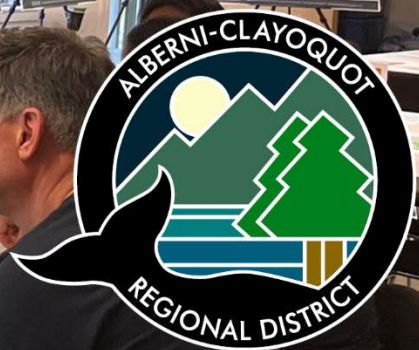


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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

PHASE 4 – ENGAGEMENT
SUMMARY REPORT
APRIL 2026



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INTRODUCTION

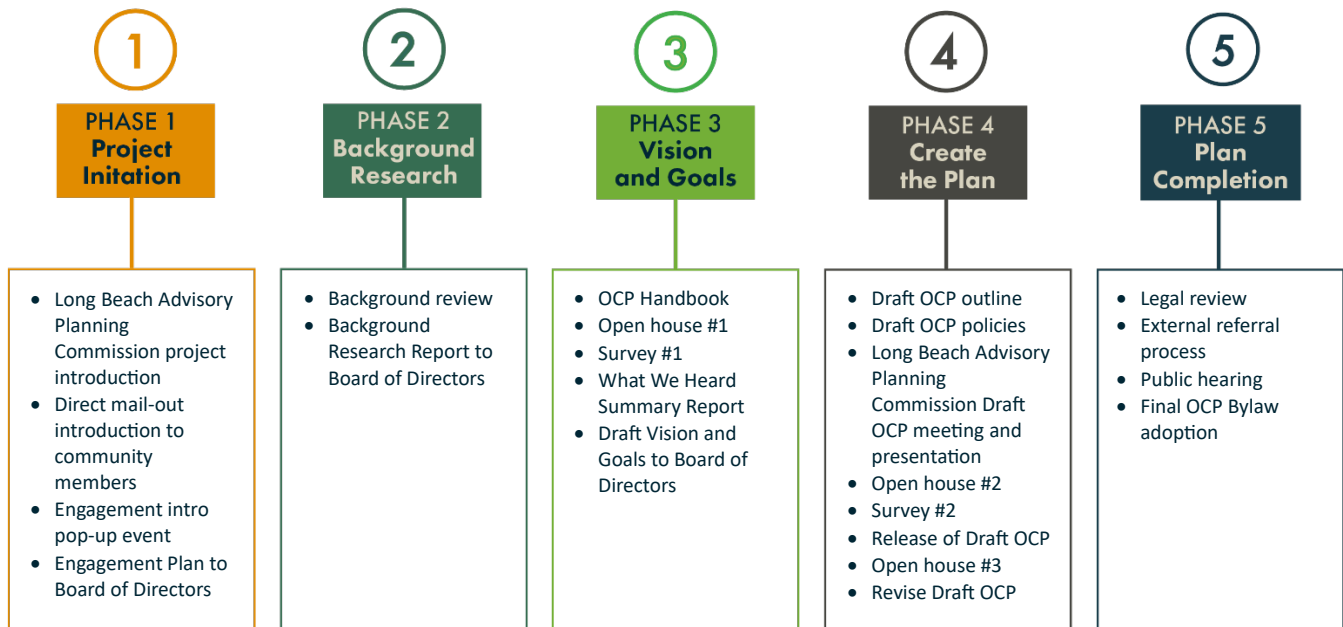
In Summer 2024, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) started a full-scale update of the Area “C” (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan (OCP). An OCP is a set of policies that outlines the long-term vision for the community and guides future decision-making on development.

The current Area “C” OCP was adopted in July 2007 and has influenced local land use for over 18 years. Updating the OCP is important to ensure its vision and goals remain aligned with current community priorities and future direction.

This report provides a summary of the engagement activities and what we heard throughout Phase 4 – Create the Plan. It also explains how community feedback was collected and used to create the Draft Area “C” OCP. Feedback from Phases 1 to 3 was used to create the Background Research Report, as well as the Draft Vision and Goals.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 4 – Create the Plan started in Summer 2025, with the Plan Completion phase estimated for Spring 2026. Below summarizes the steps taken in each project phase. It also summarizes what steps will be taken in Phase 5 – Plan Completion.



THE OCP ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

To ensure the OCP reflects community needs, the OCP project team has been engaging with First Nations and Modern Treaty Nations, community members, local community groups, neighbouring local governments, organizations, and the Province since November 2024. Engagement opportunities were provided both in-person, and online at www.letsconnectacrd.ca/area-c-ocp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The ACRD has engaged with community members throughout the entire OCP process such as through open houses, surveys, a community BBQ, and pop-up events. Community members feedback was gathered and compiled to create the Draft Area “C” OCP Vision and Goals, and helped guide the policies for the Draft Area “C” OCP.

