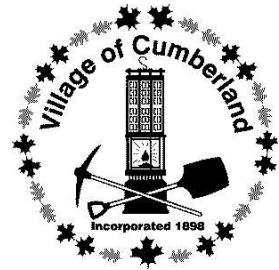


**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Advisory Planning Commission Agenda**

**July 13, 2023 at 4 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue**



We are honoured to gather on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Minutes

Adoption of Minutes of June 8, 2023

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Business

4.1 OCP Review

- a. Community vision elements
- b. Goals to guide OCP priorities and policies
- c. Upcoming APC meeting schedule and topics

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 4 p.m.

6. Adjournment

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Advisory Planning Commission Minutes**

**June 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue**



Members Present:

Janet Bonaguro (Chair)
Debbie Bowman (Secretary)
Jaye Mathieu
Jason Ross
Ryan Camp
Genevieve Burdett

Regrets:

Nick Ward

Staff Present:

Karin Albert, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Agenda

Moved by: Mathieu
Seconded by: Bowman

THAT the APC approve the Agenda for June 8, 2023 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

Moved by: Ross
Seconded by: Mathieu

THAT the APC adopt the minutes of May 25, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

3. Unfinished Business - NONE

4. New Business - Referrals from Council

4.1 Staff report - Tree Protection Bylaw

Moved by: Ross
Seconded by: Camp

That the APC receive the staff report titled 2023 Tree Protection Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

DISCUSSION

- Questions raised about trees as wildfire fuel. APC suggestion to consult Fire Chief Mike Williamson.
- It is recommended that the Komoks First Nation also be asked for their input on this topic.
- It would be interesting for canopy cover data at the lot or neighbourhood scale to be available to the Village and APC. The Urban Forest Management Plan only has canopy cover data for the entire Village, for developed and undeveloped areas.
- How was the 30% canopy cover target ascertained? Metro Vancouver has a current canopy cover of 32% with a goal of 40%, the Village goal seems low for a rural community.
 - Staff explained that the amount of mature trees in an urban area affects a municipality's goal. Metro Vancouver may have more mature trees than the Village and therefore has set a higher canopy cover target to seek to achieve.

1. Does the APC support the Village implementing a tree protection bylaw?

DISCUSSION

- Concerns around the timing of the development and implementation of the Tree Protection Bylaw as the Village is currently undergoing an OCP review, plus the Climate Action Plan which may inform the content of the Tree Protection Bylaw.

Moved by: Bowman

Seconded by: Camp

That the APC support the Village implementing a tree protection bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

2. What private properties should be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw?

Options provided:

- All properties
- Only properties that have few or no trees (i.e., properties that have less than a targeted number of trees per hectare)
- Only large, forested properties
- Only properties undergoing subdivision or development (i.e., trees would not be protected until an application for development is made)
- Other (specify)

Moved by: Camp

Seconded by: Ross

That the APC recommend that all properties be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw.

Carried

Moved by: Mathieu

Seconded by: None

That the APC recommend that only large forested properties and properties undergoing subdivision or development be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw.

No seconder, defeated

3. How large should a tree be before it is regulated on private property?

Options provided:

- Small (e.g., < 20 cm diameter)
- Medium (e.g., ≥ 20 cm diameter)
- Large (i.e., mature trees, e.g., ≥ 60 cm diameter)

DISCUSSION

- This question could be species dependent
- Stands of trees could be protected instead of individual trees
- Maybe another way to consider this question is by regarding canopy cover percentage of a lot instead of individual tree/trees.
- If canopy cover is used then any combination of tree size could be used to meet the onsite tree density requirement to achieve canopy goals based on lot size and zoning.
- A system of 'planting, or preserving, or paying (into a fund for trees to be planted elsewhere)' could be considered as methods to address tree canopy goals.

Moved by: Burdett

Seconded by: Bowman

That the APC recommend a tree density requirement or canopy cover density requirement based on lot size, zoning or land use. Any combination of size or species could be used to meet the onsite tree density requirement.

Carried

4. In some communities, certain types of trees of high significance are given greater protection than others. Which of these examples do you feel should have a greater level of protection?

Options provided:

- Very large mature trees (e.g., ≥60 cm diameter)
- Trees individually nominated to a significant tree registry

- Native species of importance
- Other (specify)

DISCUSSION

- Trees located on sensitive habitat should also be considered.
- Any trees planted with public tree funds should be considered.
- The APC felt that the options provided didn't align well with the concept of using tree density and canopy cover as recommended under item 4.4 above.

Moved by: Camp

Seconded by: Ross

That the APC recommend that all trees located within the Village be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw

Carried

5. Should replacement trees be planted for every tree removed?

Options provided:

- Always, for all tree removals
- Sometimes, only for properties that have few trees left
- Sometimes, only when the trees removed are very large or important to the community
- Never, no replacement trees should be required

DISCUSSION

- What if the property is not conducive to growing trees and trees should not be replaced or extra trees planted?
- There should be consideration for allowing removal of hazardous trees and other common exemptions.
- Replacement of tree canopy percentage, or replanting to ensure a minimum tree density for the overall lot should be considered instead of number of trees.
- no motion for this question as next question includes this consideration

6. How many replacement trees do you think property owners should be required to plant for every tree that is removed on their property?

Options provided:

- None
- One replacement tree
- Two replacement trees
- More than two replacement trees. Please specify the number:

Moved by: Burdett

Seconded by: Bowman

That the APC recommends replacement or payment for every tree removed based on onsite tree density requirements.

Carried

7. Tree bylaws require staff time to implement and typically charge fees for tree permits that can cover some of the implementation costs. If Cumberland had a Tree Protection Bylaw, how should it be funded?

Options provided:

- Through general revenue (i.e., property taxes)
- By the permit fees
- A combination of both

DISCUSSION

- Is a tree removal permitting process the most cost effective way to achieve the goal of increased canopy cover?
- Could other incentives be considered?
- Desire for any direct costs incurred related to protecting trees on development sites be borne entirely by the developer.

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Mathieu

That the APC recommend that the Village fund the Tree Protection Bylaw with a combination of general revenue plus permit fees.

Carried

Additional discussion:

- Would this bylaw be significantly impacted by changes made to the OCP?
- An incentivisation approach vs. punitive approach could be considered.

4.2 OCP Review - Staff report - Growing Together - Official Community Plan Review and Appendix 1,2,3

Moved by: Camp

Seconded by: Mathieu

That the APC receive the draft engagement summary report of the May 24, Plan Your Community Street Event and Appendices 1,2,3.

Carried Unanimously

5. Next Meeting

The next APC meeting is Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

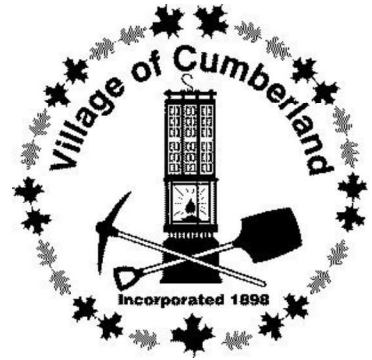
Moved by: Bowman

That the meeting adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

DRAFT

MEMO

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION



REPORT DATE: 7/7/2023
MEETING DATE: 7/13/2023

File No. 6480-01 OCP Project Documents

TO: Commission Members
FROM: Karin Albert, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: OCP Review

At their April 11, 2023 meeting, Village Council endorsed the Official Community Plan Review Process and Community Engagement Plan 2023-2024. The Plan outlines the review process, including the public engagement phases and the role of the Advisory Planning Commission. One of the roles of the APC is to review the public comments received at each engagement phase and work with staff to ensure the input shapes subsequent public engagement activities and is reflected in the updated OCP.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- share the Preliminary Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary Report (Attachment 1)
- confirm the components of an updated vision to guide the new OCP;
- identify a set of goals to guide OCP priorities and policies; and
- provide an overview of upcoming APC meetings and topics related to the OCP Review.

Community Vision

Based on the key themes from phase 1 public engagement activities identified in the Engagement Summary Report, staff developed the components of an updated vision statement below. Each sentence seeks to illustrate a key theme, provided in brackets. A complete vision statement will be drafted following APC input and will be reviewed with the public during phase 2 public engagement.

- a. The community values and is reconciled with First Nations; (*reconciliation with First Nations*)
- b. Residents enjoy Village-living where neighbours know each other and people feel they belong regardless of age, gender, social status or income (*Village-feel, diversity, equity and social inclusion, child and family friendly*)
- c. Cumberland offers housing options for all income levels (*more affordable and more rental housing*)

- d. A thriving arts and music community, public events, festivals and concerts, enriches daily life in Cumberland (*strong arts and culture community*)
- e. Residents and visitors enjoy a vibrant downtown, rich in character and history, safe for pedestrians, and home to thriving small locally-owned businesses (*strong local economy, well-designed downtown, walkable, heritage protected*)
- f. The Village has ample parks, greenspaces, and urban trees for residents and visitors to enjoy. Surrounding the Village are healthy wetlands, lakes, streams and forests (*greenspace and trees*).
- g. Outdoor recreation is complemented by diverse indoor recreation opportunities (*diverse recreation opportunities*)
- h. Community hubs, such as schools, commercial centres, outdoor recreation areas are well-connected with safe cycling and pedestrian pathways that extend all the way to the City of Courtenay boundary (*alternative transportation*)
- i. Backyard food gardens and environmentally-friendly urban agriculture provide habitat for pollinators and urban wildlife while providing healthy local food for residents (*food gardens*)
- j. The Village is a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions community (*climate change mitigation*)
- k. Municipal infrastructure is resilient to severe weather events and other climate change impacts (*climate change adaptation*)
- l. Existing and new developments have reduced energy and water consumption (*climate change mitigation*)
- m. New development is green and complements the feel and character of the rest of the community (*new development that is green and connected to rest of community*)

APC Discussion Questions:

1. Do the above components of the vision reflect the public input received?
2. Is there any redundancy or is anything missing that should be in the draft vision?

Goals

In support of the above vision statements, eight overarching goals are proposed to guide priorities and policies in the OCP.

For easy reference, current OCP section headings related to the proposed goals are included in brackets. Starred headings are not section headings in the current OCP (but related policies may exist in other OCP sections).

