

Official Community Plan Review Steering Committee

Report to Lasqueti Community Association AGM

Aug 17, 2020

1 Purpose of the Steering Committee

The Lasqueti Community Association (LCA) Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Steering Committee was formed at the May 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Lasqueti Community Association, and renewed at the May 2019 AGM. Active members included:

Jordan Barton	Hilary Duinker
Colin Ewan (co-chair)	Andrew Fall
Kathy Rogers	Nadine Simpson
Shoshanah Waxman (co-chair)	Marti Wendt

The mandate of the Steering Committee was to:

- Facilitate discussions and seek public input on existing OCP objectives, objectives proposed by residents at public meetings on the OCP review and to the committee, and other OCP-related issues;
- Identify degree of community support for existing and proposed OCP objectives; and
- Make recommendations regarding existing and proposed OCP objectives, to identify unresolved/contentious objectives, and to identify gaps in policies.

The committee met over 27 times, held 7 public forums (each of which had between 20 and 45 attendees – well over 200 people in total - and lasted about 3 hours), and organized a sub-committee for each of 5 topics and for a vision statement. Each sub-committee included at least two members of the Steering Committee, plus 4-5 public volunteers, and was tasked with proposing recommendations related to its forum topic.

The following people participated in at least one sub-committee: Ezra Auerbach, Laurie Bergen, Willy Clark, Ayrie Cunliffe, Nikki Darwin, Terry Dickson, Ruth Ervin, Joseph Fall, Doug Hopwood, Aigul Kukulj, Ken Lertzman, Dana Lepovsky, Ginja Lion, Dave Rogers, Wendy Schneible, Gordon Scott, Philippe Taillefer, Ross Thompson, Alysha Trinca.

The final recommendations were provided to the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee, and are being used as a core element of the OCP / land-use bylaw review process.

The final report, forum presentations, notes and sub-committee reports can be found at: <https://lasqueti.ca/lca/ocp-review>.

2 Recommended changes to OCP structure / format

The Steering Committee recommended that the chapters of the OCP be organized using the following topics and order, with sub-topics as shown in Figure 1:

- (1) Environmental Stewardship
- (2) Resource Stewardship
- (3) Community Stewardship
- (4) Community Services
- (5) Land-Use

These topics were proposed because they are broadly nested, and each can be viewed in the context of the surrounding topics. A forum was held for each (and two forums for land-use).

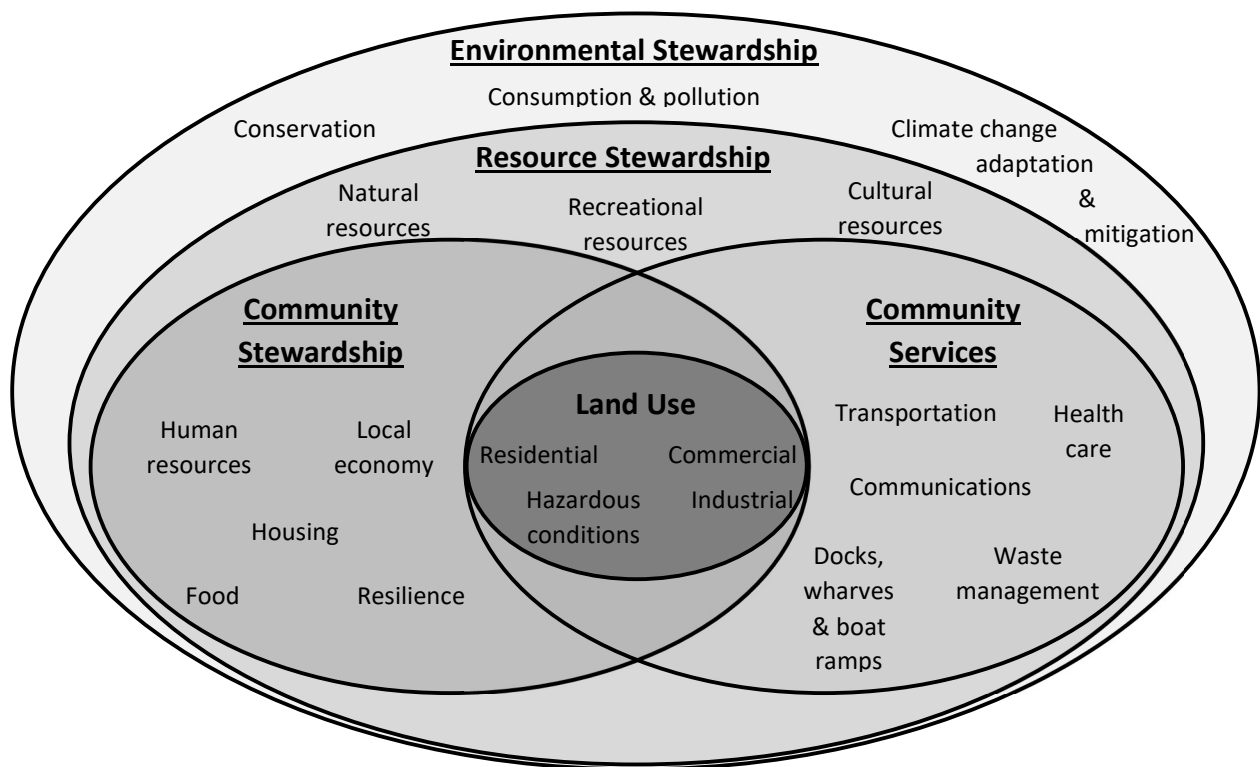


Figure 1. Nested relation among proposed OCP topics (ovals with bold titles) and sub-topics.

3 Vision Statement

The Steering Committee recommended the inclusion of a new vision statement as a preamble. The final forum was on the vision statement. Work on this is still to be completed.

4 OCP Objectives

The main focus was on OCP objectives, with recommendations grouped by topic:

- For each objective in the current OCP to either keep as is, revise/replace with proposed wording, or remove.
- For each proposed new objective to either add as stated or revise with proposed wording.
- Unless otherwise stated in the final report, level of support was derived from the public forums.

5 OCP Policies

While the focus of the Steering Committee was on OCP objectives, some recommendations were made regarding identified policy gaps, or ideas for policies that could support a recommended objective. Policies were not discussed at the public forums, and the recommendations did not represent a complete review of the OCP policies.

6 Major Unresolved Issues

The Steering Committee final report also identified some significant issues that were not resolved by the Steering Committee process. These represent issues that were deemed to be outside the mandate of the Steering Committee process, not possible to resolve in a timely manner due to their contentious nature, or requiring further public process and consideration. The Steering Committee final report provided some general information, background and ideas regarding these issues, and recommended further work be done on these as part of, or arising from, the OCP/LUB review.

These issues included feral sheep, conservation target, climate change, short-term vacation rentals and tourism, and cluster housing and density transfer.

7 Recommendation for LCA Membership

The Steering Committee has completed its task and can be concluded.

However, since the vision statement is not yet complete, we recommend the establishment of a new “OCP Vision Statement Committee” with a mandate to continue with the work underway by the vision statement sub-committee.