The following events were held for community members to engage in the Area “C” OCP:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
November 6, 2024	Project Introduction Pop-up	Ucluelet Co-op General Store	N/A
December 11, 2024 to March 31, 2025	Area C OCP Handbook	Online	2 submissions, 4 participants
March 3 to March 31, 2025	Engagement Survey #1	Online	46 submissions
March 13, 2025	Open House and Workshop #1	Ucluelet Community Centre	43 attendees
March 26, 2025	‘What We Heard’ Pop-up	Ucluelet Co-op General Store	25 attendees
April 26, 2025	Millstream Community BBQ	Community of Millstream	90 attendees
August 28 to September 15, 2025	Engagement Survey #2	Online	36 submissions
August 13, 2025	Open House and Workshop #2	Ucluelet Community Centre	16 attendees
August 27, 2025	‘What We Heard’ Pop-up #2	Ucluelet Co-op General Store	24 attendees
September 4-9, 2025	Alberni Valley Fall Fair	Alberni Fall Fair Grounds	N/A
February 19, 2026	Youth Engagement – Land Based Learning Class	Ucluelet Secondary School	16 attendees
March 13 to April 1, 2026	Draft OCP Feedback Questionnaire	Online	5 submissions
March 24, 2026	Draft OCP Open House	Ucluelet Community Centre	44 attendees

LONG BEACH APC ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement process is also being guided by the Long Beach Advisory Planning Commission (APC). The APC provides valuable local input on development applications and community planning, and advises the Electoral Area Director and ACRD Board of Directors on planning matters. The APC’s role for the OCP has been to advise on engagement plans, encourage community involvement, and to provide a community lens on topics throughout the drafting process for the Area “C” OCP.

The APC has met on the following dates to discuss the Area “C” OCP Update:

DATE	MEETING DETAILS	LOCATION
June 24, 2024	Project Introduction and Visioning	Ucluelet Community Centre or hybrid
November 25, 2024	OCP Update and Background Research Report Review	Ucluelet Community Centre or hybrid
February 18, 2025	OCP Update and Review of Open House Display Boards	ACRD Boardroom or hybrid
April 15, 2025	OCP Engagement Update and Draft Vision and Goals Review	ACRD Boardroom or hybrid
March 3, 2026	Review of Draft Area “C” OCP	Ucluelet Community Centre or hybrid

ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONS AND MODERN TREATY NATIONS

Electoral Area "C" is part of the West Coast Region, which is situated on the traditional territories of the hiškʷiiʔath (Hesquiaht First Nation), ʕaahʷuusʔath (Ahouasht), ʕaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation), Yuuʕuʔiʔath (Ucluelet First Nation), and tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation), with Maa-nulth Treaty Settlement Lands neighbouring the area.

The OCP area is situated over the traditional territories of the Yuuʕuʔiʔath (Ucluelet First Nation), tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation), and ʕaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation), and neighbours Yuuʕuʔiʔath Government and tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation) Treaty Settlement Lands.

A key component of the OCP has been to ensure thoughtful engagement with Modern Treaty Nations and First Nations communities on the West Coast. Meetings have been held with staff from ʕaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation), Yuuʕuʔiʔath Government (Ucluelet First Nation), and tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation) throughout the OCP process.

The OCP project team met with Modern Treaty Nations and First Nations on the following dates to discuss the Area “C” OCP, while maintaining email and phone conversations throughout the engagement process:

DATE	NATION	MEETING INFORMATION
February 18, 2025	tuk ^w aaʔath (Toquaht Nation)	Online
April 10, 2025	ʔaʔuuk ^w iʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation)	Online
May 2, 2025	Yuutuʔifʔath (Ucluelet First Nation)	Online
November 5, 2025	tuk ^w aaʔath (Toquaht Nation)	In-person
December 4, 2025	ʔaʔuuk ^w iʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation)	In-person
February 19, 2026	tuk ^w aaʔath (Toquaht Nation)	Online

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the process, ACRD committees and community organizations have been updated on the project and provided the opportunity to comment on engagement processes and Draft policy.