1. Reconciliation with First Nations (*Reconciliation**)
2. Healthy and biodiverse ecosystems (*Natural Environment*)
3. A Climate-resilient community (*Natural Environment/Climate Change and Adaptability, Development Permit Areas*)
4. A diverse and socially inclusive community (*Community Well-Being/Social Inclusion and Equity**)
5. Diverse housing options and attainable housing for all residents (*Built Environment/Housing*)

6. A uniquely-Cumberland downtown core (*Built Environment/Downtown** and *Built Environment/Heritage Preservation*)
7. A vibrant sustainable local economy (*Economy/Small Business-friendly** and *Local Food Production*)
8. A safe and interconnected alternative transportation network (*Built Environment/Transportation*)

APC Discussion Questions:

1. Do the above goals reflect the public input received?
2. Can they be further condensed or is a key goal missing that should be added?

Upcoming APC and other Village Committee Meetings and Topics

In preparation for phase 2 public engagement activities, the table below identifies topics for upcoming APC meetings this summer. Other Village Committee meetings are also included for information of OCP discussions at those Committees.

Please note that the meeting topics may need to be adjusted in response to availability/completion of supporting information.

Meeting	Topic	Purpose
July 13, 2023 APC	Phase 1 Public Engagement Report Vision and Goals Meeting topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm components of the vision • Confirm goals • Confirm availability for upcoming OCP-related meetings
July 19 Homelessness and Affordable Housing	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2021 census data related to housing and progress on implementation of 2016 Affordable Housing Framework. • Identify key issues/questions for discussion during public engagement.
July 20 and August 17 Heritage Committee	Heritage Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive presentation on VIU student research on the Village’s Heritage Conservation Area design guidelines and recommendations. • Identify key gaps and questions for discussion during public engagement.
August 10 APC	Future Land Use and Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive build-out analysis • Identify principles to guide growth • Confirm desired mapping • Work on draft growth scenarios for exploration with the public
August 24 APC	Key topics for phase 2 public engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review community statistics • Identify key questions for discussions during phase 2 public engagement in OCP topic areas

Meeting	Topic	Purpose
		(reconciliation, built environment, economy, natural environment, community well-being)
TBC Accessibility, and Inclusion Committee	Accessibility and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing accessibility and inclusion-related policies. • Identify gaps in policy and possible key questions for public engagement
September (TBC) APC	Phase 2 engagement activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete any outstanding discussions from previous meetings • Update on Phase 2 engagement activities

ATTACHMENT

1. Preliminary Phase 1 Engagement Summary Report

Respectfully submitted,

K. Albert

Karin Albert
Senior Planner



Preliminary Phase 1 Engagement Summary Report

Community Visioning and Hot Topics

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, the Village held a Plan your Community Street Event. The event gathered public input for both the Official Community Plan (OCP) review and the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) review. The section of Third Street between Penrith Avenue and Dunsmuir Avenue was closed and information boards were set up for both the OCP and the TMP reviews. The TMP review team also created a streetscape with bike lanes and a round-about. Over 175 residents participated in the event.

The goals for the OCP portion of the event were to:

- Gather input on a vision for Cumberland to 2050.
- Identify issues and hot topics for discussion at fall engagement events.

The event solicited input via several poster boards that encouraged participants to post comments on questions with regards to their vision for the community and on Official Community Plan (OCP) topics.

Appendix 1 and 2 are a record of the written comments received. Appendix 3 provides a photo record and Appendix 4 are drawings submitted at and following the event.

This report summarizes the public input received at the May 24, 2023 event. Online comments on the same topics are still being collected until mid-July and a summary will be added to this report. In the meanwhile, the responses received up to July 6, 2023 are provided in Appendix 5.

1. Favourite Places

Participants were asked to mark their favourite place or places on a map and share something about the place. They were also able to show their agreement with favourite places posted by others by placing coloured sticky dots next to the place.

Knowing a community's favourite places helps create an understanding of what residents value about Cumberland and what characteristics of their community they want to see preserved and amplified.

The favourite places that were identified are listed below in order of the frequency they were mentioned. The number in brackets is the number of mentions of that place through both comments and sticky dots. Favourite places that are adjacent or overlap in area and could be grouped together are highlighted in the same colour.

1. Cumberland Community Forest (29)
2. Lake Park (10)
3. Coal Beach/Lower Perseverance (10)
4. Middle Earth (desired addition to Cumberland Community Forest) (8)
5. Old skid road trails in Coal Valley (above Camp Road greenway) (8)
6. Village Square (8)
7. Village Park (8)
8. No. 6 Mine Park (7)
9. Children's Wilderness Park (Lower Eastern Block Trails) (7)
10. Wellington Colliery Railway (7)
11. Eastern Block trails (5)
12. Village Dirt Jump and Skatepark (5)
13. Viewpoint on top of Beaumont Crescent, Coal Valley (5)
14. Hidden ravine trails, Coal Valley (4)
15. Solport Park (4)
16. Wetlands north of Maple Street (4)
17. Masonic Hall (great events) (4)
18. Paths to lake behind Coal Valley (3)
19. Ridgeway Trail (3)
20. West of Coal Valley Estates (3)
21. Sewage lagoon (2)
22. Pigeon Lake (2)
23. Maple Lake (2)
24. Beaufort Avenue (vacant lot) (2)
25. Teal Lake (2)

In addition, residents added the following broader comments:

- Bike to Comox Lake.
- More trails that are "commuter" style
- 9, 10 & 11 are all unprotected
- Dunsmuir Avenue and the hills, rivers and creeks

Summary

The Cumberland Community Forest plays a big role in the Village's identity. It was the favourite place most commonly mentioned. *Plan your Community* event participants value the recreational trails, the forest and the wetlands and the animals this natural area supports.

Participants also expressed their fondness for areas and trails adjacent to, but not part of the Community Forest Park, including Middle Earth, the Children's Wilderness Park, the Eastern Block trails and the Ridge Trail.

Other unprotected natural areas that are favourite places are Maple Lake, Teal Lake, and the wetlands north of Maple Street.

Comox Lake is an important part of the local fabric. The Lake Park and Coal Beach and Lower Perseverance Creek were favourite places mentioned a number of times.

Municipal parks, including Village Park, Village Square, No. 6 Mine Park and Solport Park, are valued for the greenspace they provide, as community gathering and event places, and for their connection to Cumberland's their heritage,

The only building identified as a favourite place is the Masonic Hall. It is valued as a venue for "great events of all types."

The favourite places list is dominated by natural areas and parks showing how much those who commented value the surrounding natural environment.

2. Share Your Vision

Participants were also asked to write what they would like Cumberland to look like in 2050. The purpose of this activity was to identify the elements of a vision that is to guide the goals, objectives, policies and actions in the updated OCP.

The following key themes emerged and will be incorporated into a draft vision for the Village to 2050. The draft vision will be reviewed with the community during phase 2 engagement events.

- Greenspace and trees
- Food gardens
- Climate resilient
- Strong sense of community and a small-town feel
- Inclusive, equitable and accessible
- Reconciled with First Nations
- Strong arts and culture community
- Heritage protected
- Safe streets and calm traffic

- A pedestrian-friendly downtown
- Walkable community
- Gently densified downtown
- Schools within walking distance of residential areas
- More affordable housing
- More rental housing
- A downtown that is well-designed and rich in character
- Child and family friendly
- Public amenity infrastructure (benched, picnic tables, covered stages, indigenous art)
- A strong locally-based economy
- Diverse recreation opportunities

A transcription of the favourite places and elements of a vision for Cumberland to 2050 is captured in Appendix 1. Appendix 3 provides a photo record of the favourite places and vision poster boards with the comments.

3. What Do You Love About Cumberland?

The Plan your Community Street event included a table where children and parents could draw or write what they love about Cumberland. The drawings are attached as Appendix 4.

Drawings and comments about what people love about Cumberland include:

- The playground [2]
- Community [3]
- The Village feel
- Community engagement
- Everything is close
- That it is fun!
- Main Street activity, local stores, restaurants
- Bikes, mountain biking
- The people, the diversity of people
- The arts
- Community events and shows, the Wave,
- Forests [3], trees and wetlands,
- The trail network and walkability.

There was also a suggestion to re-align the crosswalk from the parking lot behind the Cultural Centre to the Recreation Centre and add pedestrian-activated flashing lights to make it safer.

4. What is on Your Mind?

The *Plan the Community Street Event* asked residents to share what is on their mind related to each of the existing Official Community Plan policy areas: Built Environment, Economy, Natural Environment, and Community Well-Being. The comments received will inform the discussion topics to be developed for Phase 2 public engagement events.

The comments received were sorted by theme. Where a count of comments/sticky dots is reported, that count includes the original comment and the number of sticky dots in support of that comment. A few comments that do not relate directly to the Built Environment but relate to one of the other three OCP policy areas were moved under the appropriate headings.

The themes and a brief summary of comments under each theme are provided below. A transcription of the comments is available in Appendix 2 and in the photo record in Appendix 3.

4.1 Built Environment

Downtown Enhancement

Topics mentioned included a central gathering space/town square, closing one or a few blocks of Dunsmuir Avenue to traffic, expanding patios, and attracting more commercial and mixed uses.

Views on design guidelines for the downtown core were divided between those who wanted stricter guidelines to avoid “ugly boxes” and those who wanted less stringent guidelines.

Balance Greenspace and Development

Thirteen comments/sticky dots in support centred around incorporating more greenspaces, trees and green infrastructure into new developments, developing to the natural grade, and providing for alternative transportation.

Eight expressed their concerns about the development within the Eastern Block (the wetland and forested area east and south of Village Park).

One comment asked for less reliance on developer funded reports and studies.

Affordable Housing

Eleven participants expressed their desire to see more affordable housing built. Suggestions also included providing a density bonus for affordable housing, providing more diverse affordable housing options and working with First Nations.

Density/Multi-Family Development

Twenty-four commented on the Village needing more density and/or multi-family development as well as more diverse building types, gentle density and middle missing housing. Two comments expressed concern about too much density.

Development Application Process

One comment asked for more staff or streamlining of the approval of subdivision and other development applications.

