

Official Community Plan (OCP) Updates – 2026

Targeted updates to align OCP policies with adopted zoning changes

Why are we updating the OCPs?

- The Province, through Bill 44: *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, requires local governments to allow Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) in certain residential zones.
- The RDCK amended its zoning bylaws in 2024 and again in 2026 to respond to Bill 44 and complete related housekeeping amendments. The RDCK is now proposing updates to seven OCP/land-use bylaws to keep OCP policies consistent with those zoning changes..
- This is a focused update to specific residential policies. It is not a full rewrite of the OCPs and does not propose new zoning changes.

What are the changes?



Update OCP policies to **reflect zoning changes already adopted** by the RDCK.



Remove regulatory provisions from OCP policies where those matters are more appropriately addressed through zoning bylaws.



Use clearer, more consistent and modernized **language**.

What is SSMUH?

- **Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)** refers to a range of smaller-scale housing forms that can provide more housing options within existing communities.
- Examples include **Secondary suites** within a single-detached home; and **Detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs)**

Learn more

- <https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/official-community-plan-updates-2026>

Participating Electoral Areas:

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Click on an Electoral Area letter to view the current OCP or land use bylaw.

How could these changes affect you?



More housing options that respond to local needs and support affordability.



More flexibility for small-scale housing, while respecting the existing character of communities.



Continued consideration of **water and sewer servicing, environmental conditions, and form and character requirements**, where applicable.