The OCP project team met on the following dates to discuss the Area “C” OCP with the following committees and organizations:

DATE	COMMUNITY GROUP/ORGANIZATION	MEETING INFORMATION
September 23, 2024	Island Health	OCP Update Introduction
January 28, 2025	Clayoquot Biosphere Trust	OCP Update Introduction, Phases, and What’s Next
February 6, 2025	Island Health	OCP Update Presentation and Discussion
February 19, 2025	Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network	OCP Update Introduction
April 8, 2025	Coastal Foods Roundtable	OCP Update and What’s Next Presentation and Discussion
September 17, 2025	Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network	Area C OCP Update Presentation and Discussion
September 17, 2025	Salmon Beach Committee	OCP Update Presentation
February 10, 2026	Accessibility Committee	OCPs and Accessibility
February 18, 2026	West Coast Committee	OCP Update
March 12, 2026	Salmon Beach Committee	Draft OCP and Update
March 18, 2026	Coastal Foods Roundtable	OCP Update Presentation and Discussion

HOW WE KEPT THE PUBLIC INFORMED

PROJECT WEBPAGE

A dedicated Let's Connect ACRD webpage for the Area "C" OCP was launched on September 16, 2024. The webpage provided community members with an overview of the OCP planning process and engagement event updates, with 63 project page subscribers as of April 14, 2026. This project webpage was updated throughout the OCP phases. This webpage received 3,100 total visits from September 16, 2024 to March 31, 2026. The project page can be viewed at: www.letsconnectacrd.ca/area-c-ocp.

EMAIL UPDATES

Let's Connect project page subscribers received engagement event updates to participate either online or in-person. In addition, emails were sent to organizations, neighbouring local governments, and community interest groups regarding any upcoming engagement events and project updates. Major project updates that they received included information on the Background Research Report, Draft Vision and Goals, and Draft Area "C" OCP.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The ACRD used social media posts to reach out to community members on the Area "C" OCP update project. Platforms that were used included Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter). Social media posts included the launch of the project, upcoming events and surveys, the public release of the Draft Plan and advertisements to subscribe to the Let's Connect project webpage.

COMMUNITY SANDWICH BOARDS

In our survey #2, the OCP project team learned that a majority of community members that responded heard about the project from the community sandwich boards. Sandwich boards were used throughout community locations which have included the Salmon Beach boat launch and gate entrance, Ittatsoo Bay entrance, Port Albion across from Lee Street, in and around Millstream, and in Ucluelet. These sandwich boards were used to inform community members when there were any upcoming engagement events, as well as survey deadlines.

NEWSPAPER & RADIO

The OCP project team informed community members about the project through newspaper and radio. Several advertisements were placed with the Westerly newspaper, as well as Tuff City radio. These advertisements included a project introduction, any upcoming engagement events and surveys, and the public release of the Draft OCP.

DIRECT MAIL-OUT

The introduction of the OCP Update project was the first direct mail-out that community members received, with a flyer that explained what an OCP is. Community members received flyers via direct mail-out on all engagement opportunities and surveys, including the launch of the Draft OCP.

'WHAT WE HEARD' IN PHASE 4

OPEN HOUSE AND WORKSHOP #2

In the early part of Phase 4, an open house and workshop was held on August 13, 2025 at the Ucluelet Community Centre and had 16 attendees (Page 9). During the open house portion, community members were asked questions related to key topics and invited to write their thoughts and comments on sticky notes on interactive display boards that were placed throughout the room. There were 20 responses collected on the interactive display boards. The workshop portion then began at 5:30 pm, where there was a roundtable discussion with Planning staff and community members covering topics related reconciliation, parks, environment, housing, economy, and transportation.

Comments included:

- the importance of environmental protection, including the preservation of wildlife corridors
- that maintaining the Millstream water system as crucial part of community wellbeing
- strong appreciation for active transportation infrastructure, such as walking and cycling paths
- that basement suites and bed and breakfasts are supported forms of short-term rental accommodation.



ENGAGEMENT SURVEY #2

During engagement activities, attendees were encouraged to complete an online survey hosted using the Let's Connect website, which was available from August 28 to September 15, 2025. Paper copies of the survey were available to complete in-person during the pop-up events and open house. The survey was also advertised on social media platforms and community sandwich boards. The survey had 36 submissions. Of those submissions that identified where they own property, 9 were from Millstream, 9 were from Salmon Beach, 4 were from Port Albion, and 1 was from Ittatsoo Bay.

The following is an overview of 'what we heard' from community members on the Engagement Survey #2. Where graphs and charts have been used, the information reflects the survey responses.

RECONCILIATION

During Phase 3 engagement, community members highlighted the importance of First Nations' culture and heritage, and felt it is important to reflect reconciliation in the OCP. Questions in Phase 4 therefore asked community members about reconciliation.

Survey Questions:

What does reconciliation mean to you?

How can the ACRD show a greater commitment to reconciliation in Area "C"?

How can the ACRD better support Indigenous-led initiatives in the community?

