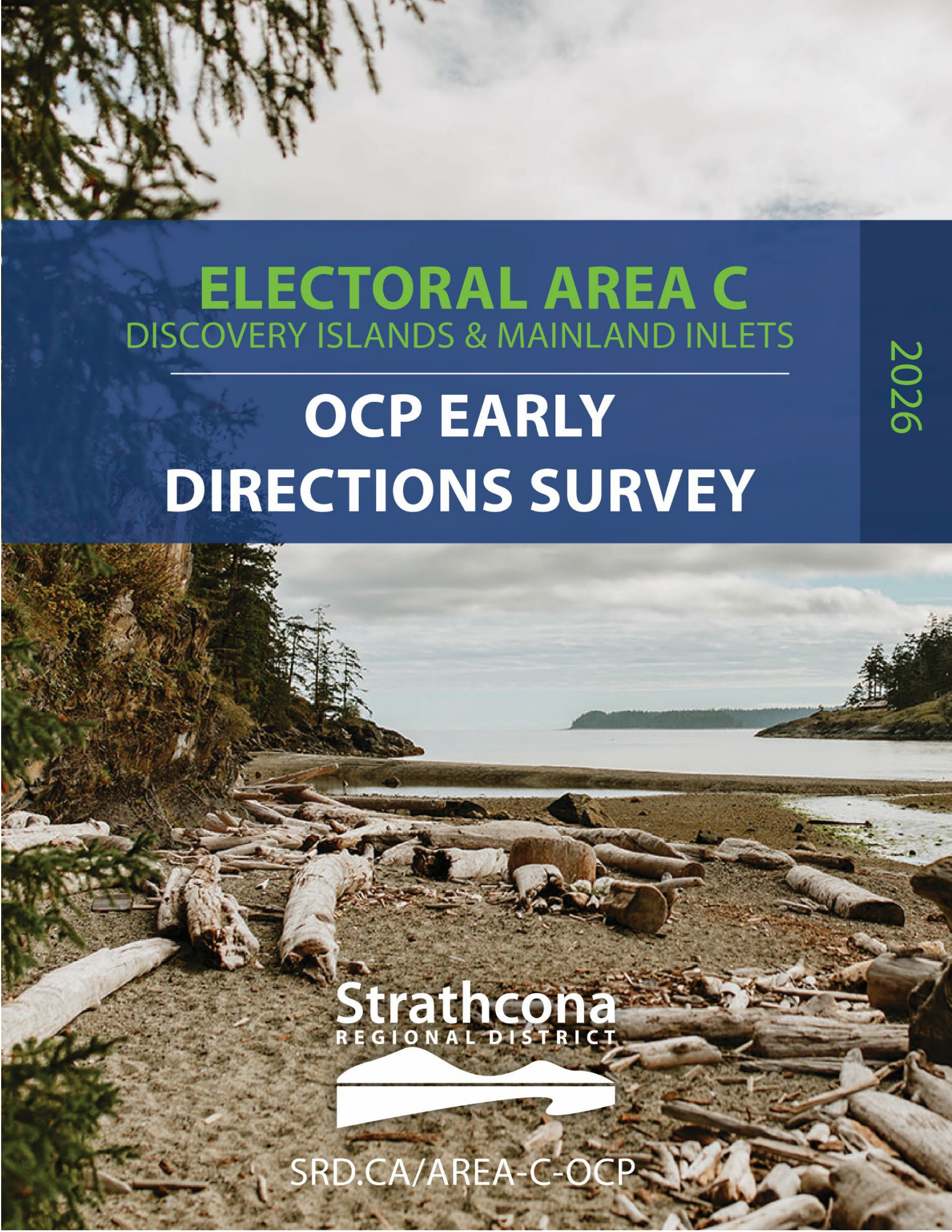




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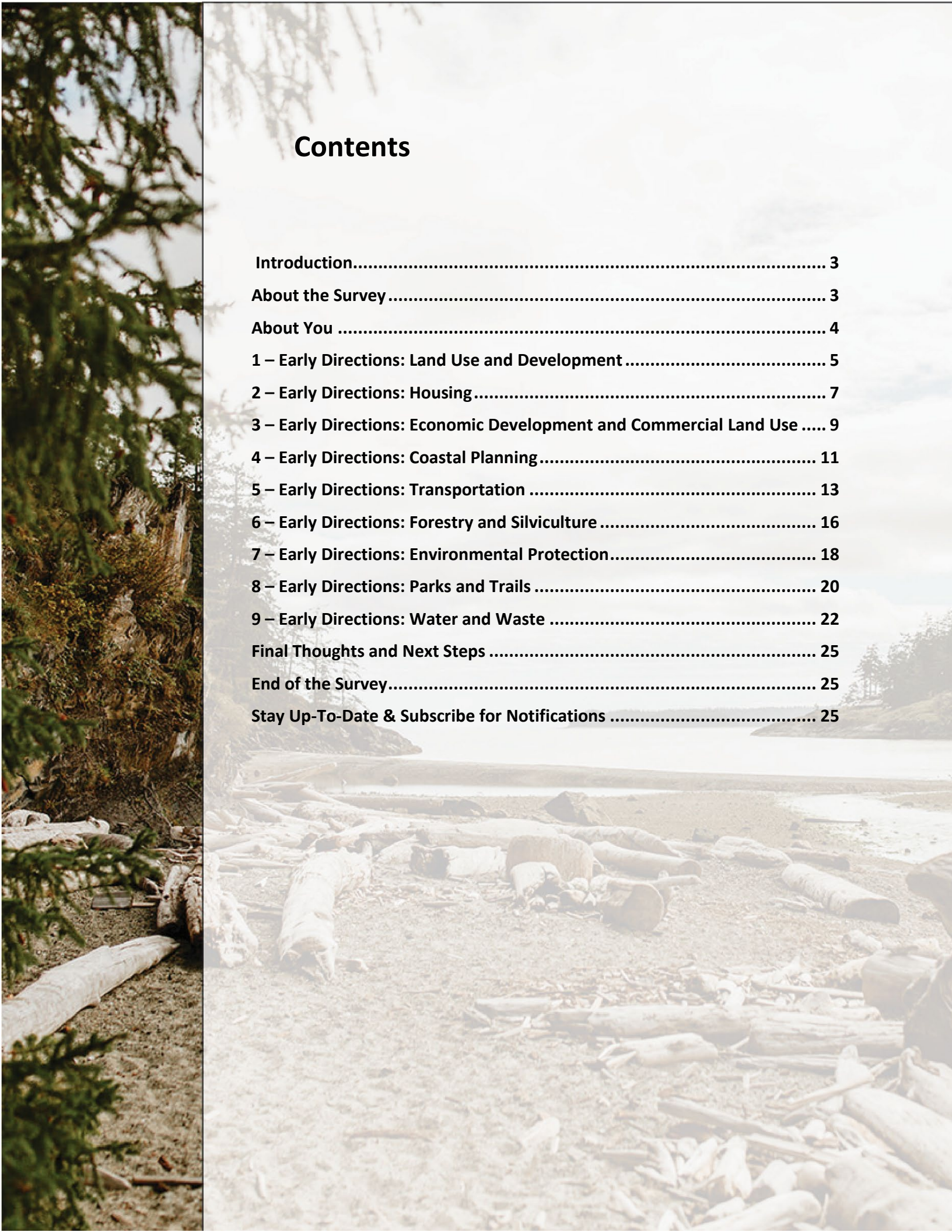
OCP EARLY DIRECTIONS SURVEY

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REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Introduction

An Official Community Plan (OCP) communicates a community's vision, goals, and objectives, to guide land use decisions made by the elected Board or Council of a local government. In Electoral Area C, these decisions are currently guided by the Quadra Island OCP (adopted in 2007) and the Desolation Sound Rural Land Use Bylaw (adopted in 1990). The new OCP will reflect the needs and vision of all communities within Area C and address modern challenges.

What are Early Directions?

Early Directions are the draft objectives and policy statements that reflect the input we've received to date. This survey is to share our understanding of what you've told us and to confirm that we're on the right track. Did we get something wrong? Your responses to this survey will confirm what we've gotten right and help us "course correct" what we haven't.

