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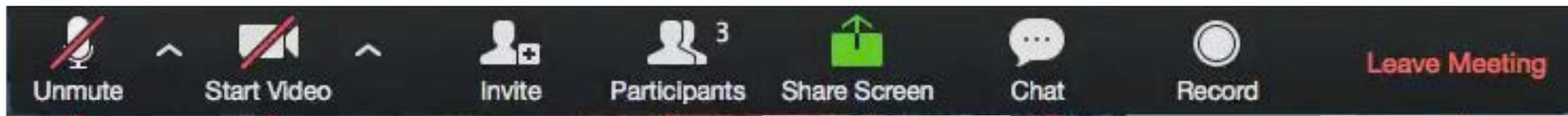
**Electoral Area “A”**

**Rural Osoyoos**

# OCP Update

Advisory Planning Commission – Meeting #3

June 22, 2020



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# Agenda

- **Community Profile**
  - Electoral Area “A” Today
- **Project Overview**
  - Work-to-date and consultation
- **OCP Update**
  - Working draft highlights
- **What’s Next?**
  - Next Steps

# Community Profile

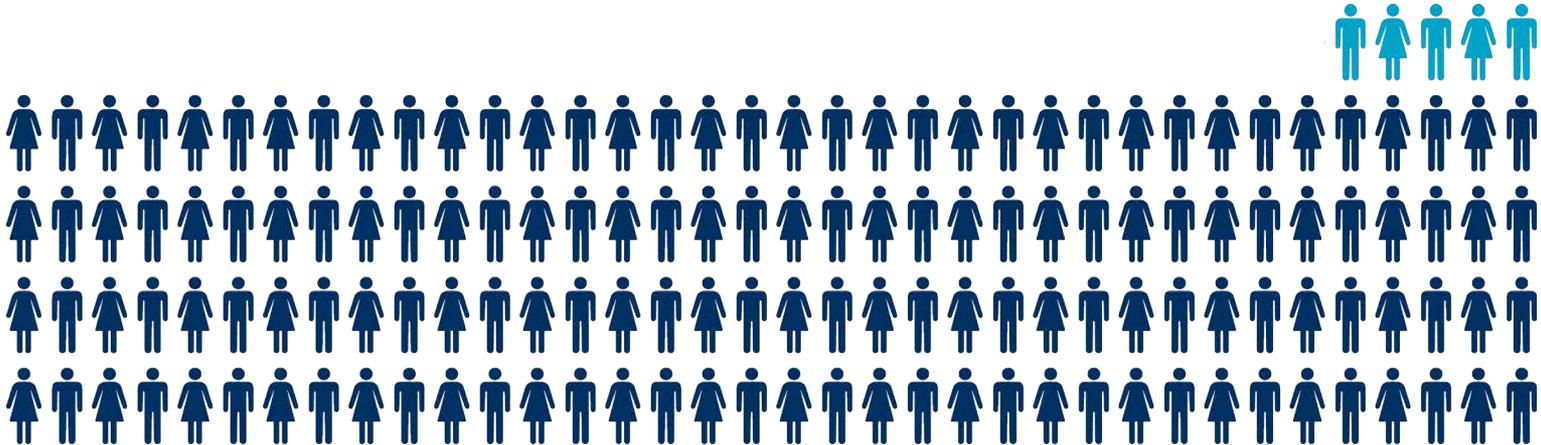
Area "A" Today



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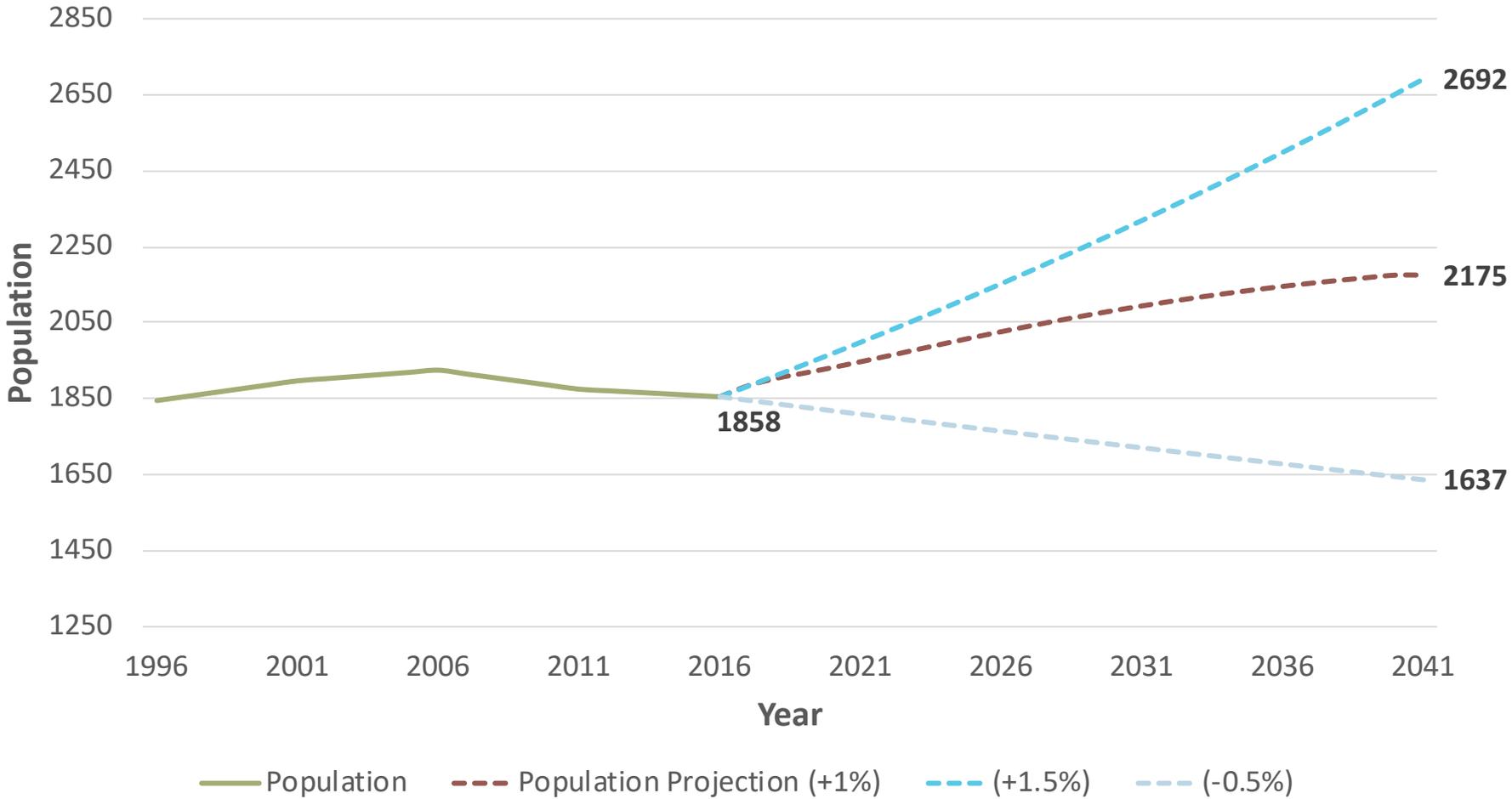
## POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Our population is stable, but in slight decline.



