DISTRICT OF

OAK BAY

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

This bulletin is a brief summary of some of the highlights and key topics that arose from the discussions at the Community Meetings held on October 2, October 23 and November 4, 2019. Official meeting minutes are available at www.oakbay.ca

HOUSING

- Secondary Suites Study
- Affordability and housing options
- Attracting younger residents

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Regulations to restrict size of homes
- Incentives for renovations and retention of existing homes; increased fees for demolitions
- Process for obtaining a building permit to undertake residential renovations
- Concerns around blasting regulations
- Tree retention
- Overdevelopment

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Public input to Council, Committees and Commissions
- Mayor's Task force on Public Engagement recommendations
- Increased advertising for the three community meetings held in 2019
- Increased opportunities for public input earlier in municiapl processes

HERITAGE

- Preservation of community heritage and character
- Improved oversight of developer driven developments; establish more standards

TRAFFIC

- Update on 2016 Speed Study
- Pedestrian safety
- Volume on residential roads

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Food security and regenerative agriculture
- Support for the proposed Climate Action Working Group and District initiatives
- Recycling and reusing materials from home demolitions including landscaping
- Installation of recycling bins at municipal locations

MUNICIPAL POLICIES AND PROCESSES

- Timelines for the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA)
- Property taxes
- Predominantly residential tax base in the community
- Oak Bay Village Plan
- Review of policies and bylaws

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Underground utilities and impacts to boulevards
- Separated sewers
- Upgrading and maintenance of roads
- Maintenance Plan and funding
- Increased pressure on existing infrastructure by development

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