



**RDOS**

**Electoral Area "A"**


**Rural Osoyoos**

# OCP Update

Anarchist Mountain Community Association

July 15, 2020

# Agenda

- **Project Overview**
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# Project Overview

Official Community Plan (OCP) snapshot

So what's an OCP?



It's a set of policy statements...

sustainable communities

**housing choices**

manage land responsibly

support arts

environmental

& culture

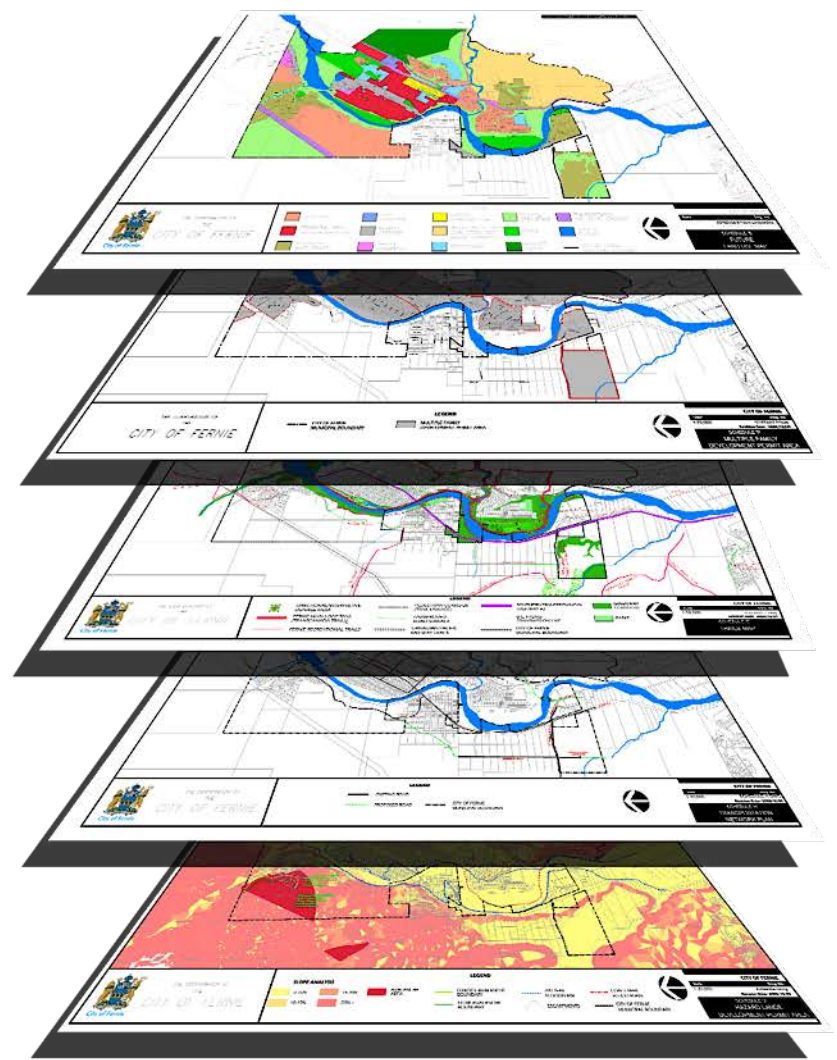
protection

transportation options

economic  
development

**food security**

...and a series of maps



...that provides a consistent and coordinated approach for land use planning and development

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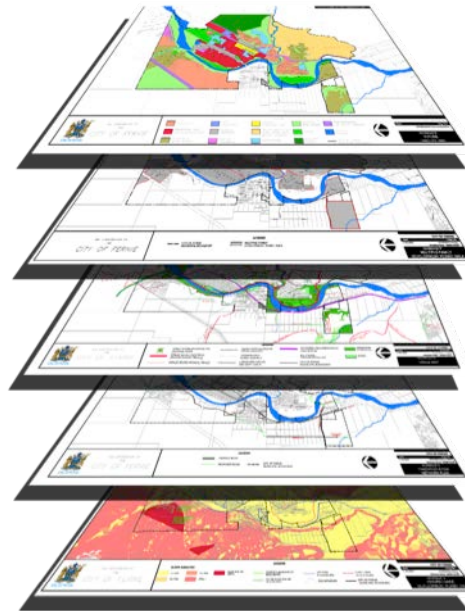
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= OCP



