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Electoral Area “F” Official Community Plan Update Community Survey – Round 3

Did you know that approximately 35% of respondents from the Round 2 Community Survey were quite happy with the West Bench just as it is and do not want any changes? Or, are you surprised that approximately 35% of respondents think that major improvements to infrastructure and development is the way of the future?

These varied responses show the diversity of feelings people have when it comes to viewing the future of their community. The Electoral Area “F” Official Community Plan (OCP) review has been delving into future scenarios through a series of Community Surveys. Round 3, available now and until March 9, 2018, provides residents with an opportunity to hear comments from fellow community members and possibly to re-consider the future scenario of their choice.

“This process is an iterative one,” says Electoral Area “F” Director Brydon, “it allows people to hear what others have to say and perhaps provide reasons to change minds.” The Round 3 Community Survey builds on the previous community surveys.

What is different about the third and final round of survey is that separate questions are being asked for the West Bench area residents and the Faulder Meadow Valley residents. These two areas have different issues and the final survey wants to get at what people feel strongly about so they can be addressed in the updated OCP. The Faulder / Meadow Valley residents will also have a survey mailed to them with the hope that the response rate from residents will be higher than earlier surveys.

A survey link is available on the RDOS website (www.rdos.bc.ca)- watch for the banner at the top of the page and click on the survey button. Or, it is available on the ‘Area F OCP Review’ link on the right hand side.

The existing OCP for Area “F” was developed in 2008, but based largely on a Rural Land Use Plan (RLUB) that was adopted for the Plan Area in 1988 and last updated in 1997. The OCP needs updating to better reflect current community issues and priorities.

What’s an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a planning document that provides policies on a broad range of topics including land-use, transportation, housing, parks and infrastructure. It is developed through public consultation and the objectives and policy statements within reflect the collective desires of the people within the planning area.



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An Advisory Group made up of residents from across the Electoral Area has been established and they will help reach out to area residents. Their time and energy was invaluable for the first rounds of community questions so please watch for them in your neighbourhood!

To access the survey on line, go to www.rdos.bc.ca, and watch for the banner to come across the top of the screen.

ROUND 3 WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 9TH

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