RDOS Area "G" Official Community Plan (OCP) –
Citizen's Committee Meeting #6

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021
Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm
Via zoom, see link below

Agenda:

No.	Item	Time
1	Welcome	5 mins
2	Approval of Meeting Minutes	5 mins
3	Project Update	5 mins
4	Continued Discussion: Growth Areas & Local Area Policies for Hedley, Rural Keremeos, Olalla and Mobile Home Parks	45 mins
7	Other Items – Outline & Coordination of the Upcoming Committee Hosted Engagement Event	30 mins
8	Next Meeting Date – November 8, 2021	
9	Adjourn	

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https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/area-g-ocp

Please note (Committee Members only) – ***Please make the Citizens Committee a priority.*** *If you are unable to make a meeting, meeting slides and minutes will be available after the meeting (within one week), via email and on the RDOS Regional Connections site. We will also schedule a short call (upon your request) to answer questions and/or provide an opportunity for you to discuss and comment on the meeting content missed.*

1	Welcome - **Attendance** - Mel Kotyk - Cindy Regier - Gerald Partridge - Trisha Mills - Roger - Tim Roberts
2	**Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Meeting minutes accepted from September 13th
3	**Project Update** - Resident mailouts are being sent to all residents. It contains an update on the project and a link to the community survey/information on where to find a paper copy. Information on Community Conversations also included. - Community survey is being published - Community Conversation in-person open-house events will take place - Self-directed community hosted conversations guidebook will be released - Focus groups on key topic areas - Ongoing stakeholder engagement with additional groups (e.g. ALC, USIB, LSIB) - Input from previous CC meeting has been incorporated into the draft vision and goals that will be presented at the open house event and the community survey
4	**Continued Discussion: Growth Areas & Local Area Policies for Hedley, Rural Keremeos, Olalla and Mobile Home Parks** - Hedley - Business and economic development: New coffee shop just opened. There are a lot of artists in the community, but some awareness could be better. - Affordability for business development is important to consider. A few businesses are for sale right now but are very expensive. - Specific businesses: Gas station, Colonial Inn, Strayhorse Inn. Very old accommodation businesses. They would need significant retrofits to bring up to code. Local financiers consider Hedley isolated, and may not see opportunities that they are willing to support. - Heritage grants. Looking at Hedley as a whole as a heritage site – it has fantastic assets. - Home care services, household maintenance, yard maintenance services could be very beneficial to the seniors population if there were affordable options. - Aging infrastructure makes business licencing challenging in some cases. - LSIB and USIB communication are also important

	- Housing: some properties are seasonal and not being rented or occupied year-round. Housing prices have doubled and more over the past 5 years. A lot of external migration has been driving prices higher. - Fire protection: There is progress on the fire smart side. There is no locally certified fire smart representative, but there is a fire smart committee. There is progress is in the works in partnership with USIB to support someone to take on the official role. - Working with crown lands to help manage fire risks on the periphery is important. - Town really needs a gas station. The current station in an eyesore and is directly on the highway. - Rural Keremeos - Climate change: Low-flow on the Similkameen. Low-flow is going to be much lower in coming years than it is today. This will have significant impacts on agriculture, among other issues. - Infrastructure: water connects to the Village, but sewer needs proximity. - There is a possibility of an issue with growth getting too close (or improper septic's) next to the water intakes. - Aquifer is not known to be an issue in terms of water quantity. Weekly water samples are conducted and no issues have arisen. - Olalla - Olalla is fairly close to Keremeos. Not the same drive or need for independent businesses to open. - A store and an RV Park will be opening. - Mobile Home Areas
7	Other Items – Outline & Coordination of the Upcoming Committee Hosted Engagement Event - Goal is for citizen's committee members to attend - Venues are booked and materials are prepared
8	Next Meeting Date – November 8, 2021 - Nikita won't be available - No other conflicts noted.
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