# OCPs 101

- OCPs typically have the following elements
  - Aspirational
    - Articulates a community Vision and supporting Broad Goals
  - Operational
    - Identifies potential new projects/studies
  - Regulatory
    - Development Permit Areas that follow *Local Government Act* requirements



# Current OCP

- Dates from 2008
  - Not consistent with more recently updated OCPs in the RDOS – content and organization
  - “Thin” policy chapters (e.g., Hazard Lands)
  - Poor maps

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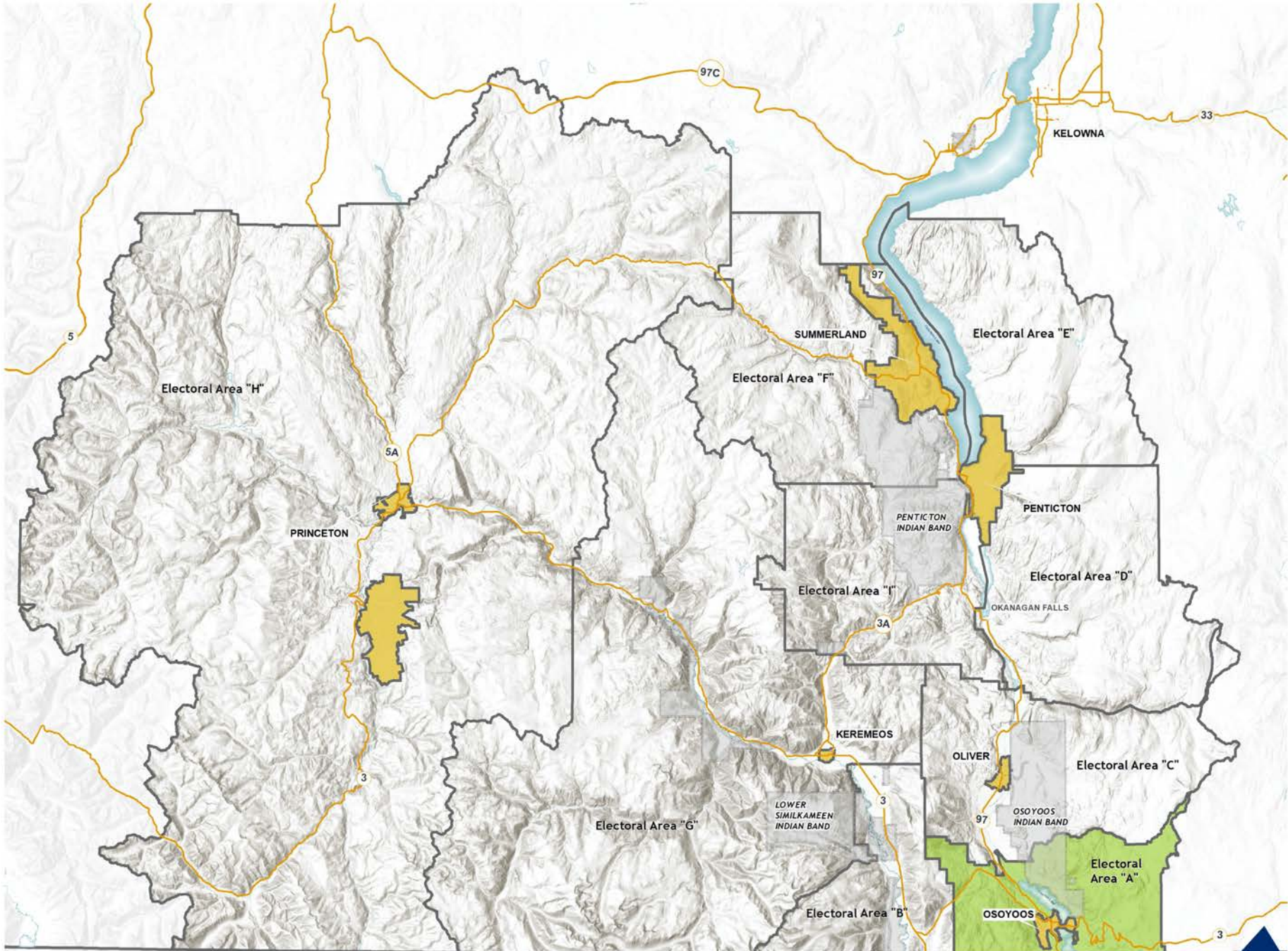
- Who's working on it?
  - RDOS staff
  - Planning consultant team
    - EPI, Arlington Group, Evelyn Riechert Consulting
  - Advisory Planning Commission (APC)
    - APCs are an independent body of residents who provide input on land use planning and management issues
    - Input is given as advice and does not form policy or set direction for the RDOS
  - Residents and other stakeholders
    - Town of Osoyoos, Provincial Ministries, Osoyoos Indian Band, etc.