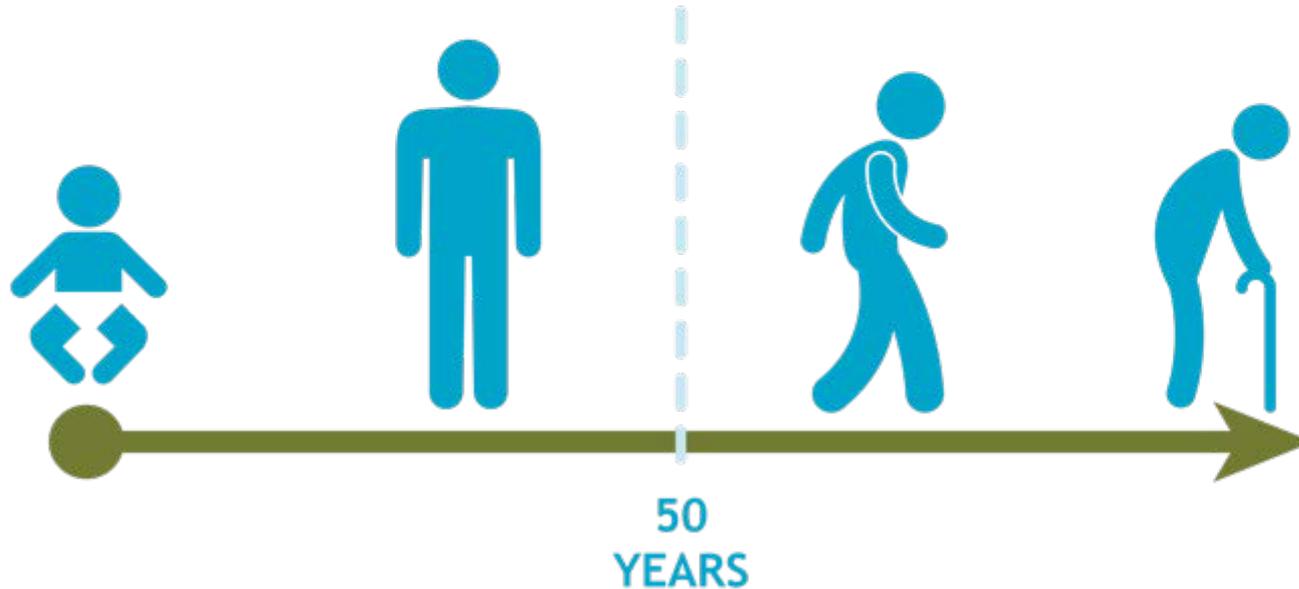
Between 2011 and 2016, the population shrank by about **34** people or 2%.

# POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS



## POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Our population is getting older.



Our population **over the age of 50** makes the largest proportion (46%) of the population. The median age was **58**, which is 15 years greater than the provincial median (43).

# Water supply and water quality is an important issue.



Electoral Area “A” is dry region that is being affected by a changing climate. Throughout South Okanagan, water supply, water quality and capacity is a major issue for current residents, new residential development, and agriculture.

Climate change is a growing concern.



Electoral Area “A” is subject to significant and growing climate change hazards, like drought, wildfires, and heat waves. Climate change adaptation and preparedness is an important consideration now and into the future.

Important cultural sites and sensitive environmental areas need safeguarding.



Electoral Area “A” is home to many unique environmental features, a high number of species at risk, and important Indigenous cultural sites like Spotted Lake. Significant portions of sensitive habitat have been provincially recognized and protected.

# Project Overview

Work-to-date

# Project Overview



# Community Engagement

- **Community survey**

- 100 responses (5% response rate)
- 46 respondents provided emails for further contact
- majority of respondents found out via postcard, newsletter or website (75%) – 1 respondent heard from APC member

- **Project newsletter, website, postcard**

- Project postcards sent to all households
- Project website and info hub
- Intro newsletter

- **Growers Supply Conference (Feb.27)**

- Reaching out to Area farmers



A flyer titled "GET INVOLVED!" with the sub-header "Help plan your community's future!". The main text states: "The RDOS is working on a project to review and update our Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area 'A'. Work started on our project in November 2019 and we expect to complete it by September 2020." Below this are three bullet points: "What are the most important issues the OCP Update should highlight?", "Are there new issues that we need to address?", and "What kinds of policies can help achieve the future you want for Area 'A'?". To the right is a computer monitor displaying the project website. Contact information for Christopher Garrish, Planning Manager, is provided: email "cgarrish@rdos.bc.ca", phone "250-490-4101 / 1-877-610-3737", and website "www.rdos.bc.ca". At the bottom, it says "Visit the project web page at www.rdos.bc.ca to learn more about the project and participate in our community survey." and includes a logo of three stylized figures.

