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Current Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2450, 2008	Proposed Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2905, 2021
<p>3.0 BROAD GOALS</p> <p>The Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen aims to achieve the goals set out for the Osoyoos rural area as a foundation for the objectives and policies of the Osoyoos Rural Official Community Plan.</p> <p>3.1 Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .1 Maintain the rural character of the Plan area by ensuring that future development is compatible with community values expressed while developing this Plan. Community values to be preserved include but are not limited to: scenic vistas, green space, privacy, quality of life, low population density, dark skies and rural ambience. .2 Ensure growth is managed so that the quality of life and rural character are maintained. .3 Maintain access to and enjoyment of community parks and recreation areas with an emphasis on new development being required to provide green space, and connectivity to public areas. .4 Provide services in a manner that reflects the rural character of the community while addressing the needs of the community with respect to medical care and human health, water and air quality, safety, fire protection, governmental and non-governmental services. .5 Encourage the conservation of sites and structures with cultural heritage values. <p>3.2 Economic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .1 Support and encourage agriculture in the community through preservation of the agricultural land base and restrictions on uses that are not compatible with agricultural activities. .2 Support development of all agricultural and agricultural-related business and activities that have an added tourism value. .3 Promote economic development that not only supports the unique character of the rural area but also adapts to business and personal needs of the community as demographics shift. .4 Encourage small-scale business of an appropriate scale to the rural character of the area, and encourage high density residential, large-scale commercial and heavy industrial to locate near services in urban areas. 	<p>5.0 VISION AND BROAD GOALS</p> <p>5.1 Vision</p> <p>The Plan Area’s communities and settlement areas share a similar rural lifestyle and values. While each may face its own unique challenges, community consultation identified a set of common values and a shared vision for the Plan Area. The following vision statement describes a preferred future for the Plan Area:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>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 and that community wildfire risks are reduced.</i></p> <p>5.2 Broad Goals</p> <p>The following broad goals reflect the input and priorities of Plan Area residents and are the guiding principles of this Official Community Plan. The goals were first developed and refined through two rounds of community surveys and other outreach. The goals will be used by the Regional District and senior government agencies to help guide future decisions on development proposals, environmental protection initiatives, and infrastructure development in the Plan Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .1 Community safety and health. Manage and reduce community wildfire risks and promote community wellbeing for all generations .2 Water resources. Protect and manage water resources, including both surface and groundwater, for residential uses, agriculture, and ecosystem health. .3 Agriculture. Maintain existing and encourage new, compatible agricultural activities in the Agricultural Land Reserve, while limiting subdivision of designated agricultural properties. .4 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. .5 Natural environment. Steward and protect the area’s natural features, including sensitive ecosystems and habitat. .6 Infrastructure and services. Improve and support the development of new infrastructure, including community water and sanitary sewer systems and improved internet connectivity. .7 Transportation. Maintain a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system for all road users working in cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. .8 Osoyoos Indian Band engagement and collaboration. Improve and expand communications, consultation and engagement with Osoyoos Indian Band.

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<p>.5 Balance economic development with protection of environmental values.</p> <p>3.3 Environmental</p> <p>.1 Provide a system of protected areas with the primary purpose of preserving and restoring historic aquatic and terrestrial natural habitat, including representative ecosystems, fish and wildlife habitats and movement corridors.</p> <p>.2 Protect the quantity and quality of ground and surface water resources through positive development decisions based on sustainable use of those resources.</p> <p>.3 Support preserving and restoring natural waterways to improve both ground water quality and a cleaner healthier lake environment for humans, wildlife, and aquatic life.</p> <p>.4 Ensure that future development is compatible with the physical nature, resources and limitations of the land base and that growth is planned in a manner that ensures protection for the environment.</p> <p>.5 Protect the fragile natural environment for future generations.</p> <p>.6 Recognize the inherent value of Osoyoos Lake to the region, and ensure its protection for the use and enjoyment of future generations.</p> <p>.7 Balance protection of environmental values with economic development.</p> <p>3.4 Other</p> <p>.1 Keep regulations to a minimum and ensure consistent and appropriate enforcement.</p> <p>.2 Ensure communication and community participation in decision making and working collaboratively with adjacent jurisdictions of the Town of Osoyoos and the Osoyoos Indian Band.</p>	
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