

July 7, 2025

Advisory Planning Committee
3400 30 St,
Vernon, BC V1T 5E6

Subject: Advisory Planning Committee Workshop – Draft 2045 Official Community Plan

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Planning & Community Services Department, we are pleased to present you with the draft Official Community Plan (OCP). Drawing from extensive community engagement completed over the past year, and informed by technical studies and best practices, this document will guide the city's growth over the next 20 years.

The OCP reflects the community's vision, values, and ideas for shaping neighbourhoods, centres, and transportation networks through thoughtful land use planning and supportive policies. It is intended to be an inclusive, approachable, and easy-to-use document that can facilitate balanced growth in the community.

At the upcoming Committee meeting on July 15, 2025, we will host a workshop to hear your feedback on the draft OCP as part of the Council-endorsed engagement plan. The workshop will include a presentation of the background, engagement, goals, and implementation strategies of the OCP. We will ensure there is time for discussion and Q&A following the presentation.

As you review this draft, we invite you to consider how the land use strategies and policies reflect the community vision, engagement, and best planning practices. Please consider preparing any questions or comments prior to the workshop.

Thank you in advance for your time and your thoughtful input on shaping this important community document. We look forward to meeting with you on July 15, 2025. If you have any questions in advance of the upcoming meeting, please do not hesitate to contact your Staff liaison, Michelle Austin, or the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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