

## OCP Review Open House (Phase 5)

### Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting – June 22, 2017

#### ALR:

- Disagree with policy surrounding ALR land.
- Recommend "Support" maintenance of ALR lands and that Council will NOT support applications for exclusions from farm use.
- Disagree with "Recognize that the ALR lands within Esquimalt has undesirable soil structure..." – This statement does not recognize the broader agricultural possibilities
- Support the use of ALR lands for non-soil based agriculture (e.g. greenhouses)
- What are the permitted uses in ALR land? Does it include aquaculture?
- Disagrees with policy surrounding "capitalizing" on ALR land

#### BUILDINGS:

- What powers does the municipality have to encourage energy efficiency at times of home renovations (building permits, etc.)?

#### CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION:

- Remove "Consider" from "Consider including climate change projections..." – begin with "Include"
- Add contractors, architects or trades to "Educate developers and home owners..."

#### COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- Re-word "Encourage developments in food production gardens..." to "Encourage **development of** food production gardens"

#### FOOD PRODUCTION:

- Define "commissary kitchen"
- Why reference "small scale"? What is the intent? Needs to be defined. Suggestion – see BC Assessments Classification of Farm (maybe \$10,000).

#### GHG EMISSIONS:

- Add footnote outlining how targets were established
- Define "carbon sequestration"
- Replace "natural systems" with "green systems" such as green space, parks, boulevards. Esquimalt does not have any natural systems left.

MOTOR VEHICLE ALTERNATIVES:

- Rename heading "Vehicle & Fuel Alternatives" and move closer to "Transportation Alternatives"
- Include dedication of on-street parking for Electric Vehicles
- How can the municipality encourage EV charging in multi-unit buildings?

PARTNERSHIPS:

- Add policy: "Continue to have elected officials and staff participate in the CRD Climate Action Inter-municipal working group and task force."
- Clearly identify federal, provincial and local governments, ... and other third parties.

SOLID WASTE:

- Add "and improved services" to the end of ... "Promote an increase in residents' usage ..."
- Add "garden waste" to "Encourage new and redeveloped properties to incorporate..."
- Add "food and garden waste" to "Encourage facilities for on-site composting in all residential developments".

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES:

- Have a policy addressing storage for bikes, strollers, etc. in multi-unit buildings.