# Community Survey highlights

- **Community Values**

- Rural lifestyle, access to nature and recreational opportunities

- **Community Needs**

- Services (high speed Internet, natural gas), health services

- **Community Challenges**

- Wildfire (Anarchist Mountain)
- Aging population, environmental protection, services (water & sewer)

# Community Survey highlights

- **2004 Broad Goals**
  - Yes, values included – 58%
  - Mostly, but could be expanded – 34%
- **Town of Osoyoos Boundary expansion**
  - Support, 43%
  - Don't support, 57%
  - Some misunderstanding around question as area was not identified - a significant proportion of "Don't support" (~55%) appear to be Anarchist Mountain residents
- **Existing Rural Growth Areas**
  - 69% support, 31% don't support
  - However....comments indicate that existing development is sufficient on Anarchist Mountain despite empty lots

# Community Survey highlights

- **Should the updated OCP include specific policies to address the proposed National Park Reserve**
  - Yes – 62%
  - No – 38%
- **Should updated OCP include policies to support climate adaptation and preparedness?**
  - Support, 71%
  - Don't support, 29%
- **Should updated OCP include policies to address water quality and resources?**
  - Support, 73%
  - Don't support, 27%

# Community Survey highlights

- **Should housing options and affordability be more specifically addressed in updated OCP?**
  - Yes, 58%
  - No, 42%

# OCP Update

Working Draft Highlights and Overview

# Working Draft OCP

- Restructured and easier to use
- Background data and other information updated (population projections, new and updated Provincial Acts like *Water Act*, etc.)
- A new Vision and updated supporting Broad Goals
- Expanded chapters based on community goals (e.g., Climate Adaptation)
- Updated map Schedules
- Local Area Policies section – consistent with recent OCP updates
- ~85% unchanged – whole sections carried over from current OCP, other additions consistent with recent OCP updates

## Vision

*Electoral Area “A” is a predominantly rural region made up of smaller settlement areas and neighbourhoods. Residents value its rural character and preserving and stewarding its important agricultural areas, natural habitats, and recreation areas. Residents are also committed to ensuring water resources are well-managed and protected for residential and agricultural uses and ecosystem health and wellbeing.*