# Project Overview



# Community Profile

Electoral Area “A” Today



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

  
NORTH  
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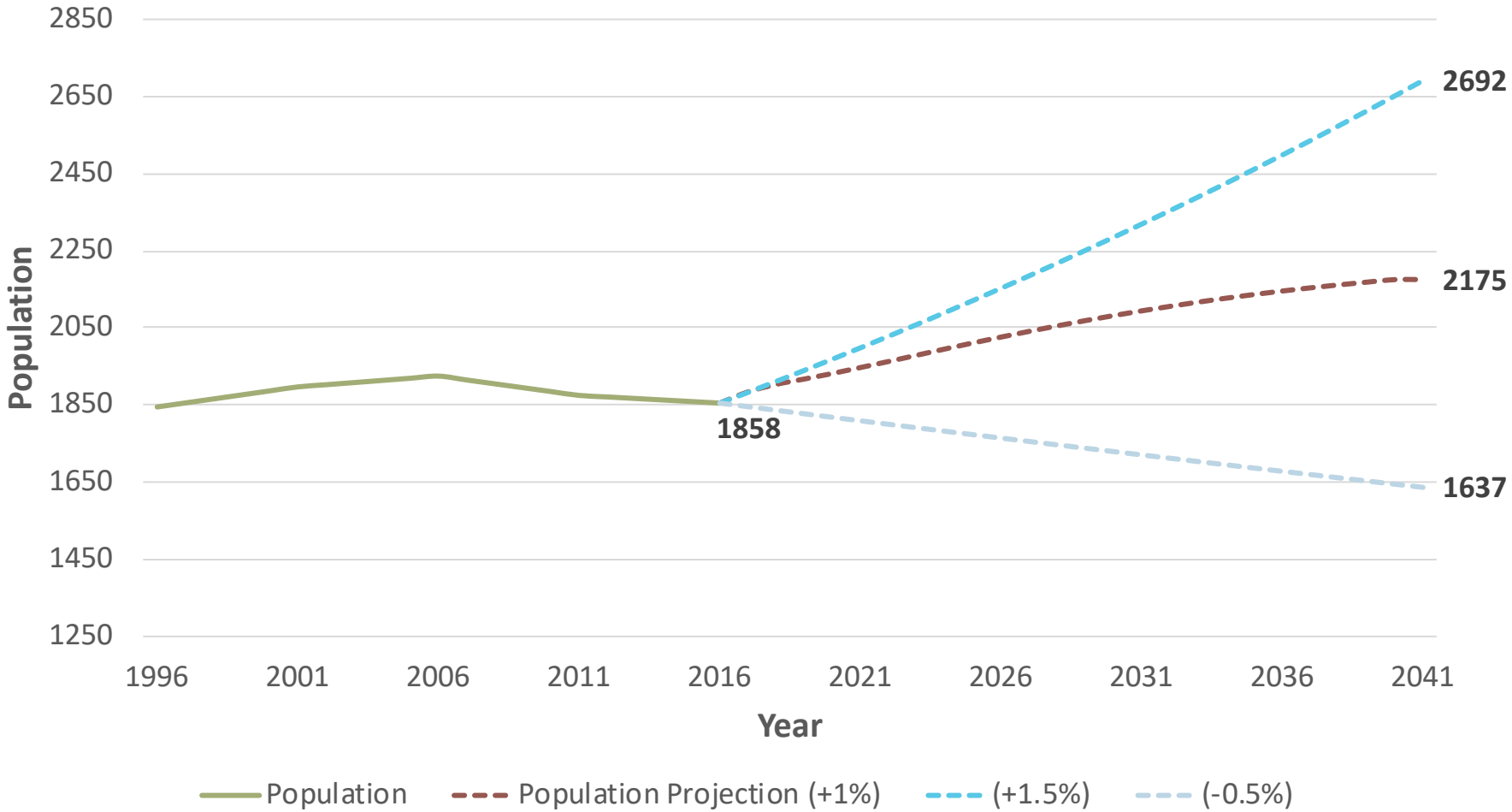
# POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

