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### We look forward to your input!





## You're Invited!

**Town of Lake Cowichan** 

# **Creating Our Future**

Official Community Plan Open House

Thursday, January 31 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Centennial Hall



#### What is an Official Community Plan?

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is a visionary document that defines policies and actions for future land use and development, community well being, and stewardship of the natural environment. The OCP includes goals and policies for topic areas such as land use and development, housing, transportation, infrastructure, the natural environment, parks and recreation, and economic development.



#### Why is an Official Community Plan important?

By setting out a clear vision for the future, we can shape the direction of growth in a way that is sustainable and provides a high quality of life for current and future residents. The OCP also provides greater certainty for residents, landowners, government agencies, community groups, developers, and investors about the direction and coordination of future growth in Lake Cowichan.

#### How is an Official Community Plan used?

Council and staff will use the OCP to guide municipal decisions related to budgeting, servicing and infrastructure, capital projects, land use related bylaws such as zoning, and review of development proposals.

Implementation will require a combined corporate, community, and private sector effort to achieve the goals in the OCP.



#### Why should I come?

We want your input!

This is a chance for you to have a say in what the future of Lake Cowichan looks like. Topics that will be covered at this open house include: housing, transportation, parks and trails, and economic development.