

What is an Official Community Plan?

An OCP is a planning document that provides a blueprint and map for a community's future. It is created to guide decisions on planning and land use management by establishing a long-term vision, supporting goals and objectives, and policies to achieve them.

The Electoral Area "G" OCP introduces land use designations for each parcel within the Plan Area as is illustrated on Schedule 'B' of the Plan (Official Community Plan Map).

The policies contained in the OCP relate to these land use designations and future use and development of land within the Plan Area must be consistent with these policies. Importantly, an OCP is a policy document and is not regulatory.

Who uses the OCP?

The Regional Board, staff, and provincial agencies are guided by the OCP when making decisions about development in the community.

NOTE: Besides the OCP and its policies, other provincial regulations are also applicable to parcels within the Plan Area, such as the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation*.

Planning Process

The preparation of the Electoral Area "G" Official Community Plan (OCP) was the subject of community input, including the "Let's Talk Land Use" survey (2019) as well as resident surveys, open houses, community focus groups, and a citizen's committee (2020-22).

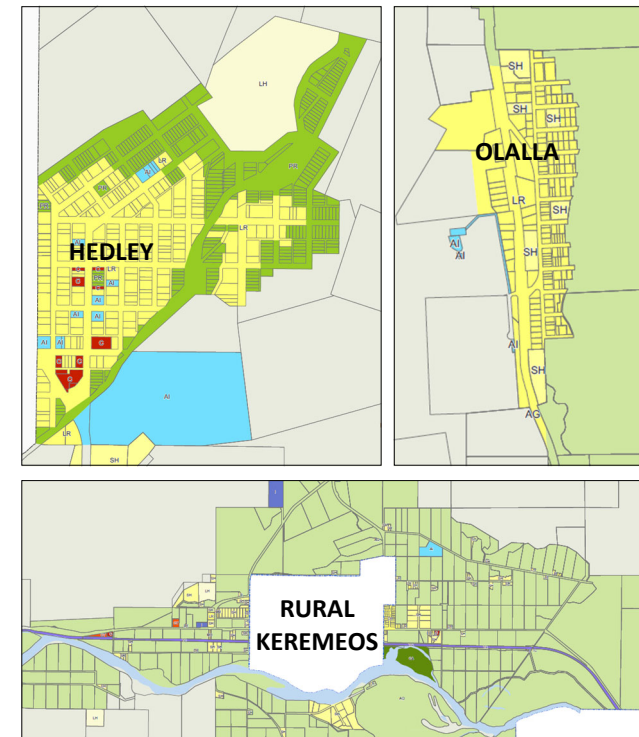


An Official Community Plan is not a static document and is intended to be adaptable to new trends within society and responsive to changing circumstances within the community.

Accordingly, the contents of an OCP will change over time and residents are encouraged to contact the Regional District at 250-492-0237 or planning@rdos.bc.ca to confirm if the information contained in this brochure is current.

The Electoral Area "G" OCP, including the maps, can be found at (see Regional By-laws page): www.rdos.bc.ca

Electoral Area "G" Official Community Plan



Sections from the OCP Map

A Guide to the Bylaw

The following is an informal summary of the Regional District Board's objective for each of the land use designations in the OCP:

Resource Area (Section 8.0)

The Plan Area's beauty and rural character distinguishes it from other communities and therefore, preserving this uniqueness for future generations is a priority of the Plan.

Agriculture (Section 9.0)

Agriculture is a vital contributor to local food security, jobs and community well-being. The Plan encourages the preservation and promotion of sustainable, eco-friendly, agricultural uses.

Rural Holdings (Section 10.0)

Maintaining the rural character, preserving the natural environment and agricultural land base of Electoral Area "G" is a key goal of the Plan and is encouraged to be retained.

Residential (Section 11.0)

The value of the residential lands and housing within the Plan Area is recognized and the Plan supports a variety of housing types to be accommodated within the community.

Commercial (Section 12.0)

The Plan acknowledges that efforts must be made to collaborate with neighbouring communities to meet the commercial needs of

the residents of Electoral Area "G".

Industrial (Section 13.0)

The Plan acknowledges that collaborative efforts with neighbouring communities are required to support the industrial activities for residents of Electoral Area "G".

Administrative, Cultural & Institutional (s. 14)

It is recognized that collaborative efforts with neighbouring communities are required to meet the administrative, cultural, and institutional needs of the residents of the Plan Area.

Parks Recreation & Trails (Section 15.0)

The Plan recognizes the importance of parks and trails in the Plan Area for residents' enjoyment as well as tourism purposes. The Plan also recognizes the high cultural and heritage value of historic structures in the Area.

Natural Environment & Conservation (s. 16.0)

The Plan recognizes the importance of protecting key natural habitats and riparian areas and encourages measures to enhance areas inhabited by species at risk in Electoral Area "G".



Hazard Lands (Section 17.0)

The Plan recognizes the risks associated with flooding, wildfires, and slides in Electoral Area "G" and encourages measures to protect residents and their property.

Transportation (Section 18.0)

In an area as vast as Electoral Area "G", effective, efficient, and environmentally sensitive transportation is key to social well being. The Plan supports the provision of a multi-modal transportation system and a secure trail network for the community.

Infrastructure & Servicing (Section 19.0)

The Plan recognizes that collaboration with other levels of government is required to provide the necessary infrastructure and servicing requirements in Electoral Area "G". Establishing long-term sustainable sewage collection, disposal, and treatment methods is supported by the Plan.

Aggregate and Mineral Resources (s. 20.0)

The Plan recognizes the need to work in collaboration with provincial regulatory agencies for new proposals in Electoral Area "G".

Climate Change and Adaptation (s. 21.0)

Protection of natural habitats and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through housing, infrastructure, transportation, waste management initiatives is encouraged for addressing climate change.