A declining population.



Between 2011 and 2016, the population shrank by about **34** people or 2%. Other Electoral Areas are growing.

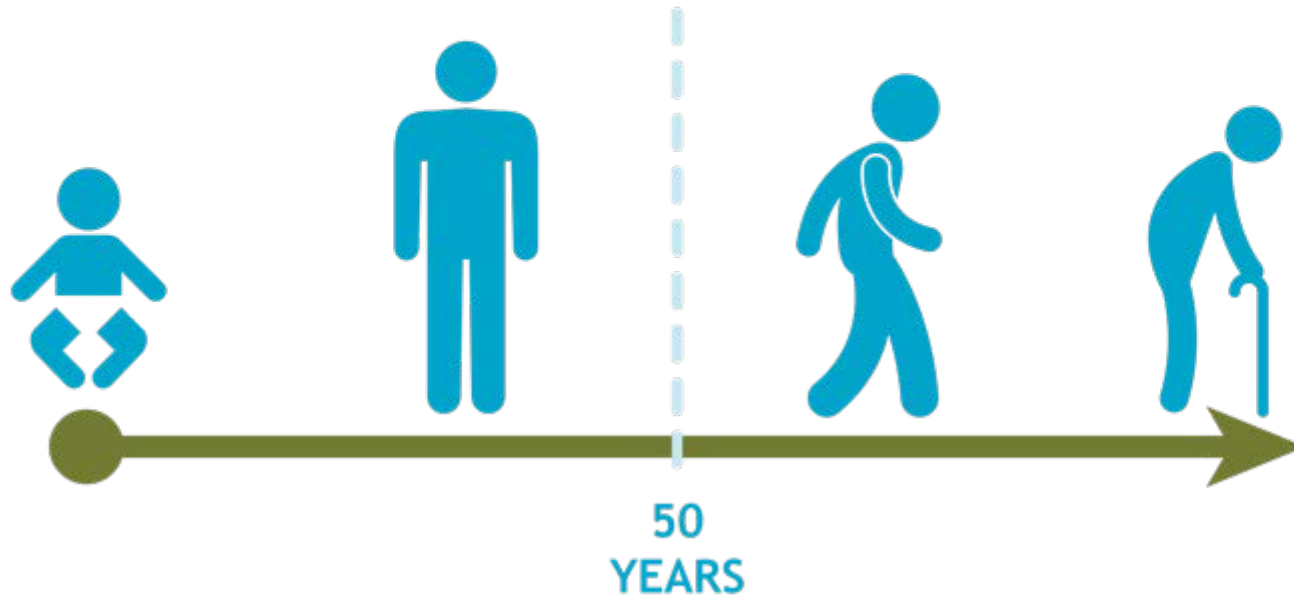
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## POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

An aging population.



People **over the age of 50** are the largest proportion (46%) of the population. The median age was **58**, which is 15 years older than the provincial median (43).

Climate change is a growing concern.



Area is subject to growing climate change hazards, like drought, wildfires, and heat waves.



# Water supply and water quality is an issue.



Throughout South Okanagan, water supply, water quality and capacity is a major issue for current residents, new residential development, and agriculture.