Community engagement for this project began in October of 2024 with two community kick-off meetings, one on Quadra Island and one in Surge Narrows. Since then, 58 non-profit and community interest groups were invited to meet with Planning staff, resulting in 18 focus group meetings; an art contest was held to engage Area C's youngest residents; several 'pop-up' style events occurred; two open houses, and 11 community discussions on Quadra Island and Read Island. Additionally, a community consultation workbook was mailed to over 300 residents in the remote outer Discovery Islands.

About the Survey

This survey is broken into 9 sections by theme, detailing the Early Directions related to that theme: Land Use and Development; Housing; Economic Development and Commercial Land Use; Coastal Planning; Transportation; Forestry and Silviculture; Environmental Protection; Parks and Trails; and Water and Waste. Please read the Early Directions for each theme before completing the related section of the survey. Each section is estimated to take 10-15 minutes to complete.

We need to hear from you! Please complete one of the options below by December 11th, 2026

Complete online at:

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Drop-off survey in person or mail to:

Strathcona Regional District
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Campbell River, BC V9W 7Z8

All Area C community members are encouraged to participate! Those who complete the *entire* survey can choose to be entered into a draw to win a prize of \$150 value. To be entered into the draw, please provide your name and contact information.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact planning@srd.ca

About You

Question 1) Which best describes you? Select all that apply.

- ☐ I am a permanent resident in Area C
- ☐ I am a seasonal or part-time resident in Area C
- ☐ I am a business owner in Area C
- ☐ I am a member of a First Nation with territory in Area C
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Question 2) Which Island is your property or residence located on?

- ☐ Quadra Island
- ☐ Read Island
- ☐ Sonora Island
- ☐ Rendezvous Island
- ☐ Stuart Island
- ☐ Maurelle Island
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

1 - Early Directions: Land Use and Development

The objectives and policies in this section are intended to guide general land use and development within Area C. More specific details on community growth and character will be addressed throughout the plan, notably within Village Centre and Local Area Plans that form part of the OCP.

DRAFT Objectives – Land Use and Development

1. To maintain, long-standing land uses and village centres within the plan area.
2. To maintain a diverse network of rural, coastal and island communities that reflects the distinct character, geography, history, and servicing capacity of Area C.
3. To direct new development toward established settlement areas and village centres to support complete, connected and resilient communities while limiting outward expansion.
4. To support compact, connected and complete village centres that provide opportunities for housing, employment, services, community facilities and public spaces.
5. To ensure that development is compatible with the capacity of the natural environment, infrastructure and community services.
6. To maintain opportunities for rural living while encouraging small, close-knit community.
7. To support the resilience and continued vitality of remote and water-access communities while recognizing their distinct infrastructure, transportation, environmental and emergency-service circumstances.

DRAFT Policies – Land Use and Development

1. Preserve rural character and ecological integrity when planning for community growth and development.
2. Development which contributes to the long-term vitality, resilience, and sustainability of existing communities is encouraged.
3. Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay are designated Village Centres, where public amenity, service commercial, multi-unit residential, and mixed uses are encouraged to locate.
4. Cooperation, Collaboration, and Coordination is encouraged between the regional district and First Nations, and the provincial, and federal agencies with jurisdiction over land use planning and resource management within and surrounding the plan area. Public consultation is encouraged.
5. Local Area Planning is encouraged, recognizing the unique development patterns, infrastructure requirements, and community identities of established outer Island communities, such as in Heriot Bay, Surge Narrows, Big Bay, Owen Bay, and Refuge Cove.
6. Smart growth principles are supported as a framework for sustainable community development.
7. The regional district endorses a culture of cooperation, coordination, and collaboration between local organizations, provincial agencies, federal agencies, and First Nations. This includes early and ongoing public involvement that respects community values and visions.

Question 3) Do you support the proposed general Land Use and Development objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 4) Would you make any changes to the proposed Land Use and Development objectives and policies? Please explain.

2 – Early Directions: Housing

The objectives and policies in this section are intended to work towards increasing the range of housing choices available in suitable locations throughout Area C.