Infrastructure Needs

Infrastructure topics raised include addressing financially sustainable infrastructure, less streetlights in areas of Coal Valley, sidewalks and street trees everywhere, and multi-use pathways, in particular to Courtenay.

Urban Containment

An urban growth boundary to densify existing residential areas was identified by a few participants (6). (Note, urban containment is also mentioned under the Natural Environment policy area below).

Public Amenities

Several participants identified desired public amenities including more playgrounds, community use of the firehall, covered picnic tables, a community garden and an outdoor climbing wall.

Alternative Transportation

Five comments/sticky dot votes related to a bike paths network around town, to Courtenay and to Comox Lake and treed pathways connecting neighbourhoods.

Bylaw Enforcement

Three comments/sticky dot vote were with regards to use and enforcement of covenants. One person raised the issue of safe transport and taking illegal vehicles off the road.

Summary

Key concerns and suggestions raised in relation to the Built Environment include creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown, providing more greenspace and public amenities, and improving alternate transportation and pedestrian infrastructure as the Village grows.

In relation to housing and future growth, participants wanted to explore more housing options through multi-family development, gentle density/infill close to the downtown core,

a possible containment boundary to prevent sprawl, and how to increase housing affordability.

4.2 Economy

Downtown Commercial Area Expansion

Three comments/sticky dots requested an analysis of the value of the downtown commercial area and expansion of that area. They wanted to see consideration of long-term financial costs of new roads, development and industrial lands to guide decision-making. A further two comments/sticky dot wanted to see downtown beautification, more spaces for new businesses and draws for tourists who visit the Village not for recreational.

Diverse Local Economic Opportunities

Seven participants wanted to see diverse local economic opportunities and local businesses such as co-working spaces, an affordable health kitchen, a vegan restaurant, Cumberland local currency and passports and an OCP that reflects a diverse community.

Arts and Culture

Seven comments/sticky dots wanted to see investment in arts and culture. The need for a theatre was also mentioned.

Environmentally Sustainable Economy

Encouraging an environmentally sustainable economy was on the minds of twelve participants. Participants wanted to see the economy be sustainable and make climate and the environment the top priority. Specific actions mentioned include green building materials, adoption of the BC Energy step code, efficient homes, a zero carbon step code and carbon storing materials, water conservation, robotic green economy jobs and more industry taxes.

Urban Farming/Agriculture

Comments expressed support for more local food and encouraging agricultural food production in the Village. Community gardens, seed share sheds, drying sheds were mentioned as ways to support urban agriculture.

Tourism

Views on the role tourism plays in the local economy were mixed. A few questioned whether tourism benefits the community. Trails tourism was seen by one participant as low impact

and of benefit to the community and wanted to see it promoted. Yet another participant to see more diverse tourism not related to recreation.

Summary

Main concerns and suggestions under “Economy” included considering long-term costs of servicing commercial and industrial areas in decision-making, creating diverse local economy including support for arts and culture, and urban agriculture, and ensuring the economy is environmentally sustainable. Feelings about encouraging more tourism, especially tourism related to recreation, were mixed.

4.3 Natural Environment

Cumberland Community Forest

One comment asked that the terms of the conservation covenant on the Community Forest not be broken.

Urban Forest

Protection of the urban forest and tree planting were identified in 10 comments. Participants wanted to see protection of urban tree cover, heritage trees, less grass, more native/biodiverse vegetation, more tree planting, and adequate soil for trees in new neighbourhoods.

Protection of Native Species

Two comments related to the protection of native species. One asked for native species restoration and paying the K’ómoks First Nation for their input into that effort, the other asked for a cat bylaw that would keep cats indoors – presumably to keep them from hunting and injuring or killing birds.

Climate Change

Building for climate change, for example by considering trees, water and food security was a concern mentioned/voted on by five participants.

Air Quality

In relation to clean air, expediting the transition away from wood stoves was mentioned.

Wildfire Prevention / Resilience

Three comments/sticky dots related to reducing wildfire risk around the Village. Actions suggested were fuel management, fire smart community planning, and a development area permit for interface fire and seismic resilience.

Protection of Greenspace

Comments asked for the protection of wetlands, ecological corridors, streams and creeks, as well as greenspaces with local flora and fauna for people. They also asked for development to dedicate more greenspace that has habitat value.

Urban Containment

An urban containment boundary was brought up as well as no development in the Eastern block. (Urban containment was also mentioned under the Built Environment topic).

Summary

Concerns about the natural environment reflect a desire for greater protection of Cumberland's urban forest, sensitive ecosystems and wildlife habitat, including stricter observation of the covenant over the Community Forest. Climate change and air quality are also a concern. Urban containment is suggested to reduce the expansion of development into the natural areas.

4.4 Community Well-Being

Recreation, Arts and Culture

Comments on recreation, arts and culture included the need to balance recreation interests with arts and culture, appreciation for the accessibility of the recreation centre and the tot gym. Ideas for improving the recreation facilities include renovation of the existing recreation centre, a new fitness and community centre within the Cultural Centre, and a new recreation centre with multi-purpose spaces.

A suggestion was also made for an outdoor pool at Village Park.

Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility

Accessibility, in particular accessibility of social spaces, inclusion, social justice, and equity was on the mind of three participants. In addition, one participant encouraged continuing to provide opportunities for community connections.

Seniors Housing / Ageing in Place

Getting seniors' housing built in Coal Valley Estates and supporting seniors ageing in place was mentioned by three participants.

Outdoor Public Amenities

Additional outdoor public amenities were mentioned by 16 participants. Desired amenities include benches on walking routes, climbing boulders in parks, shaded picnic tables, more bike parking, outdoor gyms, shade trees in public spaces, a dog and kids play café, and a playground and park in the new development above Kendal Avenue.

Comments on dogs in natural areas diverged. Four participants wanted to see dog leashing enforced in natural areas while one commented having dog leash areas in the wild areas around the Village.

Car Free Downtown, Traffic and Street Calming

The idea of a car free downtown or a car free side street off Dunsmuir Avenue was brought up by several participants.

Participants also suggested traffic and street calming measures to create more spaces for gathering and sitting and to make the streets safer.

Alternative Transportation Network

Ten participants wanted to see improvements to the Village's alternative transportation network. Suggestions included an e-bike network, building sidewalks on at least one side of the street in old Cumberland, creating an off-road bike path to Courtenay, and better bus service between Cumberland and Courtenay. A paved ring road/multi-use pathway in the lower forest area for walkers, medi-chairs, strollers, scooters and road bikes was also suggested.

Medical and Health and Wellness Services

Two participants mentioned the need for doctors in Cumberland, having a clinic, indoor health and wellness spaces and counselling offices.

Affordability

The link between affordability and community well-being was made by three participants who wanted to see an increase in affordable housing and affordable rental housing.

Summary

Topics provided by participants under *Community Well-Being* include promotion of arts and culture; improvements to or replacement of recreation facilities; consideration of social inclusion, accessibility, and social justice; ageing in place; additional outdoor public amenities; pedestrianization of all or parts of the downtown core; improvements to the alternative transportation network; access to medical, health and wellness services; and affordability.



Appendix 1: Comments on Favourite Places and Vision Poster Boards

Share about your favourite place(s)

The following are organized by the number placed on the map by participants.

1. Village Park	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Trails to walk the dog, bike, hike to viewpoints and finish with an ice cream from Love's.	6
Community	
2. Area Above Camp Road Greenway	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Old skid road trails in Coal Valley	7
3. No. 6 Mine Park	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
The #6 Park is an incredible gathering spot with room for all ages. It provides corridor and shade. It provides history. It provides a spot to reflect and relax	6
4. Cumberland Community Forest	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Access point & yellow gate	22
Gateway to so many trails- use it 2 times a day and its why we live here	
Love the forest. Need to "calm" and "slow" this space.	
Wetlands, love the frogs, beavers, birds, etc.	
Community forest is big part of what makes town unique and desirable, it gives the town a sense of identity related to health & wellness	
My yard – the forest & woods behind in the yard.	
Cumberland trail network	
5. Viewpoint on top of Beaumont Crescent, Coal Valley	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Viewpoint on top of Beaumont is a neighbourhood treasure. Make it a park please. The best view in the Valley	4
6. Paths to the lake behind Coal Valley	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Paths to lake behind Coal Valley	2
7. Solport Park	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Protect trees & habitat	3
More of this please	

8. Lake Park	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Magical place with much potential	9
9. Children’s Wilderness Park (Lower Eastern Block)	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Love walking the eastern block	6
10. Eastern Block Trails	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Eastern Block – New Regional Trailhead? Trent Main?	4
11. Middle Earth	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Middle Earth (future CCFS expansion?)	7
12. Wellington Colliery Railway Corridor	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Wellington Colliery Railway	5
Enjoy the Colliery line	
13. Coal Beach/Lower Perseverance	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Fire Protection – love the lake, feel vulnerable to fire when so many partying on the lake.	6
Too many people & dogs in forest.	
Noisy	
Animals that had this place as their habitat are leaving or left	
14. Village Square	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Community connections: Santa’s workshop, summer concert series, tree light up.	7
15. Masonic Hall	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Great events of all types	3
16. West of Coal Valley Estates	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
I love the swampy trails back here. I love having all the birds and frogs in this area	2
17. Ridgeway Trail	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Ridgeway trail	2
18. Hidden ravine trails (Camp Road Greenway)	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement

Hidden ravine, trails	3
19. Wetlands North of Maple Street	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
The frogs in the pond and snowshoeing around it in the winter	3

20. The Sewage Lagoon	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
For birds	1
21. Pigeon Lake	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Pigeon Lake	1
22. Maple Lake	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Maple Lake	1
23. Beaufort Avenue (vacant lot)	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Amazing number of birds, racoons & squirrels in this small green space	1
24. Village Dirt Jumps/Skatepark	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
Mulch jump, concrete pumptrack, picnic shelter, better signage	4
25. Teal Lake	Votes for Favourite Place
Protect our water	1

Other Comments	
Bike to Comox Lake.	
More trails that are "commuter" style	
9, 10 & 11 are all unprotected	
Dunsmuir Avenue and the hills, rivers and creeks	

Share Your Vision (organized by theme)