# Project Overview

Work-to-date and upcoming

# Community Engagement - to date

- **Community survey 1**
  - 100 responses
  - 46 respondents provided emails for further contact
  - Large response from Anarchist Mountain residents
- **Project newsletter, website, postcard**
  - Project postcards sent to all households
  - Project website and info hub
  - 2 project newsletters
- **Growers Supply Conference (Feb.27)**
  - Reaching out to Area farmers
- **APC meetings**

A screenshot of the project website displayed on a computer monitor. The website has a blue header and white text.

**GET INVOLVED!**

Help plan your community's future!

The RDOS is working on a project to review and update our Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area "A". Work started on our project in November 2019 and we expect to complete it by September 2020.

- ▶ *What are the most important issues the OCP Update should highlight?*
- ▶ *Are there new issues that we need to address?*
- ▶ *What kinds of policies can help achieve the future you want for Area "A"?*

**MORE INFORMATION?**  
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[www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

Visit the project web page at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) to learn more about the project and participate in our community survey.

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# Community Engagement - upcoming

- **Community survey 2**
  - Going up soon
  - To be publicized through project post card (direct mail), postings on community sites (e.g. Anarchist Mountain Community Association, Osoyoos Loop, Kilpoola Park Estates Group, etc.)
- **Osoyoos Farmers Market**
  - Pop-up info tent (July 25, August 15)
- **Community Open House**
  - Sonora Centre, August 31 (tentative)
- **APC meetings**

A flyer titled "GET INVOLVED!" with the subtitle "Help plan your community's future!". It contains the following text: "The RDOS is working on a project to review and update our Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area 'A'. Work started on our project in November 2019 and we expect to complete it by September 2020." Below this are three bullet points: "What are the most important issues the OCP Update should highlight?", "Are there new issues that we need to address?", and "What kinds of policies can help achieve the future you want for Area 'A'?". To the right of the text is an image of a computer monitor displaying a website. Below the monitor, contact information is provided: "MORE INFORMATION? Christopher Garrish, Planning Manager", email "cgarrish@rdos.bc.ca", phone "250-490-4101 / 1-877-610-3737", and website "www.rdos.bc.ca". At the bottom, it says "Visit the project web page at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) to learn more about the project and participate in our community survey." and includes a small icon of three stylized figures.