Survey respondents of Area "C" expressed the importance of reconciliation. They stated that meaningful acknowledgement and equitable representation on committees will improve decision making and strengthen relationships. Some of the survey responses to the questions include: "recognizing the different Nations within Area-C and their knowledge on the area, working together, respecting the environment", "ensure Local First Nations are included in all aspects of proposed changes in Area C!" and "strengthening relationships with First Nations."

PARKS & RECREATION

In Engagement Survey #1 and at the open house in Phase 3, community members answered questions on what they felt were the most important opportunities to consider for the OCP, what changes they would make to Area "C", and what is missing. We heard from community members about the importance of access to waterfront and public green spaces. Questions in Phase 4, build on these ideas further.

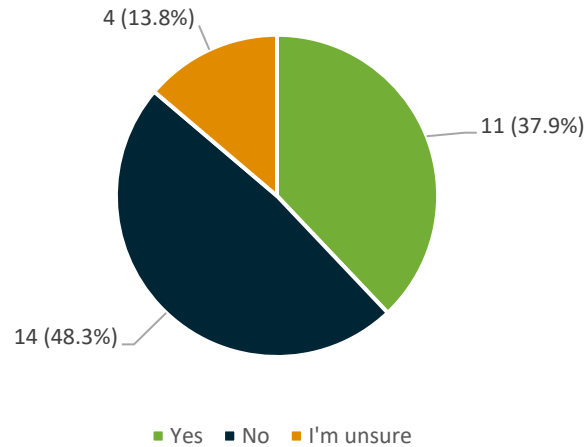
Survey Question:

Would you support increased taxation to fund the community parks service in Area "C"?

How can OCP policies support public water and beach access?

The largest portion (48.3%) of survey respondents indicated they would not support increased taxation for this purpose (Figure 1). They are concerned that this would cause increased pressure on their budgets. We heard from survey respondents that they feel strongly that access to the waterfront should be accessible for public use, however there are concerns with management and enforcement. Survey respondents stated the importance of the public access to have rules, such as food properly secured, no littering, fire bans, and having pets leashed. If additional funds were allocated to parks, community members would like to see more accessible trails and playgrounds. Millstream was highlighted as needing a playground and access to the waterfront that is maintained.

Figure 1. Survey respondents result when asked if they would support increased taxation to fund community parks service in Area "C".



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT

During previous engagement, community members highlighted the importance of the environment and community resilience. In Phase 4, community members were asked more deeply about emergency management including questions about emergency preparedness and environmental concerns, including wildfire, drought, and wildlife habitats.

Survey Question:

How can your community prepare for emergencies, disasters, and weather-related hazards?

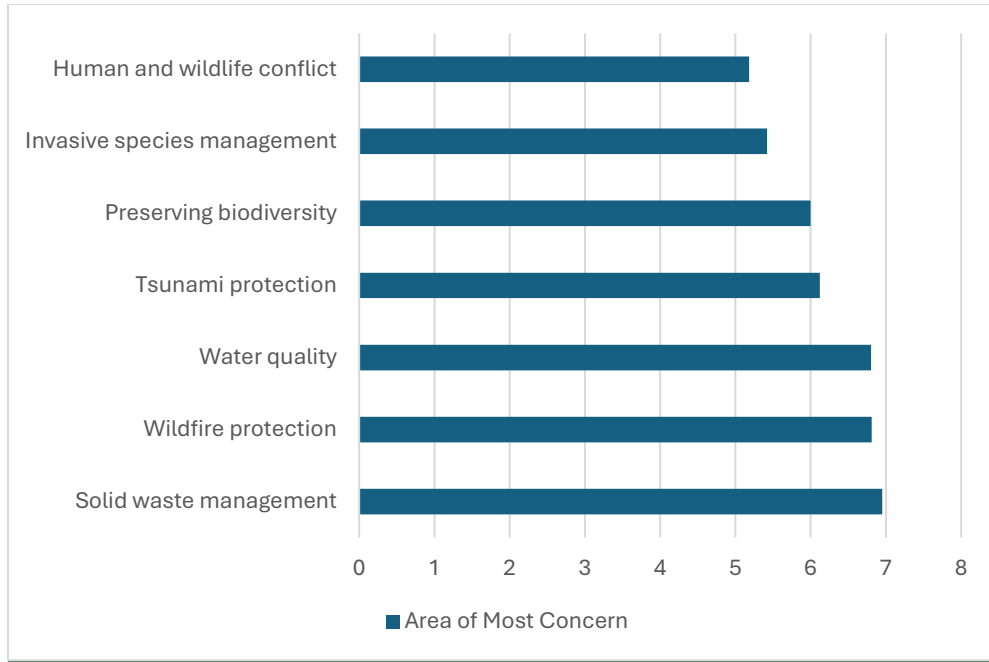
Survey respondents of Area "C" are aware of potential natural hazards and emergencies. When asked the above question, most survey respondents indicated that emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. However, there were suggestions around the need for increased education and partnerships with neighbouring communities.