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Greenspace and Trees	
1	Development planned for greenspace & community space. Protected trees less Air B&B's	
2	Planned green space everywhere. That helps to create habitat for flora Y& fauna and serves as places for people to gather.	1
3	Green spaces and nooks. Climate conscious. Strong community fabric	1
4	More trees / boulevard	1
5	More trees within the Village. Canopy along all streets.	3
6	More green is better	
7	Please save trees in new developments. We live in a heat island on Kendal.	2
8	Shade trees provide shade & reduced cooling bills. Less wind damage to homes & looks great. Mix of food production is good too.	1
9	Protect our urban canopy	
10	Please preserve trees and encourage infill over sprawl. No more blasted landscape neighbourhoods.	
11	Residential containment boundary PLEASE	2
12	Challenges – Human-nature interactions. Connectivity-bikes to all of CU safely.	
13	No empty buildings in the Village, flourishing with small independent businesses. Bike lane to lake & Courtenay. More parks in residential areas	1
	Food Gardens	
14	Aspire – we have a thriving urban forest we have front lawn food gardens. We have clean water and healthy air.	
15	Challenge – trees in the Village vs. food security & gardens on small lots. Prefer to have my yard filled with rather than shade trees	2
	Climate Resilient	
16	“Slow Village” “Climate resilience”	
17	Challenges – Climate change/drought, water security, affordability, unconstrained development	
18	Challenges – Sustainable growth, climate risks, overcrowding, expensive housing and we lose all our Village flavour to rich people.	
	Strong Sense of Community and a Small Town Feel	
19	More events to culture & sense of community and belonging	
20	Love the spirit, sense of community	
21	Keeps a Village feel – don't turn us into a tourist trap	
22	Mountain small town feel! Sense of community as we grow	
23	Love: the real sense of community with lots of opportunities to connect outside with others. The Village vibe, small town, slow pace, real connection.	2
24	Love – The Dodge City vibe, needs to continue to exist. The slightly “outlaw” flavour with the blend of artists and culture makers. The dogs of Cumberland.	2
25	Aspire – A village still. Where people know each other through shared community experiences. Where the imperfect is perfect.	2
26	Community	

	Inclusive, Equitable and Accessible	
27	An inclusive community where folks with a diversity of socio-economic backgrounds can thrive and have access to services & support	1
28	More affordable!!! Less vehicle centric, more multicultural.	5
29	Totally accessible	
30	Accessible & low barrier for all. Walkable!	2
	Reconciled with First Nations	
31	Multi-cultural arts. Reconciliation	1
	Strong Arts, Culture Community / Heritage Protected	
32	Arts grants/programs to support diversity and keep cultural identity.	
33	Support culture & heritage assets	
34	Need economic social cultural diversity – not just sports! Art/music/heritage. Thought!!	1
35	Artist spaces stay affordable (ex: Masonic Hall for shows).	
36	Festivals	
37	Concerts, Festivals, Family Gatherings	
38	Would be lovely to have a small theatre “Ilo Ilo”	3
39	Heritage/design covenants to avoid more monstrosities like the Rideout Building and the one next to it.	1
40	Love the heritage	
	Alternative Transportation	
41	Let’s build a paved multi-use “ring road path” around Cumberland (for walking, commuter bikes, skateboards, scooters, strollers)! See town of Lucca in Italy for example. The route would use Colliery Trail, go around greenbelt near sewer plant and other “green” periphery of town. It would tie into main road for coffee, ice cream, etc. Make work attraction!	
42	Easy commute by bike within the Village and outside the community	4
43	Non-car connectivity to Courtenay, i.e., bike community off highway	2
44	Safe active transport path connecting Cumberland to Courtenay, Royston etc.	
R12	Challenges – Human-nature interactions. Connectivity-bikes to all of CU safely.	
45	No empty buildings in the Village, flourishing with small independent businesses. Bike lane to lake & Courtenay. More parks in residential areas	1
	Safe Streets and Calm Traffic	
46	Safe, traffic calmed. Especially by Village Park	
47	Traffic calming & max 30-40 in all of Cumberland (and enforced). More sidewalks. Bike lane to lake	1
48	More roundabouts, fewer 4-way stops. No traffic lights	
49	Calming downtown traffic – we’re a thoroughfare for boats, recreation visitors day-use mountain biking.	4
	A Pedestrian-Friendly Downtown	
50	Car free downtown. Dunsmuir blocks	1
51	Pedestrianize downtown	
52	A few car-free side street blocks instead of all of Dunsmuir	
	Walkable Community / Gently Densified Downtown	
53	Walkable for all needs, strong spirit of community and volunteerism, resilient	
54	A dense, walkable, vibrant community with greenways. Focus on gentle density & infill rather than sprawl. More people around main street to support commercial	2

55	No sprawl	3
	Schools within Walking Distance of Residential Areas	
56	Second primary school for kids to walk to school (in new development area)	
	More Affordable and More Rental Housing	
57	More rental housing – of all shapes and sizes. More options	1
58	More diversity in housing – apartments, townhouses, duplexes. Affordable housing	
59	Affordable housing projects are needed.	
60	Affordable housing units & NO more ugly boxes – heritage covenants & green spaces	2
61	Housing	
R28	More affordable!!! Less vehicle centric, more multicultural.	5
R1	Development planned for greenspace & community space. Protected trees less Air B&B's	
R17	Challenges – Sustainable growth, climate risks, overcrowding, expensive housing and we lose all our Village flavour to rich people.	
	New Development is Green and Connected to Rest of Community	
62	Challenges – new development & subdivisions that don't cover long-term cost of maintenance, don't require adequate park & playground, low density, no greenways	3
63	Be more intentional with new developments. Don't allow developers to just slap-up big houses on small lots and cut down all trees.	
64	When adding new neighbourhoods, incorporating the rest of the town, i.e., tin town has a nice flow to the town still & not its separate bubble.	
65	More building permit monitoring & enforcement to make sure developers don't do illegal things!	1
65	Rate of development and lack of accountability is threatening the small town/community/connected to nature feel of Cumberland	2
	A Downtown that is Well-Designed and Rich in Character	
R60	Affordable housing units & NO more ugly boxes – heritage covenants & green spaces	2
R38	Heritage/design covenants to avoid more monstrosities like the Rideout Building and the one next to it.	1
66	No more height variances on Dunsmuir Avenue	
	Child and Family Friendly	
67	Love: That we live as best we can in harmony with nature. That the Village is filled with children and families	1
	Public Amenity Infrastructure	
68	More benches, bike lock ups	3
69	Composting toilet	
70	Permanent covered stage structures. Way more indigenous art.	
71	More multi-family with shared large outdoor common spaces	2
	A Strong Locally-based Economy	
72	I would love to see it vibrant, energetic & thriving all the while maintaining the smaller village vibe. A thriving downtown with the continued small locally owned shops.	1
R34	Need economic social cultural diversity – not just sports! Art/music/heritage. Thought!!	1

R43	No empty buildings in the Village, flourishing with small independent businesses. Bike lane to lake & Courtenay. More parks in residential areas	1
73	More options for quiet professional services office space. Doesn't need to be in Village centre as its not retail/foot-traffic dependent	
74	Continue to discourage chain stores, restaurants (keep the local flavour)	2
	Diverse Recreation Opportunities	
75	Multi-use/purpose recreation centre/meeting space	
76	Pickle Ball	

Appendix 2: Comments on OCP Topic Poster Boards - Organized by Theme

Built Environment

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Downtown Enhancement	
1	Central gathering place “town square”	
2	Close one or a few blocks of Dunsmuir to vehicle traffic. Expand patios.	
3	Town centre design guidelines (DPA) Development Permit Area	
4	Less emphasis on “heritage” values in order to attract main street commercial. Lets fill in the empty spaces and character rather than more stringent heritage rules.	1
5	Strict heritage design guidelines. No more ugly boxes!	2
6	Allow for more commercial and mixed-use zoning in the core	1
	Balance Greenspaces and Developments	
7	Mandatory green spaces in all developments!	
8	Towns in the Netherlands seem to balance growth, maintaining natural green spaces and non-car traffic well. Not sure if it could work in Cumby but it would be awesome.	
9	Sidewalks everywhere, with trees	
10	Trees along all the streets	1
11	Eastern Block Development Agreement. *Negotiate perhaps giving density bonus for developing in a small portion of the land and preserving the rest i.e., cluster development in smaller area (developer get same or more lots/units but in less space/area)	2
12	Incorporate pollinator corridors & green stormwater infrastructure into the built environment.	
13	DWC – Develop with Care should be a constant guiding principle. That would include affordability, food security, traffic reducing and calming, fire smart, safe walking and cycling. I am particularly thinking of building at the ravine.	1
14	Growth: - More greenspaces in new developments - New developments that are built into existing topography (not flatten and level). - Minimum topsoil requirements in new developments (Coal Creek has almost none)	
15	Less reliance on developer funded reports & studies	
16	I do not support Cayet development – lets change zoning to get development (or lack of it) that we want	4
	Affordable housing	
18	Build social housing. Public	
19	Less expensive housing	5
20	Policy for density bonus program development – provides density bonus to developers that build for example – affordable housing or that develop in town centre for example (or that provide much needed amenities) *see Local Government Act.	

