



# Minutes

**Electoral Area 'G' Citizen's Committee**

**Meeting of Monday, September 13, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

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**Present:**

Mel Kotyk, Resident and Chair of the Citizens Committee  
Gerald Partridge, Resident  
Trisha Mills, Resident  
Gary Lawrence, Resident  
Melodie Kolisnyk, Resident  
Roger Mayer, Resident  
Cindy Regier, Resident

**OCP Project Team:**

Jordan Konyk, Project Planner, EcoPlan  
Evelyn Riechert, EcoPlan

**Absent:**

Stanley Bobowski  
Doug Woods  
Bill Arnott, Resident  
Rajinder Boora, Resident  
Ann Knight, Resident

**RDOS Project Manager:**

Nikita Kheterpal, Planner, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

**Electoral Area "G" Regional Director**

Tim Roberts, Regional Director Area "G"

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
  - Introduction to new members
  - Member check in
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
3. Project Update
4. Discussion: OCP Framework – Table of Contents

5. Discussion: Draft Vision and Goals
6. Discussion: Growth Areas & Local Area Policies for Hedley, Rural Keremeos, Olalla and Mobile Home Parks
7. Other Items
8. Next Meeting Date – November 8, 2021
9. Adjourn

<b>2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Review and approval of Meeting Minutes of May 17th, 2021.
<b>2.2</b>	Review and approval of Meeting Minutes of June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021.
<b>3. AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Introduction of new Citizen’s Committee Members</p> <p>Cindy Regier: Hedley resident, background with Interior Health Authority.</p> <p>Roger Mayer: Rural Keremeos resident, former Area Director, involved in past OCP efforts.</p>
<b>3.2</b>	<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <p>See attached committee meeting slides for project update information.</p> <p>Committee discussion on project update and engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to reach residents who are not connected online and have not yet heard about this project.</li> <li>• Paper products, such as postcards, informational mail-outs and hard-copies of surveys and OCP materials are important.</li> <li>• Communication is seen as key to the success of the OCP.</li> <li>• There are several local Facebook Groups where members of the committee could post information and events related to the OCP.</li> <li>• Face-to-face engagement works best. In-person meetings are ideal if possible.</li> <li>• Hedley Hall and Victory Hall in Keremeos would be good venues.</li> </ul>
<b>3.4</b>	<p><b>Discussion: OCP Framework – Draft Table of Contents</b></p> <p>See attached tables for Draft Table of Contents. Questions posed to the Citizen’s Committee: Is anything missing? Anything that should not be there?</p> <p>Committee discussion and recommendations for the Table of Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does health and wellness content fit in?</li> </ul>

- It is important for health and wellness to be included as its own section. This should include specific information, goals, and policies, including mental health services, health services and age-friendly housing.
- What is the Rural Holdings designation?

Note: Rural Holdings are generally grouped into two categories, Large Holdings (LH) and Small Holdings (SH).

The Large Holdings designation typically applies to privately-held properties smaller than Resource Area parcels and includes large parcels of land generally used for acreages, hobby farms, limited agriculture, ranching, grazing, and other uses.

The Small Holdings designation includes medium sized parcels of land generally used for rural residential, part time farming, limited agriculture, home industry uses and other uses that fit with the character of the area.

- Is there a separate designation for tourism businesses?

Note: within the Commercial section there will be background, objectives, and policies on the Tourist Commercial land designation

#### **Discussion: Draft Vision**

- “Independent spirit” captures well the orientation of Area “G”.
- Use of the term “villages” should be removed. Hedley and Olalla are not technically villages. Hedley is a hamlet. This is important because the communities are so small that external factors can affect them greatly.
- Other distinct communities such as Suncatcher’s, Riverside Mobile Home Park, all have around 200 residents.
- There is a change in how people are living – tiny homes, RVs, Mobile Homes – more affordable options.
- There needs to be something within the vision that reflects the connected nature of Area “G”. Through rural, it is not remote. Area “G” neighbors’ large centers such as Penticton and is highly connected through fiber optic internet, tourism, highway traffic and many visitors. This means that many people may wish to move to Area “G” especially considering working from home opportunities.
- Try to keep the vision simple.
- Growth is coming. There should be wording around how to manage this growth.

#### **Discussion: Broad Goals**

- Where does balancing natural resource development fit in with these other goal areas (natural environment, water resources, etc.).
- The climate change goal does not include any wording towards reducing emissions. It should contain greater emphasis on this. Should also consider adaptation.
- How do/will the broad goals link to the Table of Contents? There currently does not appear to be perfect alignment.
- There should be a goal around managing growth.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do we mention youth any where in the OCP? Should there be supporting language around this?</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion: Growth Areas &amp; Local Area Policies for Hedley, Rural Keremeos, Olalla and Mobile Home Parks</b></p> <p>See attached presentation for overview of emerging themes on Growth Areas &amp; Local Areas Policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief presentation of emerging themes.</li> </ul>
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### 3.5 Other Items

When should the next meeting be held?

Committee Discussion:

- Important to continue the discussion on agenda items that were not fully covered. October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm chosen as next meeting date.

**Action Item:** EcoPlan create agenda and schedule meeting.

### 3.6

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm

## 4.

### Next Meeting Date

- 4.1 Next Committee Meeting is Scheduled for: **Thursday, October 14th, 2021.**

Mel Kotyk

Advisory Planning Commission Chair

Jordan Konyk, EcoPlan

Minute taker

Area "G" Citizens Committee

**Schedule of Projected Meeting Dates**

*The following table outlines projected meeting dates for the Citizen's Committee based on the current project schedule. Should a meeting date need to be changed, Committee members will be provided advanced notice (1 week minimum) and a new meeting date will be selected.*

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Meeting Content</b>
March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 1	Establish the Committee. Tell us about your community? What is an OCP?
April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 1	Background Report Review
May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 2	Engagement Input, Round 1 Review.
June 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 2	Workshop - OCP Framework
September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 3	Workshop – Review Draft Framework
October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 3	Workshop – Review Draft Framework
November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 3	Workshop - OCP Policy Directions
January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 3	Draft OCP, Review of Community Input
February 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Phase 3	Final OCP