Survey Question:

What environmental concerns are the most relevant to your community?

Solid waste management, wildfire protection, and water quality were ranked as the top three environmental concerns (Figure 2). In addition, survey respondents have concerns about the maintenance of existing infrastructure, as well as improving emergency services to mitigate potential environmental risks.

Figure 2. Survey respondents were asked to rank these environmental concerns in order of importance.



AGRICULTURE

During Phase 3 engagement with the Area “C” OCP Handbook community members voiced the importance of ensuring that there are opportunities to grow local food. During this same phase, on Engagement Survey #1 the majority of survey respondents answered yes to supporting limits on livestock and/or poultry based on lot size. Phase 4 looked at these ideas in greater detail.

Survey Question:

How can the ACRD support community food security?

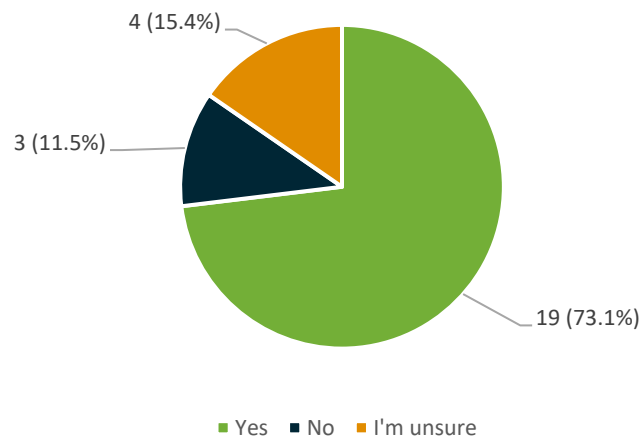
Survey respondents answered that there is a need for a community garden, one survey respondent answered with “*create a welcoming community garden for all residents*”.

Survey Question:

Should the keeping of animals for hobby farming be permitted in residential and rural areas? Please explain your answer.

19 (73.1%) of survey respondents answered yes to this question (Figure 3). However, survey respondents prefer small scale farming on rural lots over small residential properties and have concerns with noise, and animal conflicts.

Figure 3. Respondents' answers to the question "Should the keeping of animals for hobby farming be permitted in residential and rural areas?"



GROWTH MANAGEMENT

In the last phase of engagement, we heard from community members that they wanted the rural nature of their communities to be preserved.

Survey Question:

As the population of Area "C" increases, how can the rural nature of the community be preserved?

Survey respondents answered that they do not want significant growth, but do understand that the population will increase. It is preferred to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on existing parcels where septic can support, over the building of new homes on subdivided parcels. Survey respondents believe new development should occur where services already exist.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

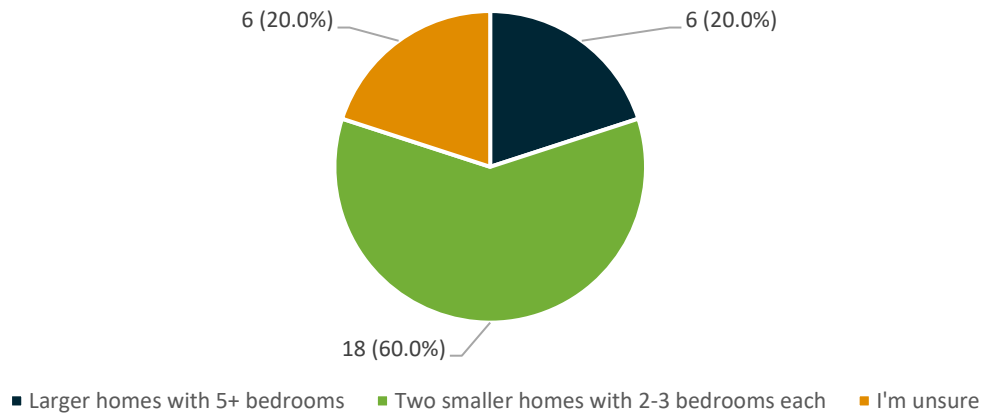
The *Local Government Act* requires that an OCP contain the location, amount, type, and density of residential development required to meet the community's anticipated 20-year housing need. The *2025 Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) Housing Needs Report* provides the information that the Long Beach's total population grew by 30% between 2016 and 2021, and that by 2041 there may be about 1,005 residents living in Long Beach.

Survey Question:

In your neighbourhood, would you prefer to see larger homes with 5+ bedrooms or two smaller homes with 2-3 bedrooms each?

