

Central Coast Regional District

Bella Coola Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) Update



Community Survey

The CCRD is currently undertaking an update to our Bella Coola Valley Official Community Plan (OCP). As part of this process, we are seeking input from all valley residents. The input received from this survey, as well as future engagement activities, will help set the direction for future land use planning in the valley. The CCRD also views this OCP update as an opportunity to advance reconciliation efforts with the Nuxalk Nation.

We are inviting all residents, every member of your household, to complete their own survey. Surveys can be completed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/TWK9SNZ>

Paper surveys are also available at the CCRD Office and can be returned to the Regional District once completed.

The surveys will be tabulated by an independent agency and will remain anonymous and confidential. It is also important to note that some of the questions may relate to issues that the Regional District only has an indirect influence on. Regardless, we want your input to provide guidance to key stakeholders on these issues.

The survey will be available online until **March 10, 2023**, and takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Your ideas and thoughts are vital to the future growth and development of the Bella Coola Valley. We will work to reflect your concerns and ideas within this key community document, and we will provide feedback on how public input influenced its development.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer, at 250-779-5291.**

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About You

1. How long have you lived in the Bella Coola Valley?

- 5 years or less 6 to 10 years 11 to 15 years 16+ years

2. How old are you?

- 0 to 14 years 15 to 24 years old 25 to 44 years old
 45 to 64 years old 65+ years old

3. Where do you reside in the Bella Coola Valley?

- Bella Coola Townsite
- "Downtown" (Nuxalk Reserve Lands)
- Hagensborg
- Saloompt
- Snooka
- Nooklikonnik
- Firvale
- Stuie
- "Four Mile" (Nuxalk Reserve Lands)
- Nusatsum
- Noosgulch
- Other, please specify: _____

4. What do you love about living in the Bella Coola Valley?

5. What is your vision of the Bella Coola Valley for the future?

6. Why do you choose to live in the Bella Coola Valley? (Choose three)

- Affordable housing
- Employment
- Recreational opportunities
- Natural landscape
- Climate
- Access to community events
- Friendliness/community spirit
- Local businesses
- Heritage/ Traditional lands
- Proximity to family
- Access to services
- Other, please specify: _____

Economic Development

7. Please identify three (3) economic development priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Promoting tourism to the Bella Coola Valley
- Encouraging more industrial development in the area
- Attracting more small business
- Supporting natural resource extraction in the area
- Improving/maintaining airport facilities and related services
- Revitalizing the Bella Coola town centre through building and streetscape improvements
- BC Ferries: Work with BC Ferries and the Harbour Authority to expand sailing frequency
- Supporting the agricultural industry

8. Please provide comments related to economic development issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Local Food and Agriculture

9. Please identify the three (3) agriculture priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Actively promoting Bella Coola Valley agriculture through events and marketing
- Preserving productive agricultural land through Agricultural Land Reserve provisions
- Encouraging more agri-business in the region to support economic development
- Providing more opportunities to grow food locally (i.e., community gardens)
- Encouraging the continued operation of the Farmers Market
- Encouraging backyard hens on urban residential lots
- Promoting beehives for honey in non-agricultural zones
- Other, please specify: _____

10. Please provide comments related to local food and agriculture in the Bella Coola Valley.

Environment

11. Please identify the three (3) environment priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Protection of source drinking water
- Protecting key natural spaces and ecological habitat
- Making energy supply more sustainable (i.e., eliminating diesel generated power)
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Planning for the impacts of climate change (i.e., increased sea levels, stormwater management)
- Reducing risks from natural hazards (i.e., flooding, erosion, wildfires)
- Protecting riparian areas (i.e., areas next to waterways and containing important fish habitat)
- Providing better options to dispose of solid waste/garbage (i.e., recycling program, composting program)

12. Please provide comments related to environmental issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Housing

13. Please identify the three (3) housing priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Ensuring the affordability of housing
- Encouraging housing affordability through different housing types including the use of tiny and/or modular homes
- Diversifying lot sizes in new development (i.e., allowing for larger or smaller lots)
- Encouraging accessible housing for people with mobility challenges
- Implementing a secondary suite program (i.e., basement suites)
- Regulating short-term rental accommodations
- Providing housing for seniors

14. Please provide comments related to housing issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Community Development

15. Please identify the three (3) community development priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Improving access to provincial community services
- Facilitating more community events
- Promoting local arts and culture
- Strengthening the CCRD's relationship with Nuxalk Nation
- Enabling more local food production
- Promoting active transportation and have safe, walkable areas and corridors for all ages
- Promoting community heritage through events, programs, and protection of historical buildings
- Improving communications and information sharing in the Bella Coola Valley (i.e., public announcement email listing, develop bulletin board policy, increase online/social media presence, etc.)
- Improving the appearance of the community (buildings, properties, yard maintenance, etc.)

16. Please provide comments related to community development issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Parks and Recreation

17. Please identify the three (3) most important parks and recreation priorities in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Improving access into natural areas
- Developing and maintaining a trails network
- Providing/building recreational facilities
- Enhancing existing community parks (i.e., new playground equipment)
- Creating new park space
- Supporting community gardens in parks
- Adding more recreational space and programs for seniors
- Adding more recreational space and programs for youth
- Supporting existing community sports

18. Please provide comments related to parks and recreation issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Infrastructure

19. Please identify the three (3) most important infrastructure issues in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Providing/improving active transportation network (sidewalks/trails)
- Improving reliability and safety along Highway 20
- Maintaining drinking water quality
- Evaluating stormwater management
- Improving and maintaining flood protection works
- Ensuring that water and sewer infrastructure is maintained properly
- Improving road surfaces (i.e., paving, maintaining gravel roads)
- Maintaining/enhancing airport facilities
- Lobbying for improved cell phone coverage for the area
- Lobbying for improved electricity system reliability and sustainability
- Lobbying for improved internet connectivity in the community

20. Please provide comments related to infrastructure issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

Social

21. Please identify the three (3) most important social issues in the Bella Coola Valley by checking the appropriate boxes below. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Enhancing police services (i.e., reducing local crime and addressing public safety issues)
- Enhancing emergency management planning
- Improving K – 12 education services
- Providing more access to adult training programs in the community
- Improving access to healthcare services
- Improving access to emergency services (fire protection, ambulance)
- Enhancing healthy living opportunities (i.e., improving access to recreation opportunities to reduce cardiovascular risk)
- Providing more opportunities to grow food locally (i.e., community gardens, support of urban agriculture)
- Improving childcare services
- Improving access to social and mental health services

22. Please provide comments related to social issues in the Bella Coola Valley.

General Priority Areas

23. Please identify the three (3) issues/priorities that are most important to you. Please refrain from checking more than three boxes.

- Promoting Community Development and Growth
- Promoting a Sense of Community Spirit in the Bella Coola Valley
- Fostering a strong relationship with Nuxalk Nation
- Enhancing Community Safety
- Promoting Agriculture/Food Security
- Maintaining and Enhancing Local Services
- Ensuring Environmental Stewardship
- Developing Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs
- Promoting Industrial Development
- Promoting Commercial Business Development
- Maintaining and Enhancing Infrastructure
- Promoting Local and Regional Tourism
- Enabling Healthy and Active Living
- Improving Protection Against Natural Hazards
- Ensuring Sufficient and Affordable Housing

24. Are there other issues that are important to you?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey!