PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1 – OCP KICK-OFF EVENT

Date:	January 25, 2020
Location:	Port Hardy Recreation Center
Introductory comments:	Mayor, Dennis Dugas, District of Port Hardy
	Chief Councillor, Ross Hunt, Kwakiutl Band
Number of attendees:	55 participants (signed in)

Poster Post-it Note Comments

25 poster boards were set up along two walls in the gym. The boards set out specifics around such matters as "what is an OCP?", "why is the OCP being updated?", and "what is normally included in an OCP?" plus a number of other associated topics. Within a number of the boards was space to provide post-it note comments in relation to some key, foundational questions. Below is a summary of the comments provided.

Housing

- ✓ Subsidized housing for seniors
- ✓ Safe, tiny homes
- ✓ Affordable housing
- ✓ Smaller minimum permissible house sizes
- ✓ Micro-home communities
- ✓ Bylaws should allow small footprint homes and options for off-grid services
- ✓ District should promote rancher housing for future seniors
- ✓ More low-income housing
- ✓ Family sized apartments or housing (need)
- ✓ Housing/ apartments need to be kept to livable standards
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Fine apartment owners for slum conditions
- ✓ Rental housing should have stricter standards enforced by local government
- ✓ Housing projects for professionals moving to our community – they don't come because there's no where to live
- ✓ Apartments and rental should be required to have licensed repair people that can certify their work

Employment & Economy

- ✓ Economic and Industrial growth
- ✓ Industrial mine open to increase employment opportunities
- ✓ "Outside the box" employment opportunities (with a sustainability lens)

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- ✓ More flexibility and support from the District for small business
- ✓ Tourism attractions
- ✓ Incentives to encourage new industry especially green industry
- ✓ Maximize use of the natural harbour, respecting environmental concerns and within reasonable commitment of public funds

Downtown

- ✓ Downtown revitalization
- ✓ Address vacant derelict buildings
- ✓ Create a vibrant core
- ✓ Put pressure on commercial building owners to fix them up. Make it mandatory
- ✓ Use empty store front for residential – add life to market street

Seniors

- ✓ Seniors housing, help in homes, food services for seniors, transportation for seniors
- ✓ Seniors center with paid staff
- ✓ Youth/ Seniors – movie theatre with reclining chairs

Youth

- ✓ Youth center is needed
- ✓ Youth representative on Council

Recreation

- ✓ Public facilities need to be for public use e.g. pickle ball at civic center and the dividing wall
- ✓ Better recreational facilities for seniors to play carpet bowling and shuffleboard
- ✓ Make maps of hiking trails and have them in as many public places as possible

Food Security

- ✓ Food security – more agricultural uses should be permitted (particularly RR1)
- ✓ Agricultural land
- ✓ Opportunities for small acreages and small-scale agriculture (e.g. Hyde Creek)
- ✓ We need large rural lots where agriculture is allowed
- ✓ Bylaws to reduce pesticide and herbicide use on residential lawns/ gardens
- ✓ Encourage and support local and regional food production

Climate change

- ✓ A climate change lens should be applied to the OCP
- ✓ We need some good ideas to reduce greenhouse gases

Natural environment

- ✓ Preserving ecosystem health in relation to land development
- ✓ Protect timber close to town to provide animal habitat
- ✓ Preserve our natural assets
- ✓ Protect from forces of nature (e.g. fire and flooding)

Community Well-Being

- ✓ Education funding discussion (class size and composition)

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- ✓ Schools need to be updated
- ✓ First Nations representation on the School Board
- ✓ Resurrect Citizens on Patrol or Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Disability access to all facilities as well as housing
- ✓ Public washroom disabled toilets need higher grab bars
- ✓ Good looking town
- ✓ Brighter lighting in trouble spots
- ✓ Liquor store should be moved to the outskirts of the community

Mobility

- ✓ Bicycle corridor from town to Storey's Beach

Other

- ✓ "Out of the box" thinking
- ✓ Broader vision on new ways to implement change
- ✓ Follow through with an action plan
- ✓ Need goals and objectives that are specific and measurable
- ✓ Make policy that no one will live in deplorable conditions in a state of emergency
- ✓ Water is the dollar factor for Port Hardy – look at Port McNeill
- ✓ Direction for Council is important as well as for investors
- ✓ The plan should follow through

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Comment Sheets

27 comment forms were filled out and submitted at the event. The following is a breakdown of the feedback provided.

How did you hear about this Open House?

Sign	Website	Newspaper	Facebook	Other
2	3	8	13	7*

*Council (3) /Newsletter in utility bill (1) /Email (1)

How would you prefer to be notified of future events?

Sign	Website	Newspaper	Facebook	Other
3	8	8	13	6*

*Email (5) /Newsletter (1)

Preferred time for a public open house?

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Weekday	0	4	10
Weekend	5	19	12

What would encourage you to attend future events?

- ✓ Multiple opportunities, so if one is missed, there is another
- ✓ Open discussion on issues
- ✓ Seeing forward movement i.e. plans for economic growth
- ✓ Lots of prior information
- ✓ Things being free
- ✓ A fairly specific topic for each event – not too open ended or non-specific
- ✓ Responding/ providing good information
- ✓ Coffee/ cake
- ✓ Child minding so parent can attend
- ✓ Progress
- ✓ Wine, cheese and chocolate

Any suggestions for future events?

- ✓ Water cooler
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Public drunkenness and harassment
- ✓ Mix of weekday and weekend meetings to allow for all to access
- ✓ Continued improvement of facilities for community

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- ✓ Housing for seniors
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ New industry
- ✓ Climate change
- ✓ Reconciliation
- ✓ Sustainable livelihoods
- ✓ Seniors meal supply
- ✓ Smaller residential units
- ✓ Help to manage individual needs
- ✓ Derelict buildings
- ✓ Parks & recreation
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Economy
- ✓ Comparative examples from other communities
- ✓ Zip line
- ✓ PowerPoint with explanations and opinions from others
- ✓ Youth need to be consulted
- ✓ Small farms
- ✓ Funding in our educational system

Summary

The information collected from this event will be used to inform logistics around upcoming events. In addition, input will be used to inform the broader OCP process and the content develop through that.

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