18 (60%) of survey respondents answered two smaller homes with 2-3 bedrooms each to this question (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Survey respondents answer to the question "In your neighbourhood, would you prefer to see larger homes with 5+ bedrooms or two smaller homes with 2-3 bedrooms each?".

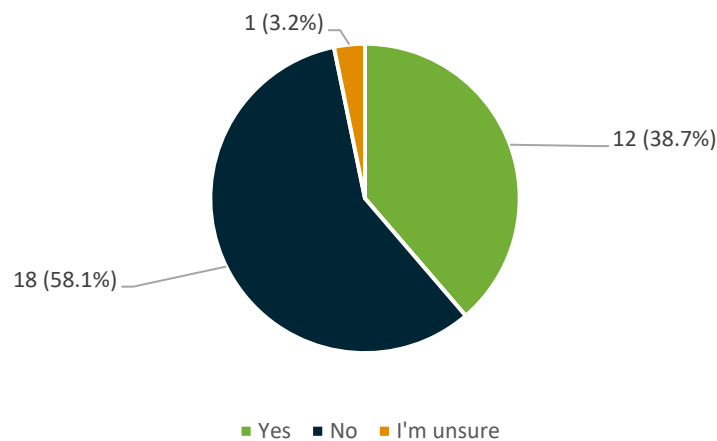


Survey Question:

Would you support long-term living on boats or in RVs in your community?

18 (58.1%) of survey respondents answered no to this question, while 12 (38.7%) answered yes (Figure 5). Survey respondents that answered no expressed that allowing people to reside in boats and RVs is not an acceptable solution to the housing crisis. Some of the survey respondents' answers that said no included: "some RVs are great and they are managed properly, but there is no building code to living in them and that can be a scary thing when people are living in unsafe conditions but there isn't much to be done about it" and "RVs are not built for long term occupation – they are flimsy in this climate and are prone to mold and damp, are poorly insulated, unsuitable for families long term". Some of the survey respondents' answers that said yes included: "property and house values have skyrocketed here; people need somewhere to live that they cannot afford. Boats and RVs can have a much smaller footprint and impact on the environment if properly managed" and "people should be able to live long term on boats or RVs".

Figure 5. Survey respondents answer to the question "would you support long-term living on boats or in RVs in your community?".

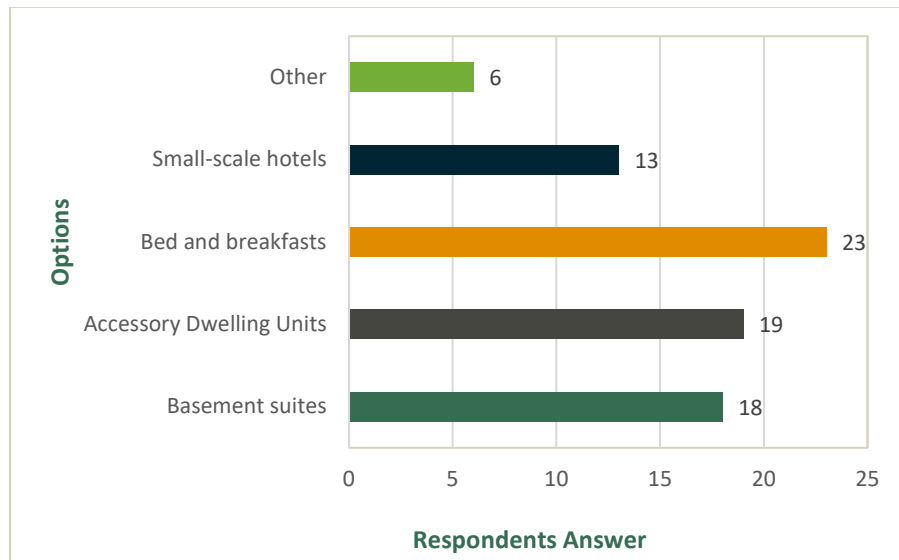


Survey Question:

*Which types of STRs do you support in your community? (check all that apply)
What are some rules that STR operators should follow to be a good neighbour?*

The top two short-term rentals (STRs) supported in the community by survey respondents were bed and breakfasts (refers to guest bedrooms being rented where the tenant and owner share the main living space) and ADUs. Survey respondents' results can be seen in Figure 6. Survey respondents have concerns about the impact of STRs on the availability of affordable and attainable housing. They feel that STR operators should be required to reside on the property, due to noise and waste control. They feel that too many homes are converted to STRs for visitors, which makes it difficult for locals to find suitable housing options. Some of the survey respondents' answers to the questions included: "live on the property and be present to monitor it", "noise restrictions, garbage collection, vehicle parking", and "must live on-site – no absentee STRs please. Let local homeowners have STRs to supplement their income. Don't allow corporations or absentee homeowners to buy up limited housing supply to operate STRs".