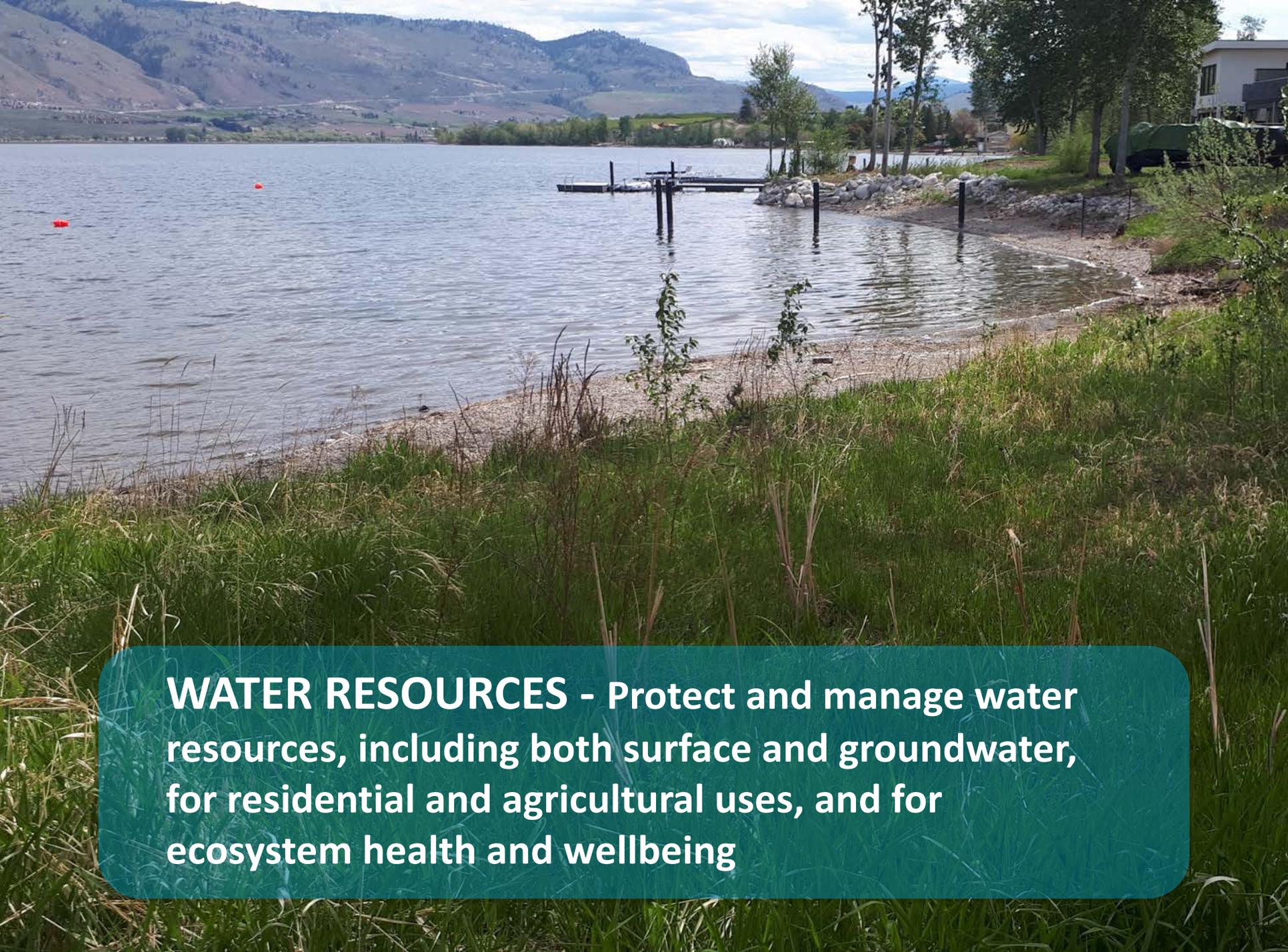
**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - Steward and protect the area's natural features and systems, including sensitive and endangered ecosystems, fish and wildlife habitats, and wildlife corridors**

# Natural Environment



**EXPANDED** Parks, Recreation, and Trails section that is consistent with other recent Electoral Area OCP updates

**NEW** policy to review OCP for consistency with any National Park Reserve proposal approved by the Federal Government and which affects lands within the Plan Area



**WATER RESOURCES** - Protect and manage water resources, including both surface and groundwater, for residential and agricultural uses, and for ecosystem health and wellbeing

# Water Resources



**NEW AND EXPANDED** water efficiency, conservation and management policies throughout and in all land use designations

**NEW** Basin Lakes designation (across entire RDOS) to promote the major lakes in the Valley for community and visitor use, while also seeking to enhance protection and stewardship

A photograph of a construction site for infrastructure services. In the foreground, there is a blue safety fence. Behind the fence, a utility pole stands next to a sign. The sign has a header with a logo and several lines of text, including a list of items with colored squares. In the background, there are buildings and hills under a clear sky.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES** - Improve and support the development of new infrastructure, including community water and sanitary sewer systems operated by the Regional District or Town of Osoyoos and improved internet connectivity.