# OCP Update

Working Draft Highlights



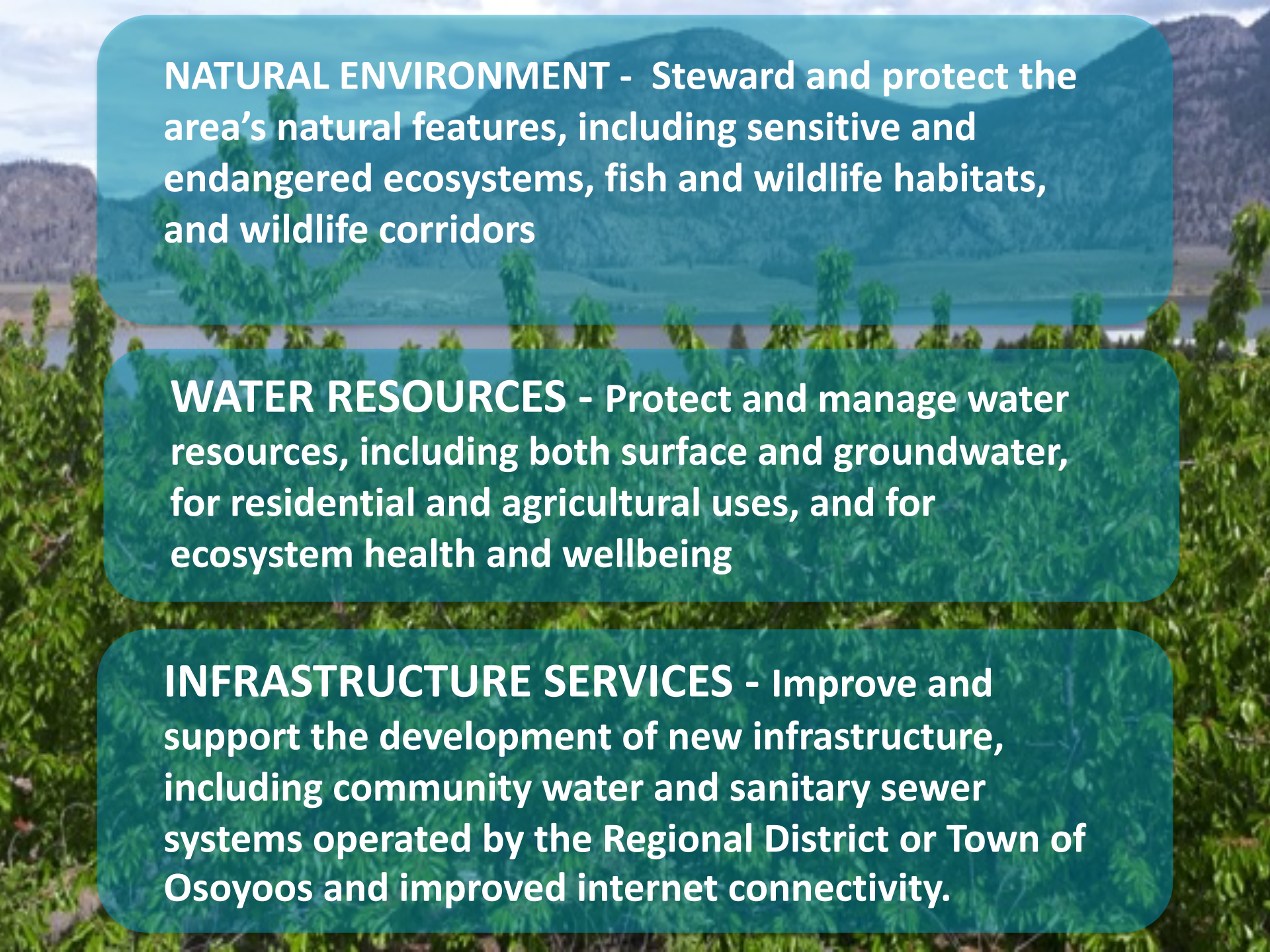
# Draft OCP

- Restructured to match other recently updated OCPs
- Background data and other information updated (population projections, new and updated Provincial Acts like *Water Act*, etc.)
- Chapters are the same as 2008 OCP except for:
  - **What's an Official Community Plan**
  - **Community Profile**
  - **Local Policies**
  - **Vision and Broad Goals** which used to be just Broad Goals
  - **Aggregates and Mineral Resources** which used to be a part of Industrial
- About 85% unchanged

## Vision

*Electoral Area “A” is a predominantly rural region made up of smaller settlement areas and neighbourhoods. Residents value its rural character and preserving and stewarding its important agricultural areas, natural habitats, and recreation areas. Residents are also committed to ensuring water resources are well-managed and protected for residential and agricultural uses and ecosystem health and wellbeing.*





**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** - Steward and protect the area's natural features, including sensitive and endangered ecosystems, fish and wildlife habitats, and wildlife corridors

**WATER RESOURCES** - Protect and manage water resources, including both surface and groundwater, for residential and agricultural uses, and for ecosystem health and wellbeing

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES** - Improve and support the development of new infrastructure, including community water and sanitary sewer systems operated by the Regional District or Town of Osoyoos and improved internet connectivity.



**AGRICULTURE** - Maintain existing and encourage new, compatible agricultural activities in the Agricultural Land Reserve, while limiting subdivision of designated agricultural properties.

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING** - Provide the opportunity for limited new growth and housing options for all age groups, while ensuring new housing development maintains the area's rural character.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Maintain a safe and efficient transportation system for all road users.



**COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING - Promote community health and offer supports and services for all generations.**

**OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION.** Improve and expand communications, consultation and engagement with the Osoyoos Indian Band.



