

## **Parksville OCP: Vision in Action Youth Forums**

Parksville, BC — On November 24 and November 27, youth of Parksville came together to discuss the future of Parksville. The two forums were successfully organized by members of The Hand, the youth group of the Parksville Qualicum Community Foundation, along with the City's OCP consultant, HB Lanarc. The forums provided young people with the opportunity to voice their opinion about the future of their Parksville. Topic conversations for the two days included the subjects listed here:

**Our Places: Parksville in 2010**

(Asset mapping, places of interest to youth)

**Dreaming of a New Parksville in 2020**

(Visioning)

**I Wanna Be There!**

(Transportation, getting around the way youth do)

**Living Within Our Means**

(Youth economics, youth poverty, youth income inequality, housing, jobs)

**Getting Connected**

(Two-way communication with youth, organizations, being engaged)

**Our Island on the Edge**

(Parksville as part of a bigger world, sustainability, growth, demographics )

The results of the youth forum discussions are now available on the City's website at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=358>

A series of *Create Our Future* workshops were held in October and November, attended by about 200 participants who provided their comments in workbook format. These comments provided by residents during the workshops are now online and the same questions are available in survey format on the City's website until January 3, 2011. <http://parksville.ca/ocp>

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