DRAFT Objectives – Housing

1. To recognize housing as a human right and promote improved access to housing for all.
2. To support housing developments which are designed to minimize the disturbance of the existing rural landscapes and are compatible with the physical site conditions.
3. To support a diverse range of safe, appropriate and attainable housing options that enable people of different ages, household sizes, incomes and circumstances to live year-round in Area C.
4. To support workforce housing opportunities for people who work in and provide essential services to Area C communities.
5. To increase housing opportunities through appropriately scaled infill and gentle density, particularly within established neighbourhoods.
6. To encourage housing that is resilient to climate change, natural hazards, infrastructure limitations and changing environmental conditions.

DRAFT Policies – Housing

1. Support a diversity of housing forms and tenures throughout appropriate settlement areas.
2. Encourage housing options for families, individuals, seniors, workers, seasonal workers, people with special housing needs and multigenerational households.
3. Support a range of housing forms, including:
 - a. single detached dwellings with secondary suites;
 - b. accessory dwelling units;
 - c. duplexes and other small-scale multi-unit housing;
 - d. fourplexes and similar small-scale multi-unit buildings;
 - e. manufactured and modular homes;
 - f. cooperative housing;
 - g. rental housing;
 - h. seniors housing; and
 - i. other innovative housing forms appropriate to the community.
4. Encourage small-scale and incremental development of housing forms that make efficient use of land and existing infrastructure while remaining compatible with the surrounding community.
5. Encourage housing options for workers in tourism, construction, health care, education, retail, hospitality, resource industries and other locally important sectors.
6. Encourage housing development to incorporate water conservation, rainwater management and other measures that reduce pressure on local water resources.

7. Consider opportunities for increased density, where appropriate, in association with the provision of affordable, rental, seniors or special-needs housing.
8. Consider affordable, seniors, rental and special needs housing a top priority for the use of funds obtained through Development Cost Charges or Amenity Cost Charges.
9. Explore opportunities to support and collaborate with First Nations, community associations, and non-profits to pursue funding for non-market housing.
10. Support a variety of housing tenures including but not limited to fee simple, rentals, strata, undivided interests, and park-model developments.
11. Review the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw and Desolation Sound Rural Land Use Bylaw following adoption of this OCP to ensure that zoning regulations are consistent with the settlement and housing policies of the plan.
12. Explore opportunities for SRD-owned or acquired lands to contribute to affordable and non-market housing via the Regional Housing Service.
13. Develop and update local area plans and village plans where community interest, growth pressures, and development opportunities warrant more detailed planning.

Question 5) Do you support the proposed Housing objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 6) Would you make any changes to the proposed Housing objectives and policies? Please explain.

3 – Early Directions: Economic Development and Commercial Land Use

DRAFT Objectives – Economic Development and Commercial Lands

1. To consider the findings of the *Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Revitalization Plan (2026)*.
2. To foster an inclusive, diversified, sustainable economy that meets local and visitor needs, that contributes to the rural character of the area, and stimulates healthy ecological and social conditions.
3. To promote a resilient local economy that functions year-round, sustains local businesses, promotes well-being, offers a living wage, and supports community development.
4. To encourage ecologically responsible economic development which supports a prosperous local economy while protecting the area's forests, waters, and wilderness.
5. To support economic development which promotes Indigenous sovereignty.

DRAFT Policies – Economic Development and Commercial Lands

Commercial Lands

1. Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay are supported as the primary village centres for commercial activity and community services.
2. Small scale commercial and mixed land uses are supported in Surge Narrows, Refuge Cove, Big Bay, Owen Bay, and Blind Channel.
3. Future zoning bylaw amendments, subdivisions, and development proposals for commercial properties should promote the use of land by small and medium businesses that are locally responsive and preserve the character of the area.
4. Large-scale tourist accommodation proposals are generally not supported throughout the plan area but may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5. Encourage responsible and sustainable commercial development in designated areas with a focus on minimizing negative impacts to the local character of the area.

Home-based Businesses

1. Home-based businesses and home industries are supported, subject to zoning regulations to ensure compatibility with adjacent properties.
2. Where a home-based business or home industry involves food intended for human consumption, approval from the Health Authority shall be obtained.
3. Encourage the Provincial government and businesses to provide high-speed internet communication systems within rural and remote areas.
4. Support opportunities for agriculture production, processing, and marketing of local food, including farm gate sales.