# Natural Environment



## **WHAT'S CHANGED?**

- Parks, Recreation, and Trails section that is consistent with other recent Electoral Area OCP updates – organization and policies (e.g., parkland dedication)

# Water Resources

## WHAT'S CHANGED?

- New Basin Lakes designation (across entire RDOS) to promote the major lakes in the Valley for community and visitor use, while also seeking to enhance protection and stewardship





# Agriculture



## WHAT'S CHANGED?

- Policy to support keeping old packing plant for agricultural uses

# Wellbeing - Climate Change and Hazards

## **WHAT'S CHANGED?**

- New Flood Hazard Areas (200-year floodplain) with new 2020 modeling that incorporates new data on how climate change is impacting flooding

# Residential development and housing

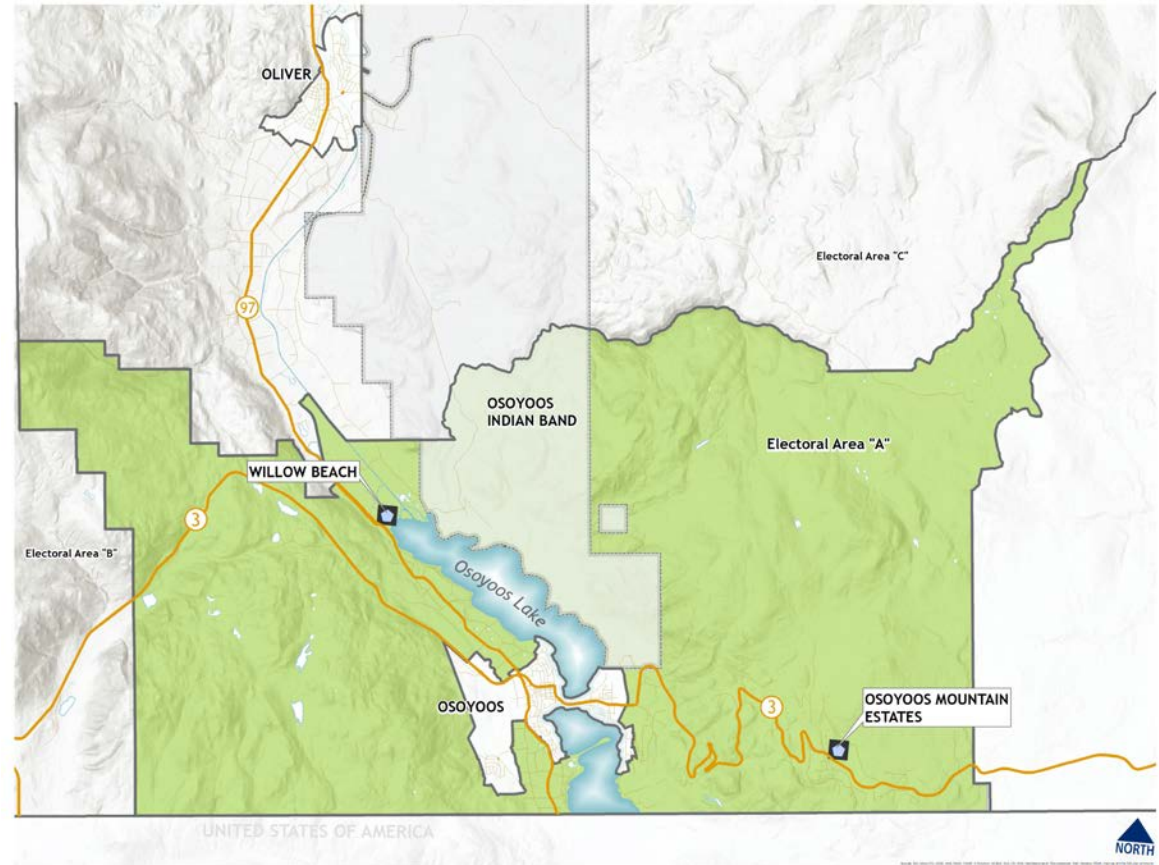


## **WHAT'S CHANGED?**

- Local Area section consistent with other recently updated Electoral Area OCPs

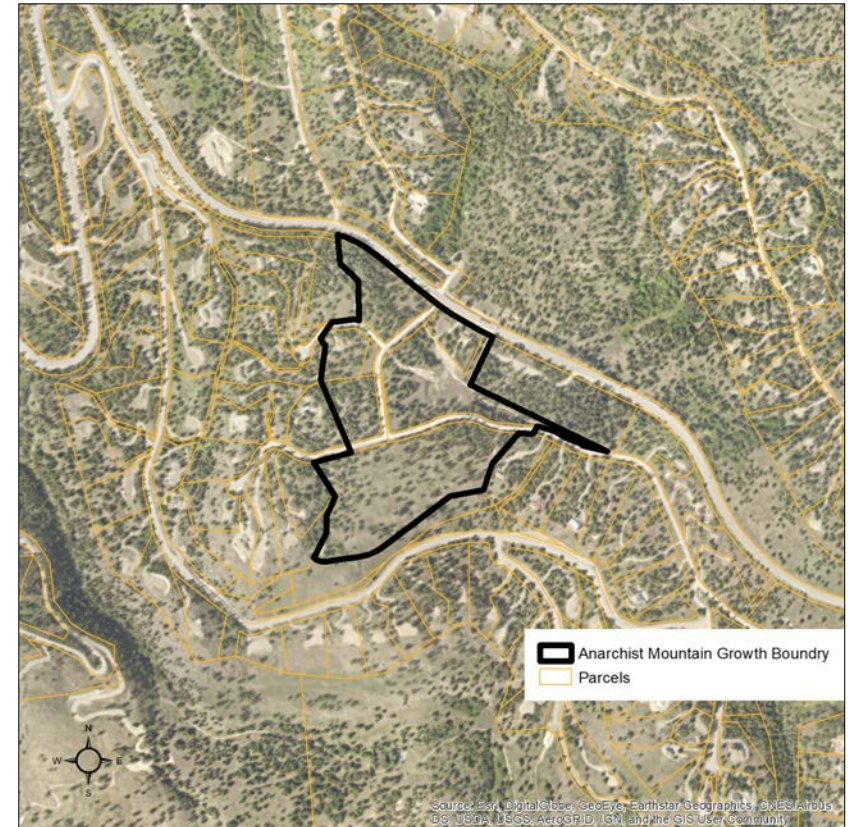
# Residential Development & Growth Management

- Policy to review suitability of Willow Beach and Anarchist Mountain as Rural Growth Areas when the Regional Growth Strategy is reviewed or updated (2020/2021)



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- policy to consider designating Anarchist Mountain Rural Growth Area “Village” if it stays as a Rural Growth Area after Regional Growth Strategy review.
