

Residents Invited to Participate in Online OCP Questionnaires

The City of Parksville is offering residents another opportunity to provide input into the Official Community Plan review with the implementation of two new online questionnaires. Both questionnaires, which are modelled on previous OCP community engagement activities, will encourage more public participation and further assist the City to incorporate the needs of residents into the OCP.

"We encourage residents to complete the questionnaires, another way for residents to provide key input into our OCP review process and to let us know their Parksville priorities," said Mayor Chris Burger. "We truly appreciate the time and input of our residents."

The first questionnaire is based on the booth at the *Summer by the Sea Street* market on July 31, at which residents and visitors were asked to spend six "sand dollars" to identify their priorities. The second survey is based on the three-day OCP workshop and open house held in April, where residents identified priorities from an extensive list based on six inter-related key themes. These themes are listed here:

- **Transportation** - road network, cycling, walking, transit and electric vehicles
- **Parks and recreation** - community parks and facilities
- **Natural environment** - identifying sensitive areas, protecting land, water and shoreline
- **Land use and built form** - downtown and waterfront development, density and multifamily housing
- **Economic development** - retain and grow business and job opportunities; attract young and old
- **People** - affordable housing, arts and culture and public gathering places

The online questionnaires should take about 15 minutes to complete and will be available until October 2 on the City's website, accessible from the home page at <http://www.parksville.ca>. Individual responses are confidential and results will be compiled and provided on the City's website.

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