Question 7) Do you support the proposed Economic Development objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 8) Would you make any changes to the proposed Economic Development objectives and policies? Please explain.

4 – Early Directions: Coastal Planning

DRAFT Objectives – Coastal Planning

1. To consider the coastal floodplain and sea level rise in all new coastal development.
2. To preserve the integrity of coastal processes, maintain habitat diversity and function, and reduce cumulative impacts to the coastal environment.
3. To continue to uphold the provision of private moorage as a means of waterfront access to water-access properties.
4. To promote consultation between the community and appropriate government agencies regarding recommendations for shellfish harvesting, conservation, and habitat protection.
5. To promote and support public access to the foreshore.
6. To protect and enhance fish and shellfish habitat and to recognize the commercial and recreational fishery as an important part of the local lifestyle, economy, and recreation.
7. To discourage commercial resource based marine use adjacent to settlement areas.

DRAFT Policies – Coastal Planning

Uplands

1. All coastal development proposals shall consider the coastal floodplain and the potential for sea level rise.
2. Ecological features along the coastline shall be maintained and protected.
3. Property owners are encouraged to follow provincial guidelines for coastal land use.
4. Identify and map sea level rise planning areas that may be at risk for sea level rise inundation and erosion.
5. Determine the need for beach and shoreline protection works based on sound environmental management practices.

Foreshore

6. Ensure coastal development does not negatively impact the marine environment and ecological habitats.
7. The creation of new water-access only lots is discouraged. Existing water-access lots shall be encouraged to provide upland access points to foster connectivity and emergency access.
8. Private moorage and docks on the foreshore are supported for water-access parcels if they comply with the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* and other provincial regulations.
9. Collaborate with the provincial and federal authorities to increase public awareness of safe boating practices.
10. Public access and enjoyment of marine parks is supported.
11. The appropriate government agencies shall be encouraged to consider the following in regards to foreshore applications and renewals:
 - a. Environmental impact,
 - b. Historic and recreational uses,
 - c. Adjacent tenure holders,

- d. The public good, and
 - e. The community interest
12. Commercial aquaculture activities along the foreshore adjacent to settlement areas are not supported.

Question 9) Do you support the proposed Coastal Planning objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

**Question 10) Would you make any changes to the proposed Coastal Planning objectives and policies?
Please explain.**

5 – Early Directions: Transportation

DRAFT Objectives – Transportation

1. To maintain a safe, accessible, resilient and interconnected transportation network that recognizes the diverse geography and transportation needs of Area C.
2. To encourage road design and construction standards that meet the safety and transportation needs of the community.
3. To encourage a road system in keeping with the natural environment, and one that includes development and maintenance of pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle paths as part of the transportation system.
4. To support strategies and seek opportunities to reduce car dependency in order to decrease green house gas emissions while maximizing ferry capacity.

DRAFT Policies – Transportation

1. Road improvement is supported where it is compatible with social, environmental, and economic goals of the community and contributes to the well-being of residents.
2. Encourage new developments and redevelopments to include separate dedicated active transportation pathways.
3. Support community consultation regarding new wharf improvements to regional wharves, recognizing that marine transportation is an essential component of the transportation network.
4. Support the continued maintenance and improvement of public marine access points, including wharves, docks, ferry terminals, floatplane facilities, barge landings, moorage and other community transportation infrastructure.
5. Advocate to other levels of government to support the development of an off-road, non-vehicular, active transportation connection between Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay.
6. Support opportunities for community-based transportation, including ridesharing, carpooling, volunteer transportation, water taxis and other locally appropriate services.
7. Encourage collaboration with BC Transit and other community-based transportation providers to explore transportation services appropriate to rural and remote communities, specifically on Quadra Island.
8. Support appropriate provision of bicycle parking and secure bicycle storage at community facilities, commercial areas, wharves and other high-use destinations.
9. On-street parking is discouraged and all new non-residential development shall be required to provide adequate off street parking for the intended use.
10. Private airstrips and heli-ports are discouraged within the plan area.
11. Support mapping and site identification of emergency helicopter landing sites throughout the plan area.
12. Encourage consideration of electric bicycle charging facilities at appropriate high-use transportation nodes.