- Village designation supports a range of housing types from row housing to apartments, commercial uses, and cultural, administrative, or institutional uses.



# AMCA questions

Q & A

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1. What's "guidance" and what's "enforceable"?
2. What background information's been updated?
3. Definitions (e.g., "accessory dwelling")
4. References to other bylaws, *Acts*, etc.
5. References to other documents



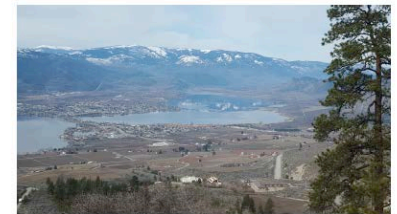
Official Community Plan Update

COMMUNITY PROFILE

December 2019

REPORT

Regional District of South Okanagan



Area "A" OCP Technical Studies

DECEMBER 2019



# AMCA questions

6. Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Area “A”
7. ESDPAs and wildfire
8. Addressing fire risks at the design stage (see 17.6.1)
9. Firefighting and other issues
10. FireSmart and absentee owners
11. Upcoming engagement and opportunities for input

# What's Next?

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# Next Steps

- Engagement & Consultation
  - Community Survey 2, newsletter, and mailout
  - Osoyoos Farmers Market pop-ups
  - Open house
  - Referrals
  - Draft OCP

An aerial photograph of a large lake surrounded by mountains and a town. The image is overlaid with three blue banners containing text. The top banner is dark blue, the middle is light blue, and the bottom is a darker blue. The text is white and bold.

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THANK YOU!

