



# The Corporation of the Village of Silverton

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Silverton is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP).

**We want your input, please!!!**

### What is an OCP?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) guides a municipality’s land use and development. It provides the policy framework for Council in addressing decisions on housing, transportation, infrastructure, parks, economic development, and the natural and social environment.

### Why do we need to update our OCP?

To remain relevant, a community’s OCP must be updated. Change is inevitable and can be beneficial. Communities can determine the policies that guide change, help to encourage opportunities the community would support, as well as, supplement funding applications.

### Silverton Census 2016

Population - 195      Population 55 or older – 67% of residents      School-aged children – 0.08% of residents

The OCP renewal process began with a workshop and a series of open houses. This survey is the next step in the community engagement process. **It is important to obtain the views of the entire community.**

### This survey requests your input on potential strategies and policies for the OCP.

Each topic is introduced with an explanation of why it is in the survey and how it applies to an OCP.

**Please answer each question the best you can and return before December 20, 2019**

(information provided at bottom of each page)

1. Please state the number of adults in your household taking this survey:

- 1 adult       2 adults       3 adults       4 or more adults

2. Please state the number of dependents 18 years of age or younger in your household:

- none       1 child       2 children       3 children       4 or more children

3. Is this your primary (live there full-time) or secondary (part-time) residence? Please check all that apply.

- primary       secondary       tenant       landlord

4. Please check the age category of the person(s) filling out or represented in your household for this survey:

- 0 - 5       6 – 18       19 - 30       31-50       50 – 65       65 and over

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## POTENTIAL POLICIES FOR NEW HOUSING

Currently the Village of Silverton has limited space for development of new housing. At the OCP open houses the need to attract younger residents was stated as a desired goal for the Village of Silverton.

5. Please **check all boxes** where you **AGREE** with the statement:

- encourage secondary suites/carriage houses for long term rental in residential zoned areas
- limit all types of short-term rental, for example, limit to only in commercially zoned areas
- encourage higher density development on private land
- encourage multi-family residences, affordable housing, long term rentals
- explore through public engagement, options for housing on Village owned property
- increase of the number of multi-family housing units
- explore options for Village boundary expansion (take in regional district land as part of Silverton)
- other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At the OCP open houses the need to attract and retain businesses was stated as a priority.

6. Please **check all boxes** where you **AGREE** with the statement:

- encourage cannabis retail as a permitted business in the Village of Silverton
- create business-friendly policies, regulations, development permits in the commercial core on highway
- allow for cannabis cultivation (growing plants) in light industrial zoned properties
- encourage sub-regional approaches in all business sectors for economic development
- continue to promote as a tourism destination, supporting tourism-based businesses
- encourage traditional resource extraction industries such as, forestry and mining
- other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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## FAMILIES AND YOUTH

At the OCP open houses the need to attract more families and youth as a goal to increase age diversity was stated as a priority.

7. Please **check all boxes** where you **AGREE** with the statement:

- support more youth activities and programs in Silverton
- create recreational options such as, trail development for biking and walkability
- create new ways of engaging youth in the community, such as, a youth council, youth committee to generate ideas for youth by youth in Silverton
- using advertising we already publish in magazines, target families and youth to visit and live in Silverton
- other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

8. Please **RANK the following options** from **1 being your MOST important** Village asset and **5 being the LEAST important** asset for the Village to maintain or develop.

Please **check the boxes in the question ONLY TO THOSE YOU VIEW AS IMPORTANT:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage ( Village buildings/halls,  Historical artifacts,  Outdoor museum,  Indoor museum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parks ( Day Park,  Dewis Park/ball field,  Beaches and beach access)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arts and Culture ( Gallery Building,  Valhalla Fine Arts Programs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation ( Curling Rink,  Kiddy Park,  Silverton trails/footpaths,  Outdoor exercise equipment,  Boat launch,  Swimming area)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Emissions ( 100% renewable Kootenay project,  building efficiencies,  climate change)
- \_\_\_\_\_ other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

At the OCP open houses the desire to have consistent, affordable energy was stated as a priority. With the changes happening to our creeks and lakes, and with more frequent landslides, floods, and forest fires there are policies and actions the Village can initiate, such as the Slocan Valley Fire Resiliency program we are currently participating in.

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9. Please RANK the following options from 1 being your MOST important Village priority and 5 being the LEAST important priority for the Village to maintain or develop.

Please check the boxes in the question ONLY TO THOSE YOU VIEW AS IMPORTANT:

Community Energy project (micro hydro, solar, geothermal, electrical vehicle station)

Fire Resiliency (Building permit changes for fire resiliency, private property fire resiliency,

best practice guidelines for development in high fire hazard areas)

Dikes on Silverton Creek, maintaining and reassessing with Climate Change data for flooding

Community water (wells, watershed, Silverton Creek, bull trout)

other, please explain

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS

10. Please RANK the following options from 1 being your MOST preferred way for the Village to communicate with you and 6 being the LEAST preferred way for the Village to communicate:

mail information directly to property owners to the address provided by the province for property owners

a flyer (quarterly newsletter or information as needed) in all mailboxes at the New Denver Post Office

continue to use the Silverton website (www.silverton.ca) and Village bulletin boards at the Village office and at the mail boxes on 4th Street as we currently do

develop and maintain a Facebook page specifically for the Village of Silverton, BC

provide communications/information in with the Utilities and Taxes billing, each sent out annually

other, please explain

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE SURVEY!

DID WE MISS ANYTHING?

Please comment here if we have missed anything you believe is important or if you wish to provide further comment. Please return the survey to the Village as soon as you can (information below).

Blank lines for comments

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