To the Regional District of Nanaimo
Electoral Area ‘A’ OCP Review,
Visioning Workshop

December 6, 2008
Vision 2033

• What I love about Area A
• What I want more of by 2033
• What would the “best future” look like?

Ideas, Phrases, Priorities (not Poetry)
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| 9:45  | Presentation by Greg Keller  
- process and principles  
- community mapping results  
- visioning (what is it, why do we need it) |
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| 1:30  | Discussion |
| 2:00  | Closing |
Electoral Area ‘A’
Official Community Plan Review
Sustainability Principles
Workshop Results
Common Themes

- Sense of Place
- Complexity
- Equity
- Ecological Integrity
- Participation
- Efficiency
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<td>Educate, reinforce and preserve local history</td>
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<td>Sustainable logging</td>
<td>Regulate the size of property and number of houses per lot to sustain rural community feel.</td>
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Maintain functioning rural landscapes
## Sense of Place

**What the Community Said**

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<th>Safe place founded on the knowledge that individuals are cared for</th>
<th>Protect and keep local schools to give children a sense of place</th>
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<td>Parks playground</td>
<td>Venues for youth and seniors</td>
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<td>No widening highways</td>
<td>Build safe sidewalks to maintain a healthy community</td>
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Build an active community that connects people
Draft Principles – Sense of Place

1. Preserve local history and rural character.
2. Maintain functioning rural landscapes.
3. Build an active community that connects people.
Adapt to nature’s complexity, diversity, and unpredictability

| Harmony and balance whilst meeting shared needs. | Model human communities on the complexity and diversity of the whole. |
| Decisions need to consider unexpected and or unintended effects. | Future planning must consider the complexity of the impact of peak oil and climate change and thereby plan for a changing paradigm (more personal food production, alternative transportation to car, etc.). |
| Recognize nature’s unpredictability, and prepare for natural disasters. | Our ecosystems are stable when diverse and complex. |

Adapt to nature’s complexity, diversity, and unpredictability
### Complexity

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<th>Triple bottom line accounting</th>
<th>Economic, social and environmental factors are interdependent and must be considered together.</th>
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<td>Responsible evaluation of all factors by criteria (standards) independent of any one group’s interests.</td>
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<td>Agriculture and forestry need encouragement. They need access to the best market.</td>
<td>Controlled growth allowing for preservation of the environment and the rural nature of the area outside of the village.</td>
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Consider the needs of future generations in today’s decisions.
Draft Principles – Complexity

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Respect the community’s diversity

**Equity**

**What the Community Said**

- Recognize that the community includes all levels of economic diversity when making decisions on community planning.
- Residents interests to be given at least as much weight as developers.
- Recognize the diverse income levels that exist in electoral Area A when making decisions. There is very low to medium to high incomes all within the community.
- Young people – opportunity to put down roots.
- Keeping our children in Cedar – keeping it affordable for them to live here.
- Include all levels of economic diversity in community planning.
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<td>Alternative transportation options to be given equal status</td>
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<td>Paved road shoulders</td>
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<td>Develop walking and biking trails</td>
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<td>Provide more liveable space in areas that are not farm land</td>
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Develop a safe healthy community for all residents
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<td>1. Don’t permit development that threatens essential water quality and quantity needs of the region</td>
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<td>2. Preservation of biodiversity</td>
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<td>3. Become a model for ecological integrity.</td>
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<td>4. Reduce the impact of human activities on the environment. Save the world!</td>
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<td>5. Live in harmony with nature</td>
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<td>6. Protect all our water resources</td>
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<td>7. Encourage personal responsibility</td>
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**Ecological Integrity**

**What the Community Said**
Ecolgical Integrity
What the Community Said

Incorporate rigorous precautionary principles in the OCP/ RGS

Seriously recognizing the wealth of nature i.e. make the environment as important as the economy

Maintain the UCB to reflect the ecosystems and habitat that provide

Allow the free flow of water systems

Nature has intrinsic value
1. Commit to environmental stewardship and conservation.
2. Nature has intrinsic value
## Participation