13. Explore opportunities to improve the resilience of critical marine transportation infrastructure to extreme weather, sea-level rise, storm surge and other hazards.
14. Consider parking needs associated with Quathiaski Cove, Hoskyn Channel Landing, Heriot Bay Wharf, Surge Narrows Wharf and other high-use marine access points.
15. Advocate for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to:
 - a. Continue improvements to West Road and Heriot Bay Road to ensure safe and efficient primary travel corridors throughout the year
 - b. Evaluate the need for community road improvements on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with development proposals.
 - c. Consult with the regional district and the community respecting the establishment of local road standards.
 - d. Consider reductions in existing speed limits on Quadra Island, in particular within Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay.
 - e. Consider improved signage and other self-regulating speed reduction strategies along West Road, Heriot Bay Road, and Cape Mudge Road.
 - f. Consult the regional district and the community respecting opportunities for the accommodation of walkways and bicycle paths within road-rights-of-way.
 - g. Continue to establish safe pedestrian crossings within Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay
 - h. Improve safety at major intersections including where Heriot Bay Road meets West Road and where Quathiaski Cove Road meets Green Road.
 - i. Respond timely to maintenance requests, specifically those in the outer Discovery Islands where regular operational maintenance is less frequent.
16. Advocate for British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. to:
 - a. Maintain adequate service levels to meet the needs of Island residents.
 - b. Consult with the community respecting future planning and scheduling for ferry service.
 - c. Plan for and promote foot passenger services and facilities.
 - d. Consider safety improvements to Quathiaski Cove Road, specifically including pedestrian and cyclist access to and within the terminal.
 - e. Consider traffic and congestion management options in Quathiaski Cove.

Question 11) Do you support the proposed Transportation objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

**Question 12) Would you make any changes to the proposed Transportation objectives and policies?
Please explain.**

6 – Early Directions: Forestry and Silviculture

DRAFT Objectives – Forestry and Silviculture

1. To recognize the aesthetic, cultural, economic, and biophysical importance of forests and advocate for sustainable forest management practices that maintain ecological, recreational, scenic, cultural and community values.
2. To encourage the retention of forestry and silviculture lands.
3. To recognize the significance of the forestry industry in regard to local economy and employment, and to encourage viable locally-oriented woodlots and value-add products.
4. To minimize occurrences of wildfires by preventing new interface areas where forest lands are fragmented by residential development.
5. Encourage property owners to utilize best practices of sustainable forestry and silviculture consistent with the latest provincial Best Management Practices for natural environment protection.

DRAFT Policies – Forestry and Silviculture

1. Identify and obtain high-quality mapping of forest resources including streams, creeks, wildlife habitats, watershed protection areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas.
2. Encourage small-scale, community and private woodlot operations.
3. Encourage the retention, protection, and enhancement of silviculture and forestry lands.
4. Personal timber milling and small-scale forestry practices for personal use, including mobile sawmills are supported.
5. The preservation of forest cover on all lands is encouraged.
6. The appropriate government agencies and property owners shall be encouraged to consult with Area C residents regarding the implementation of forest management plans.
7. The appropriate government agencies shall be encouraged to ensure landscape management techniques are used to minimize the impacts of logging on the visual aesthetic values of the plan area.
8. The appropriate government agencies shall be encouraged to identify where distinct ecosystems could be restored or enhanced on forested lands or integrated into park lands where the opportunity arises.
9. Advocate for continued improvements to the *Provincial Forest Range and Practices Act* that would strengthen community participation in forest and range management.

Question 13) Do you support the proposed Forestry and Silviculture objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 14) Would you make any changes to the proposed Forestry and Silviculture objectives and policies? Please explain.

7 – Early Directions: Environmental Protection

DRAFT Objectives – Environmental Protection

1. To support the protection of the natural environment, avoid loss of habitats, and maintain biological diversity for the benefit of wildlife, natural ecosystems, and humans.
2. To recognize the importance of water resources and protect the quality and quantity of those resources for future generations.
3. To discourage encroachment of incompatible uses on environmentally sensitive areas in order to protect against degradation, pollution, and invasive species.
4. To encourage the protection, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of environmentally sensitive areas.
5. To promote leading edge, best management practices in sustainable new development and public awareness of the importance of biodiversity and ecological health.

