

Official Community Plans

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Accessibility Committee Meeting



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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the ACRD office is located on the traditional lands of the Hupačasath and Tseshaht First Nations, who have looked after the land since time immemorial.

We are grateful to be able to work, learn, and play on their traditional territory.

What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

- An Official Community Plan (OCP) guides land use for 5-20 years.
- It is used to address questions such as:
 - What housing types (detached, multi-storey, etc.) should be encouraged?
 - Where should parks be located?
 - How should the environment be protected?
 - What transportation (biking paths, etc.) is needed?



ACRD OCPs

- The ACRD has a total of six OCPs. One for each Electoral Area.
- OCPs are made to reflect community needs. They involve engagement with community members, First Nations, and local organizations.



AREA C

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

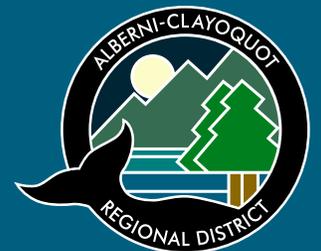
ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT AREA C OCP MAP

- Official Community Plan Area
- Regional District Boundary
- ACRD Electoral Area Boundaries
- Highways
- Municipalities**
 - City of Port Alberni
 - District of Tofino
 - District of Ucluelet
- Treaty Nation Lands**
 - Huu-ay-aht First Nations
 - Toquaht Nation
 - Uchucklesaht Tribe
 - Yuułu?i?ath



The OCP area is situated over the traditional territories of the Yuułu?i?ath (Ucluelet First Nation), tuk*aa?ath (Toquaht Nation), and ła?uuk*?i?ath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation).

This map is for general reference purposes only. Last updated October 28, 2024



**SPROAT LAKE
AND AREA
OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY
PLAN UPDATE**

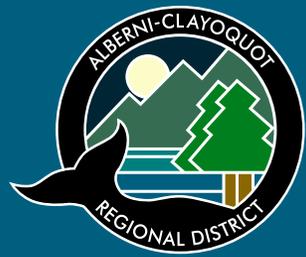
**ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
SPROAT LAKE AND AREA OCP MAP**

- Official Community Plan Area
- Regional District Boundary
- ACRD Electoral Area Boundaries
- Roads
- City of Port Alberni
- Treaty Nation Lands
- First Nation Reserve Communities**
- Tseshaht First Nation
- Hupačasath First Nation



The OCP area is situated over the traditional territories of the cišaa?ath (Tseshaht First Nation) and Hupačasath First Nation.

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Accessibility & OCPs

- Accessibility is an important priority for both *what* is in the final policy and *how* we engage to get there.
- Engagement includes both in-person and online.
- Numerous advertising methods.



What We Heard - Accessibility

- For accessibility, the South Long Beach (Area “C”) community would like:
 - Safer access to the Multi-Use Path
 - Improved water access
 - More trail signs
- The Sproat Lake (Area “D”) community would like:
 - Improved signage for public access into the lake
 - More paved walking trails for those with mobility concerns
 - Wheelchair accessible recreation opportunities



Accessibility Policies

- In the Draft Area “C” (South Long Beach) OCP, accessibility policies include:
 - Improve public access and accessibility to existing parks and recreation amenities, including waterfront and beach accesses.
 - Explore opportunities to collaborate with local and regional accessibility advocacy groups.
 - Ensure that accessibility is a key principle of emergency management initiatives at both the regional and neighbourhood level.



What's Next?

- The first draft of the Area “C” (South Long Beach) OCP will launch in March.
- The Sproat Lake (Area “D”) OCP is currently being drafted.
- More community engagement for both projects is upcoming!

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Thank you

Comments or Questions?



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