

## Parksville OCP Update Information

The City of Parksville is updating the Official Community Plan (OCP) and during the process which is expected to take between 18 and 24 months, there will be many opportunities for the public to help shape the future of Parksville. The OCP update will be led by the City's Community Planning Department, a citizen advisory committee and supported by HB Lanarc as the consultants for the update.

In July, the City advertised for candidates for the OCP advisory committee. This committee is tasked with overseeing the process and providing advice to staff, the consultant and Council on the community engagement and to monitor the quality and outcomes of the process. The deadline for applications was extended by two weeks to ensure sufficient time to respond. The 28 applications received by the deadline of August 10, represent a broad cross section of the community. These applications will now be reviewed and appointment of committee members will be made by Council in September.

Throughout the OCP update process, the public will have the opportunity to participate in such activities as public forums and open houses, community workshops including a youth workshop, focus groups, a charrette, quality of life survey, as well as online tools and information. Throughout the process, information will be provided to citizens on a dedicated OCP section of the City's website. <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wplD=340>

As well, Council adopted a resolution to include sustainability as a focus for the OCP update. The City is seeking a \$90,000 Green Municipal Fund grant (through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities) to assist with the creation of the plan which will include a sustainable vision and measurable targets.

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