

NEWS RELEASE

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Parksville OCP - 2020 - A Vision For Our Future

PARKSVILLE, **BC**: The City of Parksville's review of the Official Community Plan is now back on track with the award of a contract for completion of the OCP to Urban Systems Ltd. Under Council's direction, a request for proposals was sent to 14 firms with responses from six firms. The contract was awarded to Urban Systems for \$130,450. The timeline proposes to complete the OCP review by the end of 2012.

The process to update the City's OCP began in May 2010. In August 2011 the City and the prior consultant mutually agreed to cancel the contract. Since August 2011, the two OCP advisory committees (Citizen Advisory Committee and Community Advisory Committee) continued to meet; the advisory committees have had a total of 17 meetings since November 2010.

Over the next year, the City will build on the work completed in 2010 and 2011 with an energetic work plan that includes a public engagement strategy that will see substantial resident input through meetings, public open houses, charrettes and presentations to Council. The OCP "relaunch" is expected to take place in early February with public consultation scheduled to start in March.

We encourage residents who wish to receive updates and information about the OCP review delivered directly to their inboxes to sign up online or email communications@parksville.ca.

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