

**TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

# Official Community Plan Recalibration

June 17, 2025

# Summary

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# Legislative Requirements (Bill 44)

- OCP must be amended to have land use capacity to supply 20-year housing targets, as identified in the Housing Needs Report
- Statutory obligation under Bill 44 to update OCP by December 2025

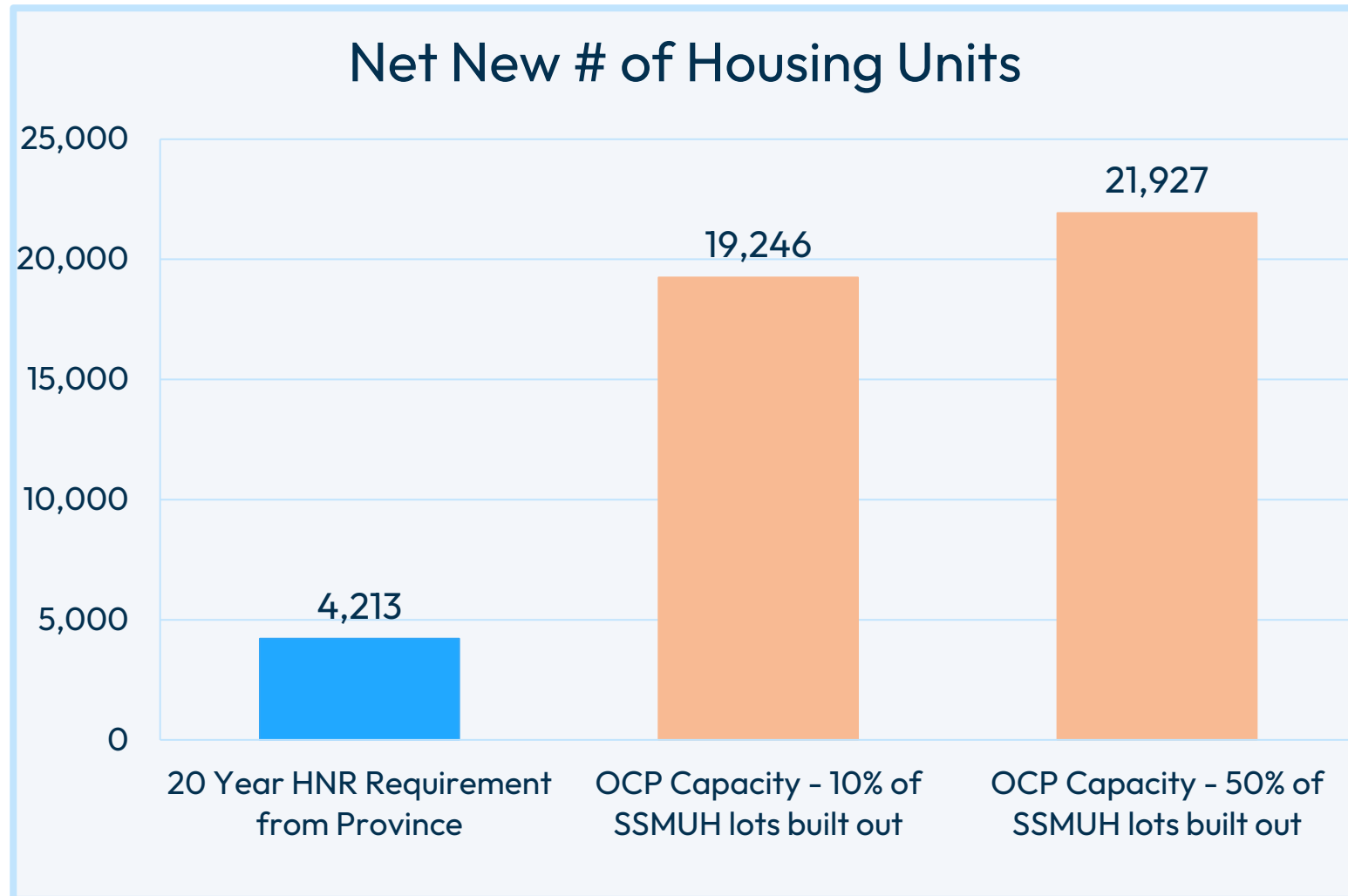
# What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)

- Objectives and policies to guide decisions on land use and planning
- Location of various land uses (residential, commercial, institutional, recreational, etc.)
- Targets for reducing GHG emissions
- Establish density for residential development
- Provide enough land for 20-year housing demand

# Elements of OCP Recalibration

- Show that the OCP has capacity to a meet a 20-year housing demand
- 2021 Census data and tables
- New policies and guidelines:
  - Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)
  - Residential buildings (multi-unit, mixed-use, townhouse)
  - Environment (natural features, energy and water conservation, GHG emissions)

# Land Use Capacity of the OCP for Housing Units



# Chronology / Timeline

- Nov 30, 2023 – Province passes Bill 44
- Oct 31, 2024 – Council directs staff to conduct a limited OCP Review
- Nov 25, 2024 – Housing Needs Report completed by Council
- May 2025 – OCP Review in progress
- Jun–Jul 2025 – Present Project Plan to COTW, APC, DRC, Council
- May–Sep 2025 – Stakeholder engagement
- Dec 2025 – OCP must be amended, incorporating Housing Needs Report targets for housing units

# Stakeholder Engagement

- Circulation of draft OCP to internal and external stakeholders
- Stakeholder engagement with support from consultant:
  - Open house (in-person)
  - Information booth (public event)
  - Online open house



# Questions

