

## How Does an OCP Impact You?



Our gathering spaces, both formal and informal



Our community character



Protection of our ecological and agricultural areas



Our downtown and the neighbourhoods in which we live, including the homes we build, places we shop, and the parks in which we play



Our transportation choices, whether its walking of cycling, taking transit, or driving – which in turn affects our health



Our pocket books, including how much it costs us to pay for City services such as sewers and roads

## What's Happening Today?

The City of Courtenay is growing and changing! To help manage this growth in a way that helps our community meets its goals, the City is updating its **Official Community Plan (OCP)**.

This new **OCP** will be shaped by the input provided by residents, and today we want to hear from you.



## What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a policy document that influences how people live, work, shop, play, and move around the community. An OCP is one of the most powerful tools a municipality has to manage change in a way that helps a community meet its goals.

At its heart, an OCP is about land use and growth management. This means that it dictates the location, type, and intensity of different uses, including for homes, businesses and services, industry, agriculture, public facilities, and parks and open space. It also provides direction for transportation, natural area protection, infrastructure, affordable and rental housing, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