DRAFT Policies – Environmental Protection

1. Support the development of a Natural Asset Inventory for Area C to support the future management of natural assets in the region, including the protection of wilderness and biodiversity values.
2. Encourage the protection of the Quadra Bluffs due to their significant environmental sensitivity.
3. Invasive and non-native plant species should be managed appropriately, and where possible, eradicated.

Wildlife Protection

4. In order to maintain biodiversity and support intact ecosystems, industrial uses, commercial uses, subdivision of land, and rezoning of lands shall be discouraged in critical wildlife habitats.
5. Encourage residents and visitors to follow the recommendations developed by the BC Bear Smart program.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

6. The identification, mapping, and inventory of environmentally sensitive areas are supported.
7. Consider environmental protection of riparian areas to be of high importance in the evaluation of development proposals.
8. The foreshore and environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from activities that can disturb the marine environment and harm ecological habitat.
9. Wherever possible, environmentally sensitive areas should be maintained as one contiguous parcel rather than fragmented by subdivision.
10. The retention and planting of native plants and trees in all developments is encouraged.
11. The use of pesticides and herbicides is discouraged.

Question 15) Do you support the proposed Environmental Protection objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 16) Would you make any changes to the proposed Environmental Protection objectives and policies? Please explain.

8 – Early Directions: Parks and Trails

DRAFT Objectives – Parks and Trails

1. To retain, develop, and maintain a connected, safe network of parks, trails and pathways that provide opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and access to nature to support community well-being.
2. To continue developing inactive regional parks.
3. To identify and protect significant recreational sites, natural habitats, and rural landscapes as parks and public space.
4. To improve public access to recreation, including playground areas for families.
5. To support accessible and inclusive opportunities for recreation and outdoor activity for residents of all ages and abilities.
6. To prioritize shorelines, forests, and waterways when acquiring land for parks.
7. To collaborate with community organizations in the ongoing development and maintenance of parks.
8. To preserve undeveloped islets throughout the plan area in their natural form.

DRAFT Policies – Parks and Trails

1. Park use is permitted in any land use designation throughout the plan area.
2. The creation and retention of neighbourhood parks is encouraged across the south end of Quadra Island, including play areas, gathering spaces, community gardens, and other outdoor amenities.
3. Where possible, parks shall be planned, designed, and maintained to provide protection for wildlife and wildfire mitigation.
4. Encourage the provincial agency responsible to effectively maintain park lands and marine parks under their jurisdiction.
5. To improve information and interpretive signage emphasizing recreational opportunities.
6. Support collaboration with First Nations and community organizations in the establishment of community forests, recreation parks, conservation parks, and public amenities.
7. Forest property owners are encouraged to provide public trail access.
8. Continue to develop beach access points.
9. Support a connected network of trails that links settlement areas, village centres, existing parks, beaches, wharves, community facilities and other important destinations where practical.
10. Recognize the importance of respecting First Nations rights, interests, cultural values and knowledge in parks and trail planning.
11. Collaborative approaches to trail construction, maintenance, stewardship and monitoring are encouraged.

Question 17) Do you support the proposed Parks and Trails objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

**Question 18) Would you make any changes to the proposed Parks and Trails objectives and policies?
Please explain.**

9 – Early Directions: Water and Waste

DRAFT Objectives – Water Supply and Waste Management

Water Supply

1. To protect and maintain reliable, safe, and sustainable water supplies for the communities, ecosystems, and future generations.
2. To ensure development activities within the plan area are mindful of community watersheds.
3. To protect groundwater recharge areas, aquifers, watersheds, lakes, streams and other freshwater resources that contribute to community and ecological well-being.
4. To promote efficient use and conservation of potable water throughout the plan area.
5. To improve the resilience of community watersheds to climate change and natural disruptions.
6. To support collaborative stewardship of the watersheds and water resources that sustain the communities and ecosystems of the plan area.

