservation and recreation purposes. This map could be a useful tool for liaising with provincial agencies and licensees to advocate for areas of importance to the community.

Protected Areas (Existing) Existing protected areas include provincial, regional and community parks, recreation areas and reserves, including UREPs (use for recreation and enjoyment of the public).

Protected Areas (Proposed) Proposed protected areas include draft OGMA's (old growth management areas) on provincial Crown land.

Areas of Interest for Conservation (Proposed) Proposed conservation areas include provincial Crown land with recreation value and importance to the community.

Draft Map No. 3



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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, February 5, 2019
5:00-7:30 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Van Anda