

# TEXADA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

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We are nearing completion of **Phase 3** of the planning process and a draft **Texada Island Official Community Plan** (OCP) has been prepared. The Area D Official Community Plan - Planning Advisory Select Committee has been playing an important role in reviewing and refining the plan policies and objectives for: Land Use and Development, Land Use Designations, Infrastructure & Servicing, Transportation, Economic Development, Heritage Conservation, and Environmental Protection. The draft plan will be presented to the community for feedback this spring!

## Economic Development

Texada Island is rich in natural resources that have fueled the provincial and regional economy, and provided local employment and contracting opportunities for decades. Industrial mining and forestry, marinas, and commercial recreation are key economic opportunities on the island.

### DID YOU KNOW...

The planning area is home to a diverse array of businesses operating on both private and provincial Crown land. Findings from the 2013 Powell River Regional Business Inventory indicated there were over 100 businesses operating on the island. The primary contributors to the local economy are mining, forestry, accommodation and food services, construction, manufacturing, professional scientific and technical services, retail trade, and agricultural production including cannabis.

### General Objectives

**To support** local business and grow a stable and diversified local economy.

**To promote** economic development that results in sustainable employment opportunities to attract and retain young families.

**To encourage** economic development through tourism, commercial recreation, arts and culture, and services for seniors.

**To ensure** the island's natural resources are managed and used in a sustainable manner to maximize their long-term economic benefits.

**To minimize** negative environmental or social consequences of economic development.

**To encourage** a sustainable agricultural system including sales, distribution and production of local agricultural goods and services, including agri-tourism.

## Heritage Conservation

The Regional District established a Community Heritage Commission on Texada Island for the purposes of undertaking heritage planning and conservation. The Commission serves as an advisory body to the Regional Board on matters relating to heritage conservation on Texada. The Commission is composed of the duly elected executive of the Texada Island Heritage Society.

The Texada Island Heritage Society operates the Texada Heritage Museum located in Van Anda. The museum has a significant collection of artifacts and archival materials on the history of Texada.

Texada Island continues to be important for cultural and traditional use purposes to First Nations. The island contains numerous culturally significant sites and is part of a culturally and archaeologically rich area. The Tla'amin Nation has compiled a relatively thorough information base on the location of cultural sites. Archaeological sites on the Island include village sites, summer campsites, fish traps, pictographs, beach middens and burial sites.

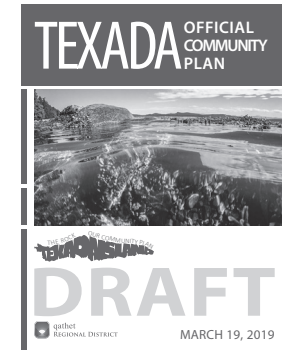
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**To recognize** the importance of heritage to the community.

**To encourage & facilitate** the identification and conservation of historical and archaeological sites within the planning area.

**To foster** an awareness and understanding of the importance of traditional use and culturally significant sites on Texada Island to First Nations including Tla'amin, shishalh and K'omox.

Visit [www.bit.ly/advisory-link](http://www.bit.ly/advisory-link) to see the draft OCP & maps



### Planning Advisory Committee

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

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**  
5:00-7:30 pm  
Royal Canadian Legion, Van Anda



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Note the meeting is on Wednesday this month

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