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
21	Affordable diverse housing options. Work with First Nations (<i>to be considered under a new topic: Reconciliation</i>)	1
17	Alternative living structures – we can do something unique here (micro-communities/neighbourhoods)	
	Density / Multi-Family Development	
22	Keep tradition of high density & lots of transportation corridors.	1
23	We need more multi family housing so we don't turn into just another suburban sprawl.	3
24	More density. Multi-family.	
25	Use 100-year community lifecycle costing to determine what types of development are financially feasible (hint: higher density)	
26	Limit single family development	
27	Let's build up not out. No more sprawling spec homes	2
28	Densification. Enforce setbacks.	
29	More diverse building types, multi-family gentle density, missing middle housing. Can't Village find way to claw back increased land value when zoning changes & use \$ for affordable housing or amenities.	2
30	Enable infill on large properties – e.g., garden suites. Provides option for rentals, creates more housing choices	
31	Spectrum of housing type	2
32	Densification rather than urban sprawl. Yes to balanced heritage preservation. Invest in connectivity.	3
33	We're a Village, let's not densify like a city.	
34	Light and sun are important – don't density upwards – block people's ability to grow food	
	Development Application Process	
35	Hire more staff or streamline review and approval of subdivision, development permits, etc.	
	Infrastructure Needs	
36	Address infrastructure limitations before growth	
37	Inclusive infrastructure that is beautiful & sustainably built & operated	1
38	How about a less is more approach to streetlights in the development below Kentmere, Beaufort	1
39	More collaboration in developing public infrastructure, i.e., Village should work with School District. New Village infrastructure (like Firehall) needs to be built for multi-purpose use.	1
R9	Sidewalks everywhere, with trees	
40	Infrastructure for sustainable transportation – walking & biking	1
41	Multi use path to Courtenay!	
	Urban Containment	
42	Residential containment boundaries please	2
43	Draw a growth boundary around existing Cumberland. No development beyond until densification targets met in designated areas (downtown & nearby)	2

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Public Amenities	
44	More playgrounds please	
45	Allow community/public use of the expensive Firehall. Yes! More shared space	1
46	Some covered picnic tables (see Whistler’s example)	
47	Community garden for Cumberland	4
48	Outdoor climbing wall in park.	
	Alternative Transportation	
49	Designate a bike path network around town, to Courtenay, and the lake, etc.	2
50	Shady paths to get around town. Connectors with trees (like Stoneleigh)	1
	Bylaw Enforcement	
51	Use covenants and enforce them	2
52	Safe transport including illegal vehicles being taken /kept off the roads	

	Comments under Built Environment moved to other sections:	Section
1	Community gardens, seed share sheds, drying sheds, composting toilets	Economy, Community-Well Being
2	Economy = compatible with carbon – constrained word—Huge Opportunity! Vancouver Economic Commission sees a \$3.3 billion dollar green building materials sector! We need: - carbon-storing materials e.g., hemp insulation, hemp flooring, hemp all sorts of things e.g. straw insulation, concrete alternatives, etc. Big Opportunity more for Bevan lands. Agri-photo voltaics Hemp paired with elevated solar (big financial opportunity for farmers/fallow ALR)	Economy
3	Clean air. Expedite the transition from wood stoves.	Environment
4	Cat bylaw. Keep cats indoors	Environment
5	Love the heritage	Share Your Vision
6	A dog and/or kid play café in the back parking lot	Community-Well Being

Economy

	Comments	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Downtown Commercial Area Expansion	
1	Analyze and determine value of downtown commercial and work to expand this. Consider long-term (100 year) financial costs of new roads/developments/industrial lands and use this to guide decision making.	2
2	Downtown beautification!! Much more spaces to accommodate new businesses in the downtown. Build our downtown to draw more tourism to this town that is outside of recreation. Diversify our tourist population	1
	Diverse Local Economic Opportunities	
3	Co-working space with incentives for local biz & entrepreneurs	2
4	Affordable health kitchen	
5	Cumberland local currency & locals' passport for incentives in biz.	
6	Community driven future OCP – not future driven by mountain bikers	
7	Water stations, vegan restaurant	
	Arts and Culture	
8	Investing in arts & culture builds community strength, let's balance our recreational focus please. Comment below: What recreational focus?	2
9	We desperately need a theatre in this Village. Build a black box. Fix church.	2
	Environmentally Sustainable Economy	
10	Economy must address climate change! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big financial opportunity • Green building materials • BC Energy step code • Requires efficient homes BC zero carbon step code, carbon storing materials	2
11	Economic growth on a finite planet is ill advised, lets strengthen the social, cultural, environmental fabric of community.	2
12	Sustainable inclusive, diverse economic system that makes climate & environment a top priority.	1
13	Commit to investing in & sustaining current assets. i.e., Cumberland Trail Network, non-profit orgs (UROC, CCSS, Museum, etc).	1
14	Encourage water conservation. Share water consumption data publicly!	
15	More industry taxes. Robotic green economy jobs.	
	Urban Farming / Agriculture	
16	More emphasis on local food, less on arts and culture. Let's have both	
17	Encourage agricultural production on undeveloped land. Offer incentives to land owners? (Provincial Government?)	3
18	Encourage food production and urban farming. Ensure arts and culture stays strong with affordable venues and outdoor opportunities.	1
19	Community gardens, seed share sheds, drying sheds, composting toilets.	
	Tourism	
20	Lets talk about tourism, who does it benefit, what are the costs, who drives this agenda?	1

	Comments	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
21	Being a “destination” isn’t great for community wellbeing. Let’s get these things in sync.	1
22	Promote & invest in trails tourism. It is low impact and benefits the community.	
R2	Downtown beautification!! Much more spaces to accommodate new businesses in the downtown. Build our downtown to draw more tourism to this town that is outside of recreation. Diversify our tourist population	1

Natural Environment

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Cumberland Community Forest	
1	The community forest has a covenant, please stop breaking the terms of the covenant.	
	Urban Forest	
2	Trees	
3	Urban tree cover. Less grass, more biodiverse vegetation	2
4	Protect our urban forest. Ensure we work together to keep heritage trees. OCP Bylaw re: 60m DCW for all development with parks	3
5	Continuing to add more green/trees, trees will help keep the town cooler. Also colourful buildings? Its so funky and cool.	
6	Challenge: The new neighbourhood design (separated sidewalks, planting strips) do not provide adequate soil for trees.	
	Protection of Native Species	
7	Native species restoration – pay KFN for their input	
8	Cat bylaw. Keep cats indoors	
	Climate Change	
9	Build for climate change, e.g. trees, water, food security	4
	Air Quality	
10	Clean air. Expedite the transition from wood stoves.	
	Wildfire Prevention / Resilience	
11	Wildfire/fuel management surrounding Village. Fire Smart community	2
12	Consider safety & resilience. DPA for interface fire, seismic resilience, etc.	
	Protection of Greenspace	
13	Protect surrounding wetlands, ecological corridors, streams, creeks.	6
14	Developments need to dedicate more greenspace – that has habitat value, trees/intact forest	2
15	Lots of greenspace integrated into all area that supports local flora & fauna also beautiful for people to spend time in	1
	Urban Containment	
16	No development in the eastern block	
17	Urban containment boundary	1

	Comments under Natural Environment moved to another section:	Section
	Playground and park in newer development (above Kendal)	Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being & Other