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<td>Develop an open communication between the RDN and the local community.</td>
<td>Work towards our local community having a stronger voice.</td>
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<td>More local power to local people.</td>
<td>Encourage participation of community groups.</td>
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<td>All inclusive, interest focused, open and safe.</td>
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<th>The facts and nothing but the facts and <strong>NO</strong> fibs</th>
<th>Full participation can only be accomplished if all involved are in possession of all the facts – i.e. no hidden agendas</th>
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<td>Process must be recorded and auditable to the OCP outcome.</td>
<td>Provide full information to the public before decisions are made.</td>
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**Transparency and clarity of process**
Draft Principles – Participation

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<td>Efficient transportation</td>
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<td>Reduce external inputs.</td>
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<td>Increase local production</td>
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Provide services in an efficient and cost effective manner.
## Efficiency

### What the Community Said

| Getting off the grid and/or adding to the grid | Support local food production. |
| Use local resources first. | Support best practices for development. |
| Community exchange network for local small producers | Local market for area products – accessible and sheltered |

Support and strengthen the local economy.
### Efficiency

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<td>Reduce reliance on the automobile</td>
<td>Emphasize the importance of rail nodes.</td>
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Community Visioning
Community Vision

Brings citizens together to develop a shared image of what they want their community to become.

Area A – Voted Best Place to Live in 2033
Community Vision

- Involves everyone
- Compelling future image of the community
- Attainable
- Expresses values & future hopes
- Implementable
- Regularly used and shared
Hornby Islander’s have envisioned a future based on our community strengths and our desire to remain a diverse, sustainable and viable community. Central to this vision are the values that we share as a community ...
Example Vision Statement

Ajax, Ontario

A vibrant and caring community
• where people and history connect.

Surrounded by natural beauty
• where open spaces and unique landscapes set us apart

Rich in opportunity
• where ideas and innovation flourish
Principles to Policy – Area A OCP

Vision

Principles
Principles to Policy – Area A OCP

Mapping Sessions

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Purpose:

To engage and involve local citizens in the development of a community vision that will guide the development and implementation of the OCP
Community Visioning

- Coffee table conversations
- 6-8 people per table
- 6 topics
- Change tables twice
- Table designates a “host”
- Report back at end
- Compare across 2 tables
Agenda

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Café Etiquette

- Focus
- Contribute
- Speak your mind and heart
- Listen – be open
- Link & connect ideas
- Write, doodle, draw
- HAVE FUN!
Three Questions

- Now? 25%
- Wow! 50%
- How? 25%
Round 1 of Discussion

5 minutes silent reflection on the Now and the Wow

Generate 5 stickies - great things about Area A

Then...

Share your ideas with your table; Discuss together

See any commonalities, patterns, connections?

Name them; expand on them

Take ideas forward to next round
Round 2 of Discussion

Choose one of the 6 topics:
- economic vitality
- ecological integrity
- community well-being and services
- transportation and mobility
- arts and culture
- rural character & village centres

Need one “table host” at each table – they don’t move

Discuss what you love about Area A in this topic and what you’d like to see more of. The Now & the Wow!

Draw, Doodle, Stickies, Add to the flipchart.
Round 3 of Discussion

Move to your 2nd topic!
- economic vitality
- ecological integrity
- community well-being and services
- transportation and mobility
- arts and culture
- rural character & village centres

Review what the first group produced

Add what you can on stickies or the flipchart

Build on what they have developed – make connections
Round 4 - Vision Statements!

Return to your 1st topic; Review what’s been added

Focus on what is working & what we want more of

Identify priorities and key phrases

Add ideas, refine, clarify.

Ready to report back on the Now & the Wow?

Produce a summary sheet - top 5 for each
Report Back and Discussion

Each table to report back to the whole group

Listen for the following:

• Did 2 tables for each topic differ? Repeat?

• What themes or priorities emerged overall?

• Key phrases for the vision statement?