

SEPT 15, 2008 Open House Feedback

How did you hear about the open house today ?

	# times mentioned	% of times answered
The Beacon	7	25%
The PQ News	8	29%
Posters	2	7%
RDN Website	0	0%
Word of Mouth	5	18%
Other: The flyer skipped	4	14%
	2	7%
	28	100%

Did you find the information provided in the displays useful and easy to understand ?

	# responses	% (of those who answered)	comments (*profanity not reprinted)
yes	10	77%	more copies of maps and bylaw would be much appreciated large scale map sheets vs. sheet maps would allow easier view of boundaries/lots involved aerial map is not dated but difference between "village" and "village centre" not aparent until presentation
somewhat	1	8%	
no	2	15%	why do we need this (more taxes) ? *
skipped	1		
total # answers	13	100%	

Did you find the information provided in the presentation easy to understand ?

	# responses	% (of those who answered)	comments
yes	8	80%	quite boring but great at redirecting the heckles
somewhat	1	10%	
no	1	10%	
skipped	4		
total # answers	10	100%	

Did you find staff approachable and easy to speak with ?

	# responses	% (of those who answered)	comments
yes	11	85%	was approached by a staff member to ask if I had any questions & to advise where I could get info.
no	1	8%	
unsure/maybe	1	8%	
skipped	1		
total # answers	13	100%	

Did you find it worthwhile coming today ?

	# responses	% (of those who answered)	comments
yes	9	69%	
maybe/not sure	1	8%	
no	3	23%	
skipped	1		
total # answers	13	100%	

Do you have suggestions on how future RDN open houses or presentations could be improved ?

	# responses	% (of those who answered)	comments
yes	5	56%	take home maps take home maps address any questions brought up tonight...if not answered in full tonight, should have answers by next meeting ! Don't have them - get the RDN out of here Highlight proposed changes vs. status quo
no	3	33%	
other	1	11%	vote
skipped	5		
total # answers	9	100%	

Other comments (Feedback Form):

Your determinant of village centres is too broad. Our intuitive understanding of a village centre would not define Qualicum Bay or Dunsmuir (in particular) as village centres. Bowser is a village centre.

The presentations seem to be very guided - almost trying to sell an already concluded position. We must realize that the OCP is not a nonchalant standard. Prior to moving to this area, we lived in Cedar/Yellow Point where the OCP was under constant attack from development interests who only wanted a "little bit" of change. The eternal vigilance of residents was required as we got relatively little support from the RDN. In an area like Qualicum Bay, I doubt whether the Regional district could find the political will to support the OCP in such as "remote" community. p.s. the information presented was excellent.

a copy of the Bylaw left at the Beacon for reading by those who do not have internet access or cannot travel to Lantzville RDN office would be nice ! *RDN Note: a copy of the Area 'H' Official Community Plan is currently located at the Bowser Library in the Area 'H' Village Planning Information book. A copy will also be kept at the Beacon*
no vote/no deal ?

Seniors who are "renting" land need to KNOW that their situations are secure, and they won't be "out on the street" if the people who own the land decide to sell!

1. no expansion of current village areas - allow the village centres to expand for another 5 years before considering
 2. No sewers - restrict growth to areas with good drainage able to support septic tanks;
 3. we are a low cost housing area because we have low taxes. Annual taxes cause an extra layer of costs to home owners. Many are currently on fixed or limited incomes. Don't bring in high cost services
 4. We have excellent water & fire services - we pay for these & are involved as residents with both of these services
 5. The RDN controls zoning - please place more protection on watersheds, estuary & aquifer areas. These are limited resources
 6. where are the mass transit services ? Please place a high priority on this service. With global warming, end of oil, etc., I would like to see budgeted items for these services - train, bus, etc...now is the time
 7. make trails for bicycles so when gas is \$5/l, we can still make it to Tomm's for milk and bread.
- Need bike paths between village centres and residential areas, (highway shoulders are dangerous) and current trails are not suitable for efficient, safe bike use.