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Community Visioning Workshops and Open Houses Announced for Oak Bay

The District of Oak Bay is pleased to announce the launch of a series of visioning workshops and open houses as the first phase of public consultation leading to a renewal of the official community plan (OCP). These workshops will take place in the last week of May and the first week of June across Oak Bay and are open to interested members of the community.

The workshops are just a few of the exciting opportunities Oak Bay residents will have in the coming year to contribute ideas to the development of the renewed OCP. In addition, there will be a community survey in the Fall, ongoing opportunities to provide written submissions, attend open houses and follow progress through ongoing website and media updates. Input from the community is critical to helping shape the desired future of the community.

Mayor Nils Jensen stressed “This initiative is probably the most comprehensive undertaking that the current elected council will lead. The renewed Official Community Plan will guide the development of this community for the next 20 years.”

“While the population of Oak Bay is not growing, it is changing” said OPAC Committee Chair, Councilor Pam Copley. “Our long term residents have told us they want to stay and need more choice in their housing options once they can no longer remain in their homes. Our first rate schools, beaches and parks attract young families to Oak Bay, but high housing costs make it difficult for them to come here to live. We want to maintain the best of what we have while identifying options that will help to guide us in the future.”

The visioning workshops are designed to address specific perspectives such as parks, recreation, arts and culture, education, business and social and community services. Input from these sessions will assist in building a solid foundation of policies to guide the community's future.

Participation in the upcoming workshops is by invitation to individuals with expertise in a defined area and through pre-registration for those residents interested in attending. Seating is limited so interested residents are asked to register in advance at oakbayocp@oakbay.ca or by calling the Municipal Hall at 250-598-3311.

The community open houses are open so residents are invited to drop in and provide their input on any topic related to the renewal of the Official Community Plan.

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