



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

There are a number of ongoing ways to get involved with the OCP & Zoning Bylaw update:

- **Online Community Survey** – the survey is available through the District of Vanderhoof website www.vanderhoof.ca. Hard copies are available at the District office.
- **Social Media** – Find up to date information on the process and real time updates on the District’s Facebook page.
- **“Call ‘n Chat”** – Call the L&M Engineering Planning Centre at 250-562-1977 (between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm) to talk about your thoughts and ideas.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MARATHON SCHEDULE

Check out these events happening within the District:

- **Public Open House #1** – Monday February 24th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm @the Integris Community Centre
- **Drop-In Centre** – Monday February 24th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Tuesday February 25th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesday February 26th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Thursday February 27th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and Friday February 28th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, @ District Council Chambers
- **Targeted Roundtable Workshops** – see the District’s website for more information!
- **Public Open House #2** – Thursday February 27th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm @ the Integris Community Centre

District of Vanderhoof Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw Update

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

A Week of Public Consultation in Vanderhoof

Monday February 24th through
Friday February 28th

What would you like
your community to
look like in 20 years?

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What are an Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw?

An **Official Community Plan (OCP)** is the District's policy document that sets out the general land use policies for future land use and shapes how the District will develop in the future. The updated OCP will address the pressures and opportunities facing the District and will be reflective of the extensive community consultation that will take place during the OCP update process.

A **Zoning Bylaw** is a "rule book" that controls how construction and development can take place in the District. It states exactly how land may be used, where buildings and other structures can be located, the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used as well as lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street.

In general the OCP sets out the District's general policies and community vision for future growth and development and the Zoning Bylaw puts the OCP vision and policies into terms and numbers that can be measured.

Why are we updating the OCP & Zoning Bylaw?

An OCP typically looks 20 to 30 years into the future although it is usually reviewed and updated after five to eight years. The current OCP was updated in 2014.

This new OCP will:

- Enable the community to identify the key characteristics of Vanderhoof that they want to preserve or enhance as well as those they want to see changed;
- Provide an opportunity for the community to come together to develop and communicate a shared vision for what Vanderhoof should be in the future;
- Allow the District of Vanderhoof to meet the requirements of the current legislation;
- Provide elected officials and Staff with a clear direction and a framework to implement other plans and policies throughout the community.

The existing Zoning Bylaw was last updated in 2006 and has been amended over the years to respond to changes and new community initiatives. The goal of the Zoning Bylaw update is to:

- Better align with the new updated OCP;
- Meet Provincial legislative requirements;
- Improve the layout, functionality and clarity to be more user-friendly.

Why get involved?

The policies of the OCP will provide decision makers with a clear, shared vision of the community's future. Moving forward, all decisions made by the District of Vanderhoof City Council and administration will be in support of the OCP objectives and policy.

This is your opportunity to provide input and help shape the future of Vanderhoof!

KEY TOPICS:

The OCP will include guiding policies on a number of key topics, including those related to:

- Land development and future growth;
- Servicing and infrastructure capacity;
- Environmentally sensitive and hazardous areas;
- Agricultural Land Reserve;
- Housing density and types;
- Community facilities;
- Governance;
- Potential growth associated with large scale developments in the region.