Minutes

Electoral Area "E" Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Community Advisory Group

Meeting of Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Naramata Fire Hall

1095 Lower Debeck Road, Naramata, BC

Present:

Members:	Stefanie Gale (Chair), Adrienne Fedrigo (Vice Chair), Ann Richardson, Brenda Lende, Cheryl Berry, Colleen Balfry, Cyndie Salting, David Tauzer, Debra Selwood, Dianna Smith, Eileen Meehan, Eva Antonijevic, Heather Fleck, Julie Melville, Janet McDonald, Michelle Liota, Miranda Halladay, Nicole Verpaelst, Ray Halladay, Richard Roskell, Schalk Van Heerden, Warren Rylands, Joanie Ball (via WebEx)
Absent:	Sarah Sandusky, Kathy Davies, Alan Nixon
Staff & Contractors:	Danielle DeVries (RDOS, Planner I), Erick Thompson (RDOS, Communications Coordinator) arrived at 6:46 p.m., Michael Brydon (Consultant, Benchcube Analytics), Evelyn Reichert (Contractor, RDOS), Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary), Shannon Duong (RDOS, Planner 1)
Guests:	Karla Kozakevich (RDOS, Area "E" Director)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Quorum present.

Added 2. a. Group Facilitators

2. ENGAGEMENT PREPARATION

a. **Group Facilitators** – Group facilitators were introduced.

b. Poster Distribution — OCP review posters were provided by RDOS staff, discussed key locations to post.

An electronic version of the poster will be emailed to meeting participants and a few laminated versions will be prepared and distributed.

OCP review information will be mailed to all Naramata residences, distributed to school children at Naramata School, and posted to myNaramata.com.

c. Other Distribution Ideas — Discussed distributing information via postcards, Facebook, CivicReady/Voyent, MyNaramata.com, print news, information release, emails, etc.

d. Survey Feedback — Discussed the draft survey. The Area "E" OCP Review Community Advisory offered the following suggestions:

- Add a question, "how long has the respondent lived in Naramata"?
- Adding a progress bar, come back later and/or save button
- Add a caution about using the browser back arrow
- Note any character limits
- Provide a paper copy of the survey, contact RDOS for a copy, or leave at key locations in Naramata

i. **Neighbourhoods** — Discussed the OCP Review Community Advisory Panel vs. The OCP review process. Distributed and reviewed the neighbourhood map to gather information how the Area "E" OCP Community Advisory group understands Naramata.

ii. **Note on Pilot/Beta Testing** — The survey draft will be finalized and distributed soon. The Area "E" OCP Community Advisory group reminded not distribute information ex. the draft survey, until the information has been finalized.

e. Updated Terms of Reference — Discussed either having a OCP Review Community Advisory Panel Chair or a RDOS staff facilitator, and the benefits to having a community Chairperson.

i. Election of the Chair

K. Kozakevich (RDOS, Area "E" Director) called for Nominations for Chair.

S. Gale nominated, nomination accepted, and seconded.

S. Gale elected Chair of the Area "E" OCP Review Community Advisory Panel via acclamation.

ii. Election of Vice Chair

K. Kozakevich (RDOS, Area "E" Director) called for Nominations for Vice Chair.

A. Fedrigo nominated, nomination accepted, and seconded.

A. Fedrigo elected Vice Chair of the Area "E" OCP Review Community Advisory Panel via acclamation.

3. ROUNDTABLES

a. M. Brydon Facilitating & Five (5) Table Facilitators — Introduction by M. Brydon. Discussed planners, policy, and participation. OCP reviews follow a democratic process.

The whole community of Naramata will be encouraged to participate in the process to capture the full scope of residents preferences, priorities, and interests.

i. What do you like about Naramata? (Strengths)

- Table 1 — Trail systems (official/unofficial), the protection of agricultural land (preventing farmland fragmentation), food security, and the beauty of Naramata's farmland.
- Table 2 — Sense of community, nature, biodiversity, and dark skies.
- Table 3 — Small community feel, safety, uniqueness/diversity of people, and farming.
- Table 4 — Green spaces and walkability, lake accesses, lack of traffic congestion in village core, artistic features, and unobstructed mountain and lake views.
- Table 5 — Public access to nature, recreation, Cittaslow and Bear Smart status, wildlife protection, that it's an end-of-road community with amenities to support diversity (outstanding elementary school and daycare).

ii. What do you dislike about Naramata? (Weaknesses/Opportunities)

- Table 1 — Housing shortage (lack of housing diversity and camping options). Excessive Naramata Road usage and bike traffic. Only one main road in-and-out of Naramata. Surface water not being managed or preserved properly. More should be done to protect endangered species (plants and animals).

- Table 2 — That there is no medical service, dog park, public boat launch or central plaza. Seasonal labour challenges, empty homes, prolific signage along roadways, orchards being cut down, and restrictive zoning and bylaws for small business.
- Table 3 — Clear cutting forests and blasting for developments causing drainage issues. Vacation rentals, housing costs, excessive use of Naramata Road, drunk driving concerns, and that bylaw enforcement is lacking.
- Table 4 — Lack of trail connections, no second access road, lack of supportive programs and supports for seniors and children. Light pollution associated with new builds and developments.
- Table 5 — Non-resident homeowners' impact on housing affordability, permit concerns for vacation rentals and the impacts of vacation rentals on housing affordability. The amount of new developments and large developments impacts on flooding. Only one road into and out of Naramata (lack of accessibility), insufficient farm worker housing, crime, increased KVR usage and the excessive speed of electric bikes.

iii. Synthesis? (Objectives and Trade-offs)

- Table 1 — Housing - Vacation rentals help support homeowners considering long-term rental challenges. Discussed lobbying government for local solutions to housing affordability.
- Table 2 — Civil Infrastructure - Developers suggested to pay an amenity contribution for projects such as creating a cultural or plaza in the village, in addition to seeking public and private partnerships.
- Table 3 — Lighting - Possibility of Naramata obtaining a dark sky designation. Discussed the safety of Naramata Road being too dark and street lights in the village.
- Table 4 — Local Economy - Financial instability in Naramata. Discussed keeping large box-stores from opening in Naramata, minimizing their impacts on local (small and medium sized) businesses, and supporting the year-round stability of local businesses.
- Table 5 — Economic Growth - Current zoning inhibits economic growth. Discussed that commercial zoning and bylaws reflect and support Naramata's uniqueness.

4. NEXT STEPS

Additional survey feedback can be emailed to D. Devires.

The Area "E" OCP Review *Terms of Reference* will be updated to include the Chair and Vice Chair.

RDOS, Public Works staff will attend an upcoming OCP review meeting.

Gratitude was extended to group members for participating.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m
Naramata Fire Hall

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Stephanie Gale, Chair
Area "E" OCP Review Community Advisory Group



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Heather Lemieux, Recording Secretary
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