



DISTRICT OF
OAK BAY

BULLETIN – COMMUNITY MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2019

This bulletin is a brief summary of some of the highlights and key topics that arose from the discussions at the Community Meeting held on October 23, 2019. Official meeting minutes will be made available at www.oakbay.ca

HERITAGE, CHARACTER, AND DEVELOPMENT

- Preservation of community heritage and character
- Improved oversight of developer driven developments; establish more standards
- Increase fees for demolition permits
- Process for Heritage Control Area (HCA)

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Tree loss and retention
- Trees that yield crops
- Installation of more playgrounds
- Migratory bird sanctuary

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OPPORUNITIES

- Public input to Council Committees and Commissions
- Mayor's Task Force on Public Engagement recommendations
- Improved access to information (e.g. agendas, minutes, staff reports, background material, etc.)
- Increased opportunities for public input earlier in municipal processes

OAK BAY VILLAGE

- Comprehensive Village Plan
- More uniqueness between shops
- Barrier free access to shops
- Pedestrian safety

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CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Development of District initiatives
- Community involvement
- More EV Charging stations
- Increased options for sustainable transportation
- Installation of recycling bins at significant municipal locations (e.g. Oak Bay Village, Willows Beach)
- Wildlife concerns (e.g. deer and raccoons)

HOUSING

- Affordability
- Rental Stock
- Rental Zones
- Attracting younger residents
- Housing Strategy

DISTRICT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Review of policies and bylaws
- Improved transparency on District procedures
- Designate more time for public input at Public Hearings
- Inclusion of Age Friendly BC Initiatives
- Information on how water and sewer charges are billed (utility vs property tax bills)
- First Nations relationships

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increased management and funding: Present and future
- Underground utilities and impacts to boulevards
- Separated Sewers
- Increased pressure on existing infrastructure by development

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