

## **Parksville OCP Advisory Committees Announced**

**PARKSVILLE, BC:** A total of 18 citizen advisors will assist the City of Parksville through the process to review the Official Community Plan. The City's OCP process is called *Parksville Plan 2020: A Vision For Our Future* and the purpose is to create a strong vision and strategic direction for a bright and sustainable future for all residents in Parksville.

The OCP advisory committee structure was approved by Council on September 20 and consists of two advisory committees, each with nine members -- the OCP Citizen Advisory Committee and the OCP Community Advisory Committee. Both advisory committees will review the overall update process equally and will have related but slightly different tasks.

At the Council meeting on October 4, City of Parksville Council approved the members for the Citizen Advisory Committee and the OCP Community Advisory Committee. Members were chosen by Council and are appointed for a term of up to 18 months. At this meeting, Council thanked residents for their willingness to put their names forward.

Members of the OCP Citizen Advisory Committee are as follows:

Gerald Beaudry	Mary Beil
Sam Cosco	Joseph Forsyth
Marilyn Hahn	Don Luke
Charna Macfie	John O'Brien
Caroline Waters	

Members of the OCP Community Advisory Committee are as follows:

Gary Child	Michele Deakin
Manly LaFoy	Doug O'Brien
Norman Patterson	Faye Smith
Maggie Towns	Anthony Veselisin
David Wallace	

An OCP is an important document that sets direction for growth, transportation, housing, services and infrastructure while considering health, diversity, the natural environment, climate change, and the local economy. This review will be an open and inclusive process that actively engages the community in meaningful discussions on these and other issues in order to develop a long-term vision for Parksville's future, and a means to achieve it.

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