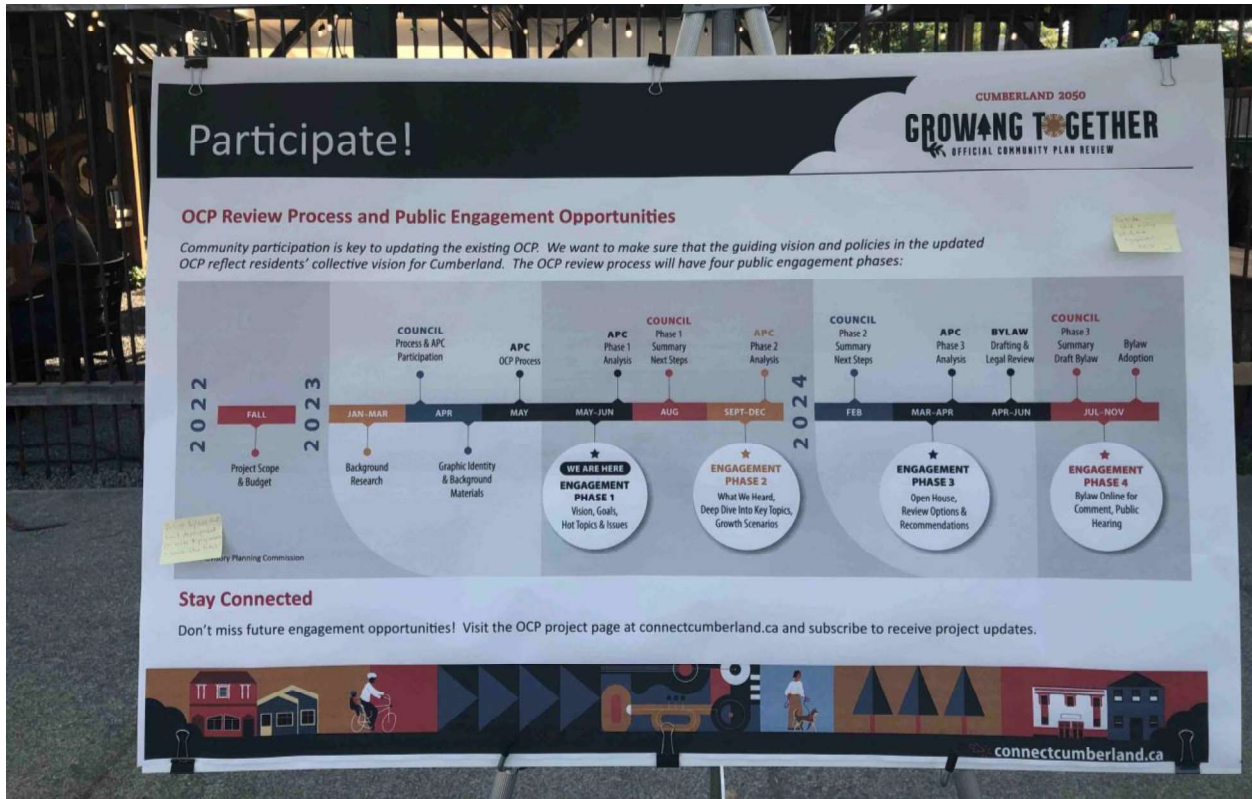
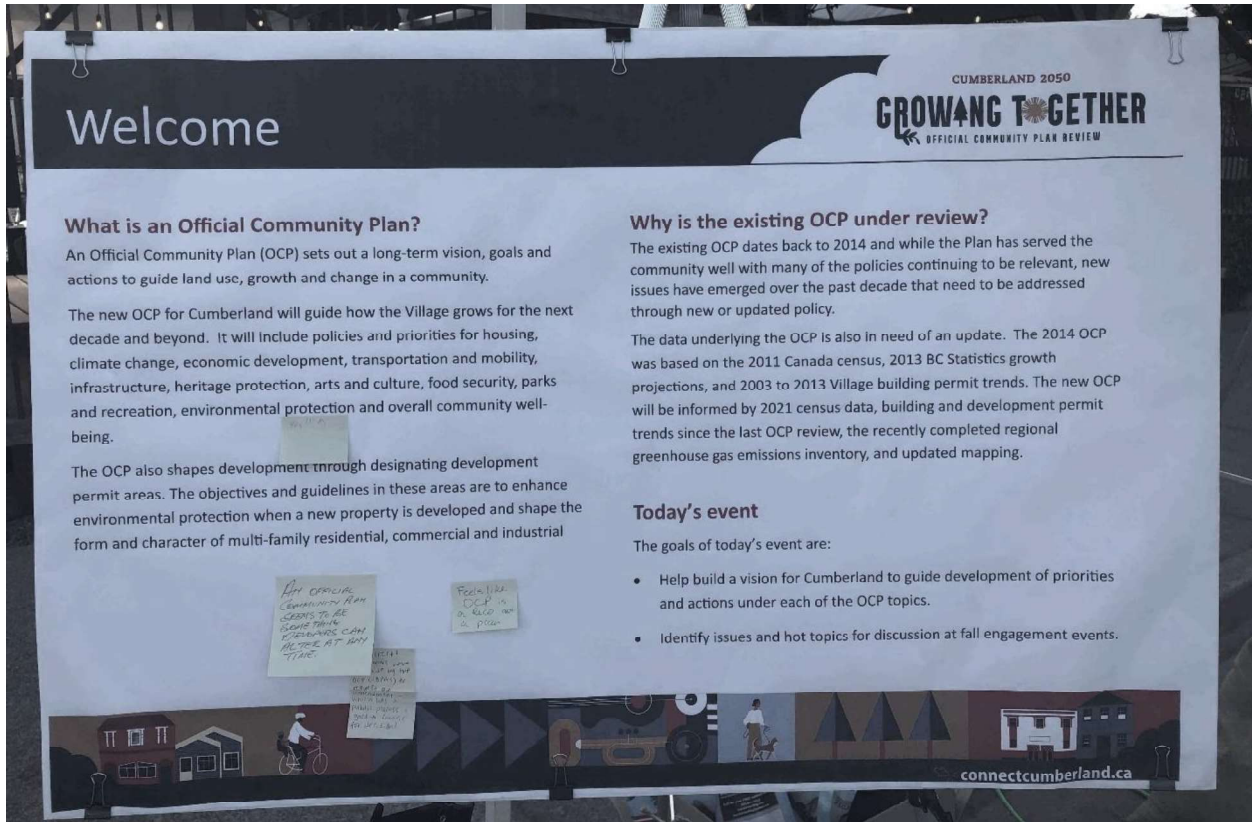
	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
	Recreation, Arts and Culture	
1	Balancing our recreation interests with arts & culture	1
2	Love the rec center accessibility. Tot gym is great	
3	Either a new rec centre or a big renovation on our existing one. Outdoor pool at the park	1
4	New fitness centre/community centre built in seniors (cultural) centre as community grows	1
5	New recreation centre with multi-purpose & meeting spaces	1
	Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility	
6	Arts & Culture, accessibility inclusion, social justice, equity	1
7	Accessible social spaces	
8	Keep up the great opportunity for community connection	
	Seniors Housing / Ageing in Place	
9	Get seniors housing built in Coal Valley	2
10	Super disappointed in the “aging” of ageing in place. Paint chips into storm drain	
	Outdoor Public Amenities	
11	Public space & benches on walking routes	
12	Climbing boulder(s) in park(s) of Cumberland please	
13	Need shaded picnic tables in a main square for easy connection in summer	
14	Add bike parking	
15	Outdoor gyms for adults like monkey bars and bouldering rocks outdoors	
16	Invest in outdoor health and wellness infrastructure and spaces. Make greenways. Affordable rentals for all ages [under Built Environment]	1
17	Shade trees in public space. Solar parasols.	
18	A dog and/or kid play café in the back parking lot	
19	Playground and park in newer development (above Kendal)	5
20	Enforced on leash nature spaces. Safe spaces for all dogs, not just “friendly” dogs	3
21	Off leash dog areas in the wild areas around the Village	
	Car Free Downtown	
22	Car free on Dunsmuir downtown	3
23	Pedestrian only on Dunsmuir	
24	Close Third outside CBC to cars!	1
25	Platzle area to stop traffic. Example: Kimberley, BC	
	Traffic/Street Calming	
26	Calm the streets, create spaces for slow, for gathering, for sitting	2
27	Less cars, trucks and motorcycles. Less noise pollution!	
28	Safe – traffic calming around Village Park	
	Alternative Transportation Network	
29	E-bike network (not as crazy as the bike trails)	

	Comment	No. of sticky dots placed in agreement
30	Better integration with Courtenay with better bus service & off road bike path between municipalities	5
31	Prioritize sidewalks in all old Cumberland over time on at least one side of street	
32	Bike path to Courtenay	
33	We need a paved ring road in the lower forest zones! Good for mountain bikers and everyone young and old (walkers, medi-chairs, strollers, scooters, road bikes, etc.)	
	Medical and Health and Wellness Services	
34	No more waiting – we need doctors in Cumberland	
35	More indoor health & wellness spaces needed, clinics, counselling offices etc. so that we can have more of these services in town	
	Affordability	
36	Address poverty by increasing affordability so less money held up in rent/mortgage payments. Frees up money for well-being.	
R16	Invest in outdoor health and wellness infrastructure and spaces. Make greenways. Affordable rentals for all ages.	1

	Comments under Community Well-Bring moved to other sections:	Section
	Development Application Process	
	Hire more staff or streamline review and approval of subdivision, development permits, etc.	Built Environment
	Urban Agriculture / Food Choices	
	Community gardens, seed stake sheds, seed drying sheds, composting toilets	Economy
	Trees	
	Trees	Natural Environment

Comments contributed under the section titled “Other” were related to Community-Well Being and are included above.

Appendix 3: Photo Record of Poster Boards



Community Statistics

Cumberland 2016 to 2021

Below are a few key statistics about Cumberland and its residents. The numbers show how the community has changed between the last two censuses. The changes are important to consider in discussions of how Cumberland should grow and adapt.

	2016	2021	Change
Population	3,770	4,445	+18.5%
Median Age	37.9	39.2	+1.3 years
Age groups with largest share of population	Under 14 (18.4%) 35-44 (16.6%) Over 65 (14.8%)	Under 14 (20%) 35-44 (20%) Over 65 (15.2%)	+1.4% +3.4% +0.4%
Average household size	2.4 people	2.4 people	0
Median after-tax household income	\$65,203 (in 2015)	\$75,500 (in 2020)	Not adjusted to account for inflation
Unemployment rate	7.5%	8.2%	+0.7%
Average home sales price	\$399,006	\$677,000	Not adjusted to account for inflation
Renter Households	26.5%	28%	+1.5%
Renters spending more than 30% of household income on shelter costs	10.1%	29.1%	+20%
Rental vacancy rate	1.4%	0.7%	-0.7%

	2016	2021	Change
Top employment sectors	Health Care and Social Assistance (20.6%) Retail trade (11.8%) Construction (10.8%)	Health Care and Social Assistance (17.6%) Professional, scientific, technical services (9.8%) Retail trade (7.6%)	Rise in professional service industry as one of top three employment sectors
Places of work			
Work from home	7%	17.2%	+10.2%
Work in Cumberland	16.9%	19.3%	+2.4%
Work elsewhere in Comox Valley	69%	67.7%	-2.7%
Work elsewhere in Province	13.7%	11.3%	-2.4%
Work outside of Province	0.7%	2%	+1.3%
Main mode of commuting			
Motor vehicle	85.2%	85.5%	+0.3%
Public transit	1.7%	1.1%	+0.6%
Walk	7.4%	4.5%	-2.9%
Bicycle	2.5%	3.4%	+0.9%
Other mode	2.8%	5.4%	+2.5%

The above are just a few of the changes Cumberland has been experiencing over the past decade.

On the following three poster boards, organized by OCP topic area, share what is on your mind and you would like to see explored at public engagement events in the fall.



Favourite Places

CUMBERLAND 2050

GROWING TOGETHER
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

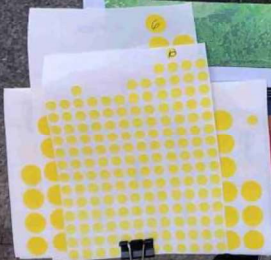
Why are favourite places so important?

Favourite places give life and spirit to a community. They are where we go to recharge, where we like to hang out, meet new people or connect with family and friends. Favourite places make us feel at home in a community.

Understanding the favourite places in the Village and the stories behind them, tells us what residents value and would like to see retained or amplified as the community grows.

Share about your favourite place

1. Find your favourite place on the map.
2. If it doesn't already have a number on it, mark it with a sticky dot with the next free number (see next board)
3. If the place already has a number, find it on the list on the next board.
4. On a sticky note, write what you like and value about the place and put it next to the number.
5. To agree with what someone else has written, please a sticky dot next to it.



Economy— Natural Environment

CUMBERLAND 2050 GROWING TOGETHER OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

What is on your mind?

Under the **Economy** section, the existing OCP includes policies on:

- local economic development,
- arts and culture
- tourism
- local food production.

The **Natural Environment** section includes policies on:

- environmental preservation,
- views and landscape character,
- climate change
- natural hazardous areas

The OCP also includes environmental development permit guidelines that new development has to follow.

Community Well-Being

Other

Playground Park in new development

TREES

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Community Well-Being & Other

CUMBERLAND 2050 GROWING TOGETHER OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

What is on your mind?

In the existing OCP document, **Community-Well Being** includes:

- Health and wellness
- Recreation
- Parks and greenways
- Ageing in place

Other topics under this heading could be arts and culture, equity, accessibility and social inclusion.

Let us know your concerns or ideas related to the above and similar topics.

The comment box labelled "Other" is for anything else you want to share that touches on land use and how you think Cumberland should grow and adapt to today's challenges.