Waste Management

7. To reduce waste generation, encourage reuse and recycling, and support responsible management of solid waste throughout the plan area.
8. To support waste management systems that are appropriate to the rural, island, and remote communities of the plan area.
9. To prevent waste management from adversely affecting water resources, ecosystems, communities, and public health.
10. To ensure sewage and wastewater are managed in a manner that protects public health, groundwater, surface water and marine environments.
11. To facilitate the safe and cost-effective provision and maintenance of water, sewer, and solid waste services, as appropriate to the community.

DRAFT Policies – Water Supply and Waste Management

Water Supply

1. Protect groundwater, surface water and other sources of potable water from contamination, depletion and other activities that may compromise water quality or availability.
2. Consider the availability, quality and long-term sustainability of water resources when planning for new development and changes in land use.
3. Work with the Province, First Nations, Island Health, community organizations and other agencies to improve understanding of local water resources and areas of water scarcity or vulnerability, and work collaboratively to protect water resources, particularly during periods of drought or limited water availability.
4. No new lots shall be created unless there is a demonstrated potable water supply in accordance with provincial regulations.
5. Encourage the retention of natural vegetation and permeable surfaces that support groundwater recharge and natural drainage.
6. Encourage water-efficient development, landscaping, fixtures and appliances.

7. Encourage rainwater management and rainwater collection systems where appropriate and permitted by applicable regulations.
8. Consider that changing precipitation patterns, drought, wildfire and extreme weather may affect water availability and quality when evaluating development proposals.
9. Encourage backup power and other appropriate measures for community water systems where interruptions to electricity could compromise access to potable water.
10. Explore water system planning that considers long-term operation, maintenance, affordability and climate resilience while recognizing the financial and infrastructure challenges associated with conventional water systems in rural and remote areas.
11. Bulk water extraction is strongly discouraged, and bulk water processing, bottling, and sales are prohibited throughout the plan area.
12. Support the following process for the administration of future water service areas:
 - a. Request by residents to establish a service area,
 - b. Feasibility analysis funded by the proponents or grants,
 - c. Referendum by affected property owners.

Waste Management

13. Support the following process for the administration of future service areas:
 - a. Request by residents to establish a service area,
 - b. Feasibility analysis funded by the proponents or grants,
 - c. Referendum by affected property owners.
14. Development Cost Charges and local service area bylaws should be considered as a means of ensuring the proper collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater..

Solid Waste

15. Support waste reduction strategies, reuse, recycling, composting and other forms of waste management in accordance with the Comox-Strathcona Solid Waste Management Plan.
16. Support convenient and accessible opportunities for recycling, composting and responsible disposal of household waste while recognizing that waste management in the plan area requires a combination of road-based, marine-based, and community-based collection and transportation of waste.
17. Encourage appropriate management of hazardous, contaminated and other materials that require specialized handling or disposal.

Wastewater Treatment

18. Recognize wastewater treatment and disposal capacity as a fundamental consideration in determining the appropriate location, scale and density of development.
19. Green infrastructure including bioswales and fire smart design strategies are supported in development proposals.
20. Encourage property owners to maintain their septic systems and pump septic tanks in accordance with best management practices and provincial regulations.
21. Advocate to the provincial agency responsible to:
 - a. Consider the cumulative effects of individual septic systems in an area,

- b. Evaluate areas with suspected problems,
 - c. Consult with affected landowners respecting corrective measures and where necessary enforce legislative requirements, and
 - d. Encourage innovative technologies.
22. Encourage provincial agencies to expand approved sewage treatment methods to include alternative, non-polluting methods and innovative technologies wherever it is economically and operationally feasible; in particular those which minimize water consumption and that permit the re-use and separate disposal of grey water.
23. Encourage provincial agencies to require all wastewater to be treated and disposed of by appropriate means of land disposal. Ocean discharge of treated wastewater is not supported.

Question 19) Do you support the proposed Water and Waste objectives and policies?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

**Question 20) Would you make any changes to the proposed Water and Waste objectives and policies?
Please explain.**

Final Thoughts and Next Steps

Question 21) Do you agree that the draft OCP early directions responds well to the community's goals and priorities?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 22) Do you have any final thoughts for the OCP project team?

End of the Survey

Thank you for your input!

Optional: To be entered into the prize draw, please ensure that you have completed all sections of the survey and leave your name and contact information below.

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