Figure 6. Survey respondents result when asked the question "which types of STRs do you support in your community?". They were asked to check all that apply.



EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

At the Phase 3 open house, community members were asked what types of home businesses should be expanded in Area "C". Attendees' responses were in support of small-scale businesses that are not noisy such as wellness (i.e. yoga, holistic treatments). Phase 4 questions sought to understand this in more detail.

Survey Question:

Given most of the land within the OCP in Area "C" is designated for residential and rural uses, how can the ACRD support the growth of businesses owned and staffed by residents?

Survey respondents of Area "C" value a strong local economy and want to support businesses that are locally owned and operated, and that are environmentally conscious. They would like to see greater flexibility in zoning where mixed uses are permitted. One survey respondent answered the question with

“allow more diversity on R2 zoned lots for owners to provide necessary revenue streams”, while another survey respondent answered “be flexible about business operation on rural properties, again as long as it does not cause a nuisance. Consider carving out more spaces for mixed/commercial use if there is ground swell for this”.

TRANSPORTATION

In previous engagement, we heard that transportation is important for Area “C” community members and that safety needs to be improved, and that there is a need for more bus routes. During Phase 4, the survey asked questions to understand how safety and transit coverage can be improved.

Survey Question:

How can the ACRD promote the safety and accessibility of active transportation networks in Area “C”?

Area “C” survey respondents answered that they have concerns with the safety of local roadways, and would like to see decreased speed limits, and an increase in maintenance of roads in the community. Some of the survey responses received included: “slower speed limit and fix roads” and “enforced speed limits, speed bumps, better road repairs”. They would like to see dedicated walking and cycling paths.

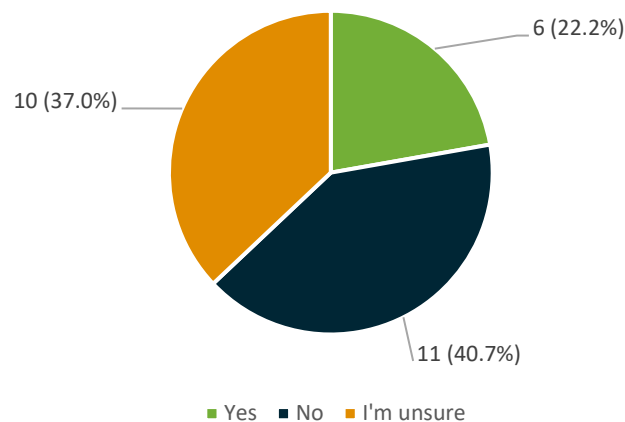
Survey Question:

Is transit coverage adequate in Area “C”? If no, please explain.

Where should active transportation networks in Area “C” be expanded to?

11 (40.7%) of survey respondents answered no (Figure 7). Survey respondents would like to see improved bus service to the more rural areas of Area “C”, like Ittatsoo Bay and Salmon Beach. Survey respondents’ answers to the question included: “Salmon Beach”, “Salmon Beach, Ittatsoo should have increased runs”, and “Ucluelet – Salmon Beach – Secret Beach”.

Figure 7. Survey respondents answer to the question “is transit coverage adequate in Area “C”?”



OPEN HOUSE #3

Based on the answers received during Phase 3 and early Phase 4 engagement, the Draft Area “C” OCP was crafted and reviewed by the Long Beach APC. The Draft was then brought to community on March 24, 2026 at the Ucluelet Community Centre, with 44 attendees (Page 19).

Community members learned about the Draft Area “C” OCP and shared feedback on the Draft Plan. Planning staff presented what an OCP is, how the vision statements were created, and gave a high-level overview of what was included in the Plan. There were 33 attendees at the presentation, with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards. Attendees then had an opportunity to view the display boards, OCP maps and have one-on-one conversations with Planning staff.

While reviewing the informative display boards, community members were invited to write their thoughts on six interactive display boards (Figure 9). Additionally, community was able to provide further comment on the Plan by writing directly onto the maps (Figure 8). Attendees indicated that the draft vision statements align well with their vision for the community. Many participants noted a strong desire to preserve the rural character of Area “C” and emphasized the importance of protecting natural areas such as wildlife corridors. Community members also expressed interest in increased advocacy for improved road safety and infrastructure. The OCP presentation, display boards, and maps were identified as helpful tools for understanding the Plan’s content and helped guide meaningful discussions between community members and staff.

Figure 9. Community Vision display board.