Community Well-Being

Other

TREES

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Next Steps

CUMBERLAND 2050
GROWING TOGETHER
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

What's ahead:

- Today's poster boards posted at connectcumberland.ca
- Online favourite places map and discussion forum collect further resident input at connectcumberland.ca
- Review of public input received with Village's Advisory Planning Commission.
- Drafting of the community vision.
- Identification of hot topics for discussion at the fall engagement events.
- Presentation of an engagement summary report to Council in late summer/early fall.
- Fall engagement events to share public input received, identify further community statistics and trends, and explore OCP topics in depth.

We look forward to seeing you at our fall events!

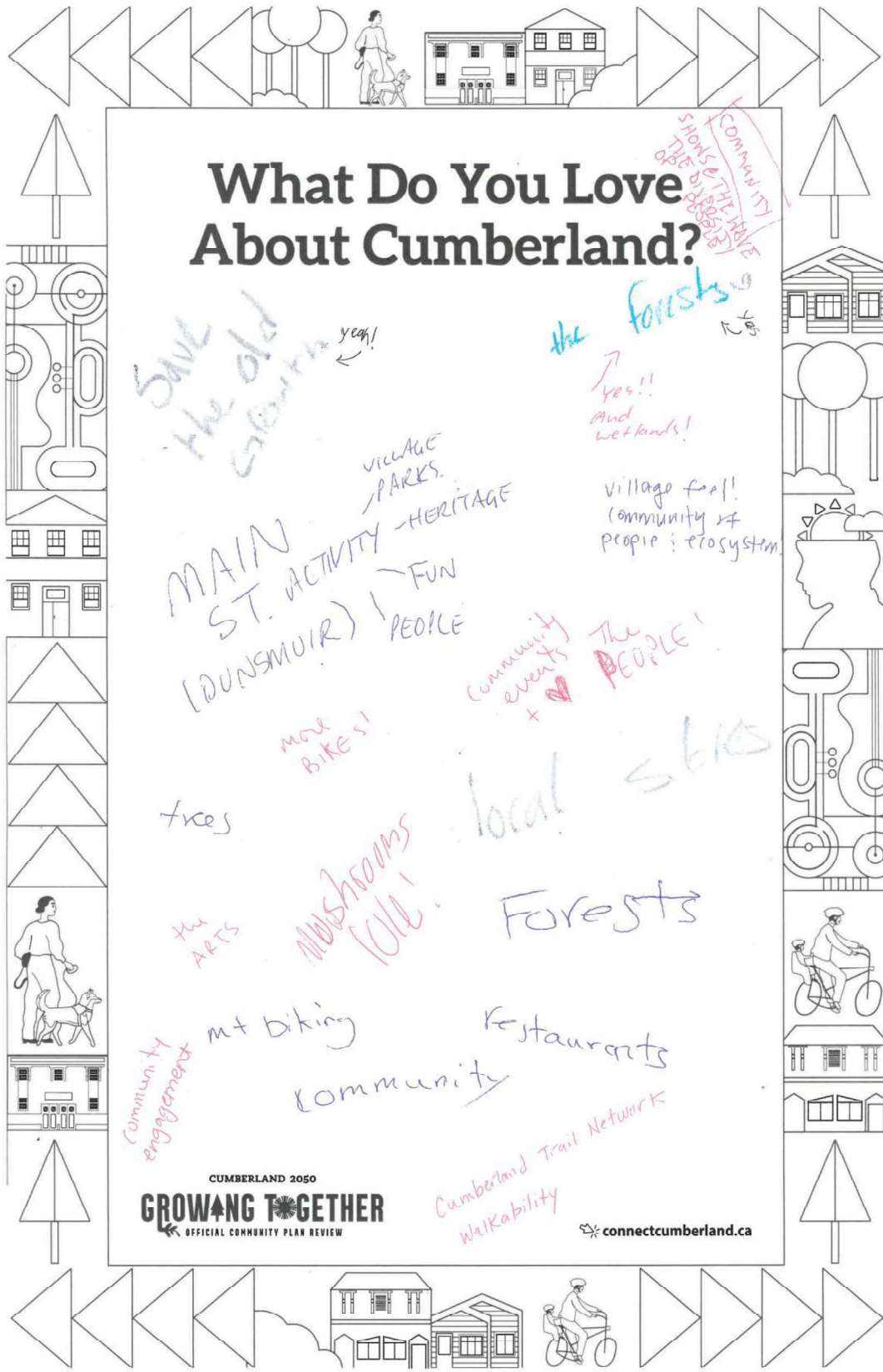


Don't miss out!

Visit connectcumberland.ca and sign up to receive updates and notifications of upcoming engagement events.



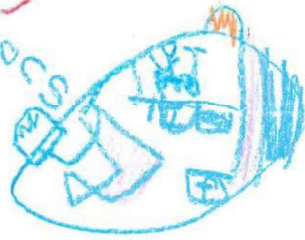
Appendix 4: What do you Love About Cumberland Drawings



What Do You Love About Cumberland?

everything is close.

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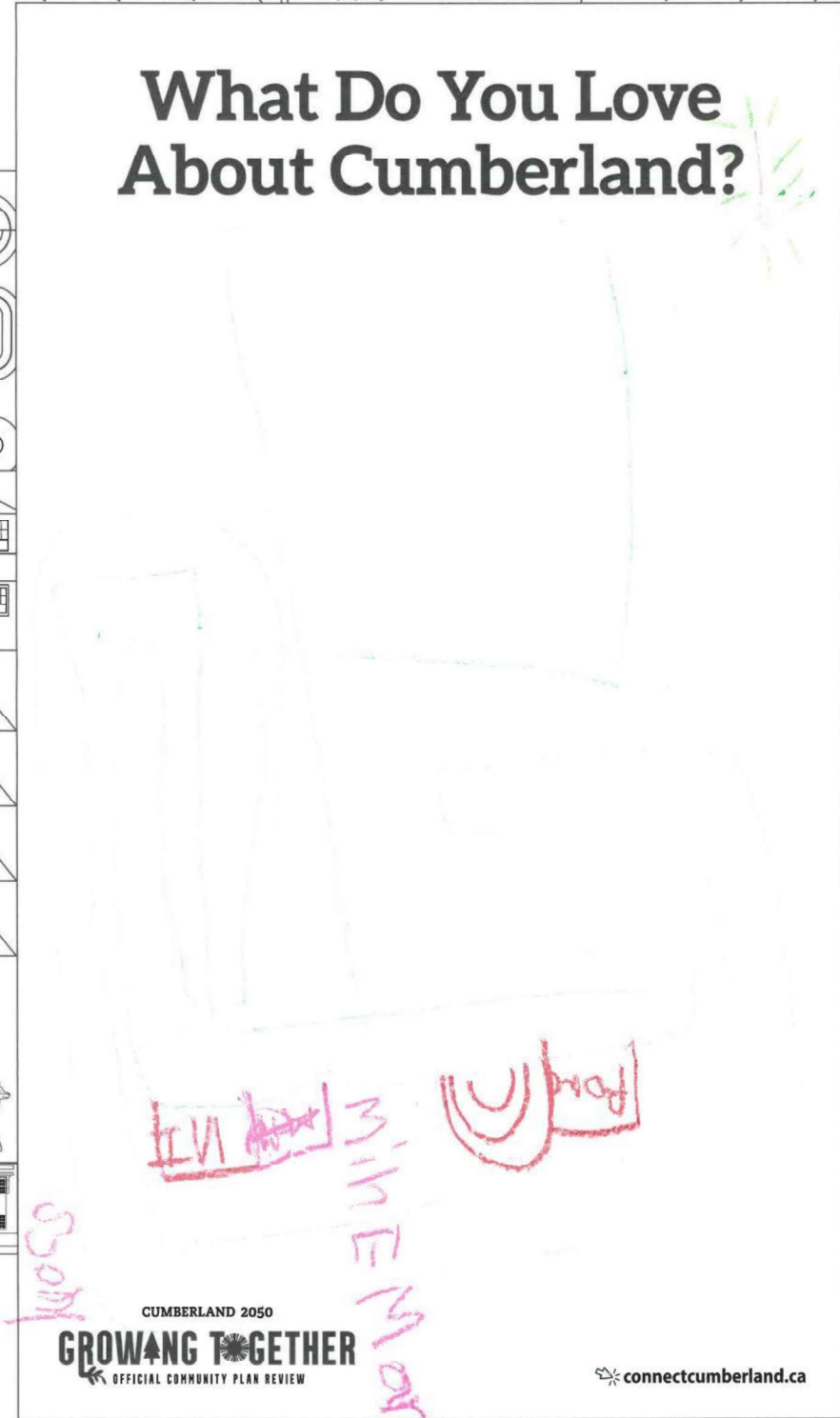


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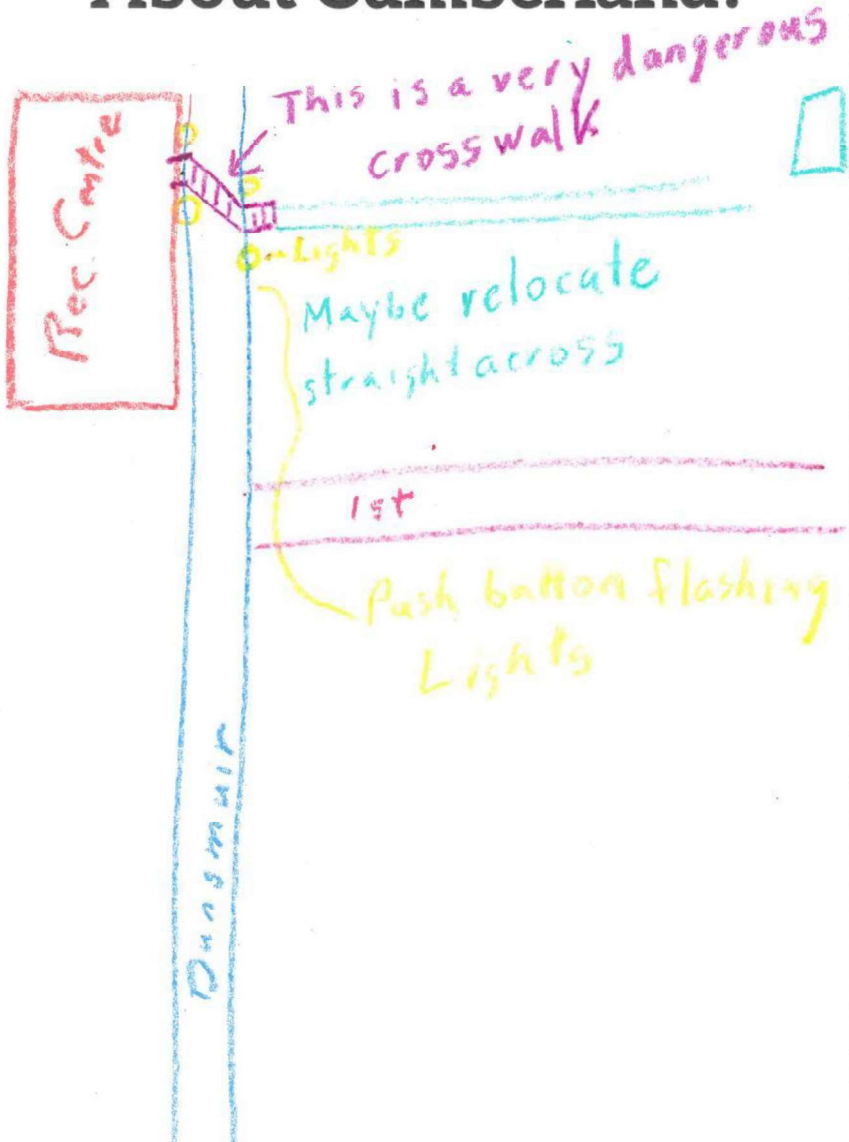