# Infrastructure Services



**NEW AND EXPANDED** policies around supporting improved services - water, wastewater, communications (Internet) that are consistent with other recent Electoral Area OCP updates



**AGRICULTURE - Maintain existing and encourage new, compatible agricultural activities in the Agricultural Land Reserve, while limiting subdivision of designated agricultural properties.**

# Agriculture



**EXPANDED** focus on better protecting working agricultural lands

**REVISED** policies brought in line with new provincial Agricultural Land Reserve Policies



**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING - Provide the opportunity for limited new growth and housing options for all age groups, while ensuring new housing development maintains the area's rural character.**

# Residential development and housing



**NEW** policies around environmentally sensitive development, and water smart development

**NEW** Policies around protecting rural character

**NEW** Local Area section consistent with other recently updated Electoral Area OCPs

# Residential Development & Growth Management

**NEW** policy to review the suitability of Willow Beach and Anarchist Mountain as Rural Growth Areas when the Regional Growth Strategy is reviewed or updated



# Residential Development & Growth Management

**NEW** policy to consider designating Commercial designated area of “Village”, should area remain a Rural Growth Area after Regional Growth Strategy review.

This designation would support a range of higher density housing types from row housing to apartments, commercial uses, and cultural, administrative, or institutional uses.





**TRANSPORTATION - Maintain a safe and efficient transportation system for all road users.**

# Transportation



**NEW AND EXPANDED** policies around supporting cycling, transit, and road safety that are consistent with other recent Electoral Area OCP updates.



**COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING - Promote community health and offer supports and services for all generations.**

# Wellbeing - Climate Change and Hazards

**NEW** policies that support ongoing public education to help residents understand changing risks posed by climate change (e.g., drought, heat waves, flooding, wildfire) and take actions to address them and improve community resiliency

**UPDATED** New Flood Hazard Areas (200-year floodplain) with new 2020 modeling that incorporates new climate change impacts that are impacting flooding



**Osoyoos Indian Band Engagement and Collaboration.** Improve and expand communications, consultation and engagement with the Osoyoos Indian Band.

# Osoyoos Indian Band



**NEW AND EXPANDED** policies to seek opportunities to work with Osoyoos Indian Band to recognize, protect and, where appropriate and feasible, interpret important cultural sites and features in the Plan Area

**NEW** policies supporting for the stewardship kłilix<sup>w</sup> (Spotted Lake), including designating surrounding federally-owned parcels from Resource Area (RA) to Conservation Area (RA)

# What's Next?

Next Steps

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# Next Steps

- Draft OCP
  - Continued development of Draft OCP and maps – Map Schedules and maps for Schedule 'A' (OCP bylaw text)
  - Draft OCP review by APC
  - Second round RDOS staff review
  - Preliminary referrals/info sessions – Town of Osoyoos, OBWB, OIB, SOSCP, Interior Health)

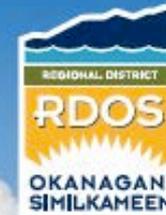
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- Engagement & Consultation
  - Community Survey 2, newsletter, and mailout
  - Osoyoos Farmers Market pop-ups
  - Anarchist Mountain Community Association-follow-up
  - Direct follow-ups with survey respondents who provided emails
  - Open house style event – to be structured to follow Provincial public health guidance

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YOUR HOME.  
YOUR FUTURE.  
YOUR PLAN.

*Photo by Scott Richards, CCby-nd*

## GET INVOLVED!

### Help plan your community's future!

The RDOS is working on a project to review and update our Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area "A". Work started on our project in November 2019 and now we've completed a draft for residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to review. While much of the OCP hasn't changed too much, some of the things that have include:

- ▶ *Refined broad goals and a new community vision*
- ▶ *Expanded policies in areas you told us were important, including protecting the area's rural lifestyle, water conservation, climate resilience*

Take the community survey and tell us if we got them right. Visit the project web page at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) to learn more about the OCP Update and to participate in our second community survey.



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**Thank you!**