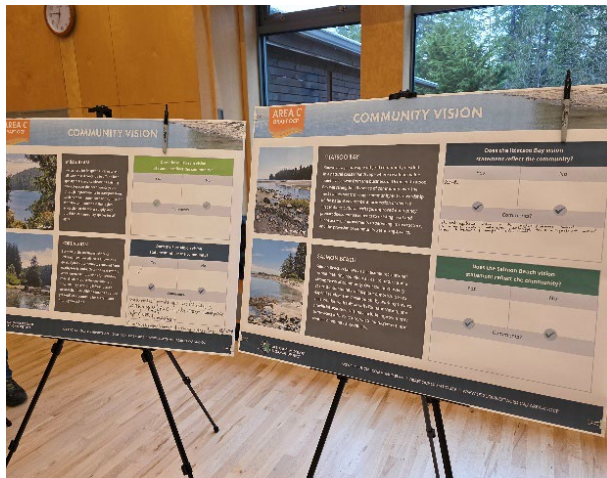


Figure 8. Land Use Designation and Maps review.



FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

In addition to the Open House, the Feedback Questionnaire was available online with the Draft OCP from March 13 to April 1, 2026. Community members had an opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft OCP through an online feedback questionnaire hosted on the Let's Connect project page.

There were 5 submissions for the feedback questionnaire, with submissions from community members that own property in Salmon Beach (2), Millstream (1), Ittatsoo Bay (1) and District of Ucluelet (1). Feedback from both the Open House and the Feedback Questionnaire was then integrated into the Draft Area C OCP.

Comments included:

- Desire for improved invasive species removal.
- Support for encouraging small-scale businesses, such as yoga studios or art spaces, within Millstream lots.
- Identification of the need for more affordable compost management options for food security.
- Support for Indigenous rights to traditional food harvesting.
- Support for smaller housing options to improve affordability.



COMMUNITY VISION

ITTATSOO BAY

Known as a picturesque off-grid community nestled in a natural coastal landscape where residents value quiet living away from the business of Ucluelet, Ittatsoo Bay will strengthen its sense of community over the next twenty years through community-led stewardship of the natural environment, protection of diverse First Nations cultural heritage, improved emergency preparedness, enhancements to existing road and shore access, improvements to servicing infrastructure, and the provision of community gathering spaces.

Does the Ittatsoo Bay vision statement reflect the community?

Yes	No
✓	✓

Comments?

The most significant concern is the impact of damage caused by a loss of power - road access, communication, fire & a significant medical shelter to residents & hampers safety needs.

SALMON BEACH

Salmon Beach is known as a seasonal recreational retreat featuring boundless access to nature and a strong sense of community. Over the next twenty years, the community will explore opportunities to expand services and development by working towards collaboration with tuk-aa'tath (Toquaht Nation) and provincial agencies. This may include improvements to servicing infrastructure, waste management, and overall community accessibility.

Does the Salmon Beach vision statement reflect the community?

Yes	No
✓	✓

Comments?

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OCP REFERRALS

The Draft Area “C” OCP was sent for a first round of referrals on March 13, 2026. The referral process is a legislative requirement which includes sending the Draft Plan to First Nations, organizations, and agencies.

Referrals were sent to the following:

First Nations

- Ahousaht First Nations
- Hesquiaht First Nation
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
- Toquaht Nation
- Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government

Agencies and Organizations:

- BC Parks
- BC Transit
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
- District of Tofino
- District of Ucluelet
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Island Health
- Long Beach Airport
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Ministry of Forests
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Land, Water, and Resource Stewardship
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit
- Mosaic Forest Management
- Parks Canada
- Pacific Rim School District 70
- Redd Fish Restoration Society
- Transport Canada
- ACRD Community Services
 - Solid Waste
 - Lands and Resource
- ACRD Protective Services
- ACRD Regional Fire Services

NEXT STEPS

This report will be presented to the Board of Directors for their information on April 22, 2026.

The Draft Plan has been updated with revisions based on input received from referrals and community members from the open house and feedback questionnaire. It is anticipated that the revised draft will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration of first reading of the bylaw in May 2026.

After the first reading of the bylaw, community members will be invited to a public hearing. This public hearing is a formal meeting held by the ACRD before the Area “C” Official Community Plan is adopted. This gives community members a voice to either support or state concerns to the OCP team before adoption. Community members can provide input prior to the public hearing with a written submission.

The public hearing date will be published on the project webpage: www.letsconnectacrd.ca/area-c-ocp. It is recommended to subscribe to the project page, as subscribers receive an email Let’s Connect notification. The public hearing will also be advertised with social media, radio, newspaper, a direct mail-out flyer, and sandwich boards in the community.