Section VII

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

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Residents in Nanoose Bay place a high value on involvement in the decisions that affect their community. The Community Values Statement speaks strongly to implementing community direction and involving citizens in decision-making.

7.1 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

Residents in Nanoose Bay indicated a strong interest in regional and interjurisdictional issues that impact the Plan Area. This interest in community also reaches beyond the boundaries of Electoral Area ‘E. From plans to improve pedestrian and cycle path access, to park planning and environmental protection, residents in Nanoose Bay maintain a high level of interest in their community. Residents’ support continued opportunities for community involvement in decisions that affect the Plan Area and region.

Objectives:

1. Recognize that the OCP maintains a vision of full community involvement in the issues that affect Nanoose Bay.

2. Implement the goals and objectives of the OCP through government and community actions and the accountability of elected officials, staff, and community members.

3. Provide for sustainable economically efficient servicing and support full communication between jurisdictions on this issue.

Policies:

1. Applications to amend this OCP or other applications to develop land which may affect the interests of other jurisdictions (member municipalities, regional, provincial, federal and Crown corporations) shall be referred to all relevant jurisdictions.

2. The RDN shall support the development of standards for roads, sewer systems, water systems and environmental protection that are equivalent to those of the member municipalities.

3. There shall be public consultation in the implementation of planning policies.

4. The RDN will inform the public about local issues through use of the Internet, Regional Perspectives and Electoral Area Updates.