

# TEXADA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

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We continue to make progress in **Phase 3** of the planning process for the new **Texada Island Official Community Plan (OCP)**. On February 5, 2019, the Area D Official Community Plan - Planning Advisory Select Committee received an updated draft of the OCP, and reviewed the sections on Infrastructure & Community Services and Transportation.

## Infrastructure & Community Services

### General Objectives

To maintain and enhance existing infrastructure and community services.

To ensure the provision of community services that meet the present and future educational, medical, social, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.

To promote island wide first responders service.

### DID YOU KNOW...

The **Van Anda Improvement District** provides potable water to residents and businesses in the unincorporated village of Van Anda and provides water for fire protection purposes within the boundaries of the Van Anda Improvement District.

The **Gillies Bay Improvement District** provides potable water service to residents and businesses in the unincorporated village of Gillies Bay and provides water for fire protection purposes within the wider boundaries of the Gillies Bay Improvement District.

### General Policies

Support the continued operation of Van Anda School and Gillies Bay Medical Clinic.

Support educational, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all ages of the community, from children and youth to seniors.

Encourage shared use of community facilities such as schools, playgrounds and community gathering places in order to maximize use and minimize costs.

Encourage regular maintenance of water supply systems and domestic wells by residents, businesses and property owners throughout the planning area to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulations.

Encourage regular maintenance of on-site waste disposal systems by residents, businesses and property owners throughout the planning area to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and regulations.

## Transportation

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has jurisdiction for most paved roads on the island. There is a network of unpaved Natural Resource Roads which are for the most part under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

### General Objectives

To support a safe, efficient and economical transportation network.

To promote the maintenance of roads by the provincial Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure on a regular basis.

To support the provision of affordable and appropriate levels of ferry service to Powell River and Vancouver Island.

To maintain and enhance the Gillies Bay Airport and promote competitive air service.

To consider transportation needs and connectivity as part of the land use and development process.

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### General Policies

Advocate the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure bring all roads up to provincial standards and ensure safe cycling and walking routes.

Advocate BC Ferries and the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to maintain and enhance ferry service from Texada Island to Powell River and Vancouver Island.

Encourage economic aviation initiatives at Gillies Bay Airport to generate revenues and offset costs of ongoing airport maintenance.

Advocate the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to maintain natural resource roads that provide access to areas of interest for outdoor recreation.

Collaborate with BC Transit to maintain and enhance rural para-transit service to serve the needs of residents without access to private transportation.

Encourage community efforts to establish ride-sharing programs to complement the limited rural para-transit service.

Encourage the use of electric vehicles, and the installation of publicly accessible charging stations.

### Planning Advisory Committee

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

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

**5:00-7:30 pm**

Texada Community Hall, Gillies Bay