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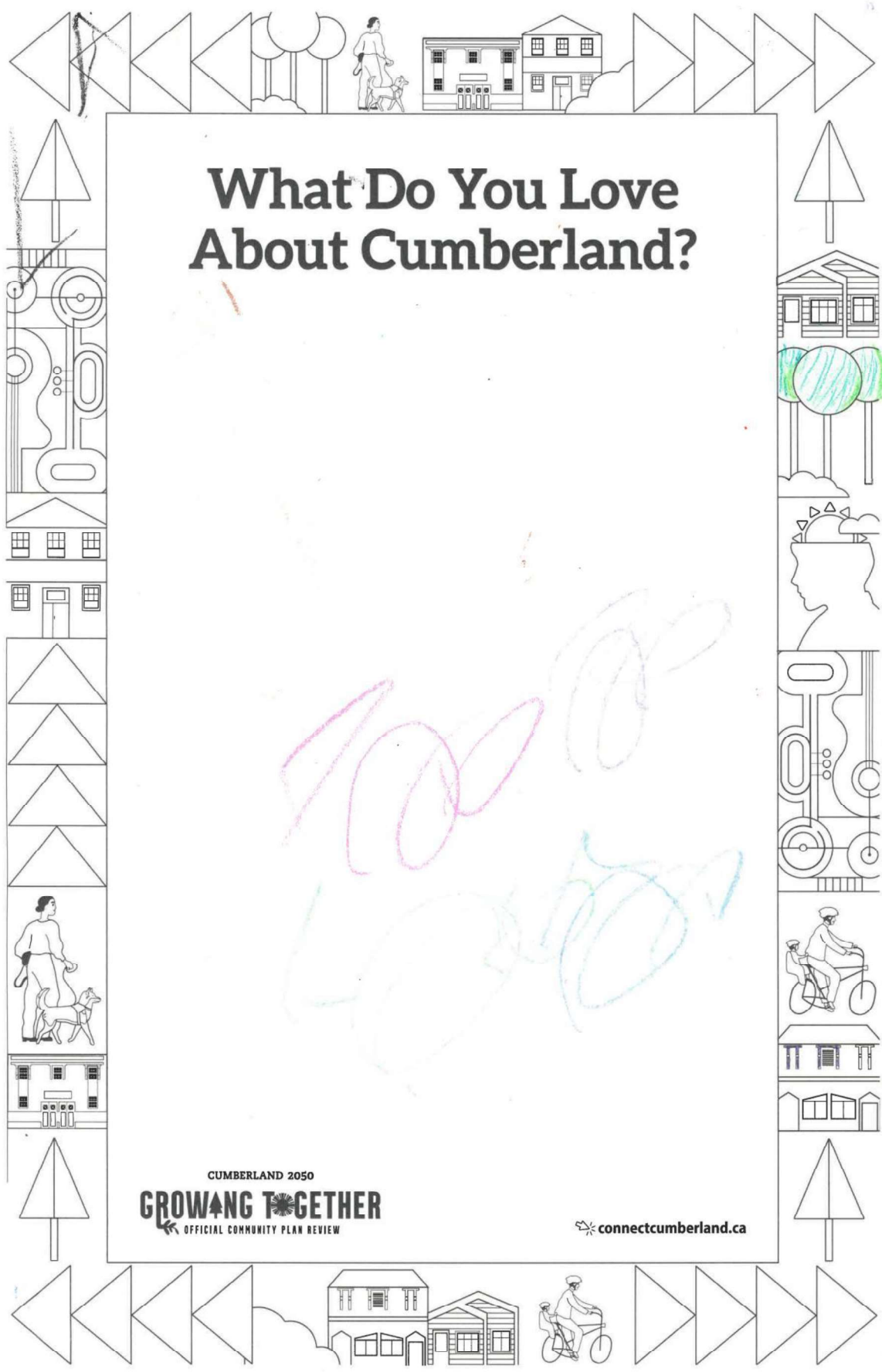
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Appendix 5: Responses to On-line tools as at July 6, 2023

1. Vision for Cumberland *(key words highlighted)*

The **Wellington Colliery Trail** is an old railroad bed and a perfect place for a cool shady walk on a hot summers day. It's **surrounded by wetland** and you'll see a **variety of wildlife** including many waterfowl, beavers, martins, muskrats and lots of native plants!;
https://s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-canada/file_answers/files/3ceea0da38107fa951428b4565fef4f9d34666bd/096/010/616/original/PXL_20210510_235959846.jpg?1688681616

My vision for Cumberland: A community that looks out for one another, continues to protect our **natural assets**, and expands **inclusivity** to welcome all. Our OCP needs to put **climate change adaptation** at the front. New developments are heat islands because climate change was not considered (all mature trees cut down for example).

The new welcome posts are amazing and help remind residents and visitors that we are on K'omoks land. I would really like to see us **working deeply with the K'omoks** First Nation. For example, when making the new park trail name..the kids competition was cute but how about letting the K'omoks members decide on names for our new trails and streets? Other examples: Work with them in the design and delivery of the new child care facility. An Indigenous garden on Dunsmuir. How are developers required to work with them when designing new developments? How are you working with them in the OCP process? And here's an opportunity to really be a leader and consider what role the village could play in encouraging this type of reciprocity: <https://www.reciprocitytrusts.ca/>

My vision is that Cumberland has retained it's **small village feel** even though densification has happened in parts of the Village. The **car is no longer the main focus of transportation** and that **bicycles have learned to share** space with people on foot. Also that the Village looks at **climate change** when deciding subdivisions and construction of buildings. That there are not four story buildings of residences that do not have ability to cool and not just with a little window and door to open but that heat pumps are required. Scattered throughout the Village would be **benches to encourage people to walk, visit and contemplate**. Peace Park would have its own **Welcoming Totems**. There would be **many small parks** in each area and not just counting on the parks that exist in 2023. The **heritage** of the Village would be celebrated and not denigrated. **Music and art** would flourish.

I would hope that the **streets are fixed** by then, as I have limited mobility and walk with a walker and I would love to see an **indoor swimming pool with a hot tub and sauna** in the CRI.

Many people in the village would not appreciate their streets being named by a group other than our elected council. The site linked to in your comment speaks about citizens of our village as **'colonizers'** - this language is **divisive and non-inclusive**. It has no place in

Cumberland. Working with First Nations is important but the ideas you have presented are not appropriate.

Cumberland is a walkable community. Every street has sidewalks. Benches for sitting/rest exist on major/direct pedestrian routes. Bike lanes and bike routes to Royston; Courtenay and Comox. Most buildings have a some a variety solar power panels; as well as bus shelters; street lights; etc. Other solar power opportunities are explored. All power lines are below grade. Sidewalks/paved trails are maintained. Affordable housing is defined without using the word: "more"! Property tax rate for affordable housing is reduced/subsidized by 'regular' property tax payers; as well as Provincial funding sources. Recreation focuses on outdoor activities/facilities. These are some initial/quick thoughts - more to come.

2. Favourite Places

- Village Bakery Best rye bread and almond croissants.
- Waverley Forever!
- Cumberland recreation centre. Amazing community resource
- Comox lake crags rock climbing and hiking trails
- Village square park. Beautiful green space
- Cumberland disc golf course
- Disc Golf Course
- Trail Entrance - Possibilities
- Village Square. Great gathering space in the heart of Cumberland.
- Comox Lake and beach. Music in the park and space to spend time on hot summer days.
- Totem poles at the Peace Park. Welcomes everyone to Cumberland.

3. What's on Your Mind (topics for further discussion)

Built Environment

01 Jul 2023

Community gardens

- Plant edible perennial plants like herbs in street beds. Create a community garden with allocations for those without yards and a free community garden for those in need.

01 Jul 2023

Responsible Growth

- Important that the village ensures that future residential growth does not outpace available services.

01 Jul 2023

Dunsmuir Street facades

- Village should ensure consistent building facade theme for new builds on Dunsmier. It has charm but it is being lost with some new builds.

01 Jul 2023

Tax incentives for small businesses

- Recommend the Village provide tax incentives for small businesses for their first 3 years. Will help expand the tax base beyond citizens.

01 Jul 2023

Community gardens for food security

- Community Gardens should be mandated with any multi-family build. Also any empty lots the Village has should be converted as such.

Economy

01 Jul 2023

Tax Incentives for Small Business

- Recommend the Village provide tax incentives for small businesses for their first 3 years. Will help expand the tax base beyond citizens.

01 Jul 2023

Biking Network to Reduce GHG

- An efficient and very safe biking network throughout the Comox Valley will incentivize fitness and reduce GHG emissions.

Community Well-Being

01 Jul 2023

Property Taxes Going Exponential

- Property taxes are rising far faster than homeowner's incomes. Financial prudence by the village will help everyone including renters.