



# Area D Community Planning

June 15, 2026

## Newsletter 1

### What's happening?

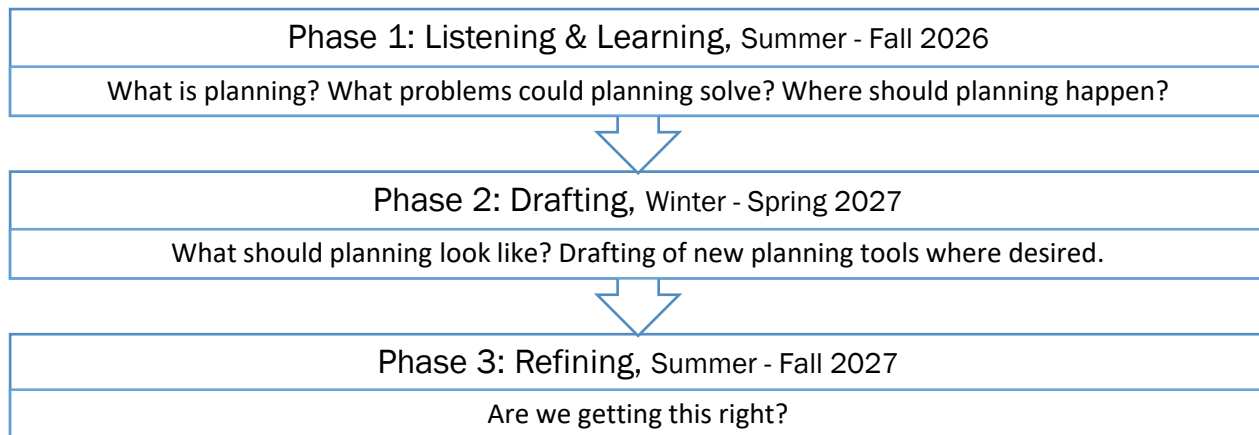
RDCK's Planning Department is launching the Area D Community Planning project and wants to hear from residents about the future of their communities. This project follows up on work completed in 2021 to host land use planning discussions for communities in Area D. The goal of this project is to create new opportunities for community land use discussions between the RDCK and Area D Community members - to learn about different planning tools and to listen to communities about their needs regarding land use. With community direction, the RDCK planning department can work towards updating the Area D Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw focusing on updating and expanding planning tools such as zoning to additional communities that want them.

### Why are we doing this?

The process and adoption of Area D's current land use bylaw in 2009 and zoning in Ainsworth in 2016 were the last time communities have had a say about land use planning for their area. Area D has changed over the last decade. Communities are experiencing new development pressures, housing challenges, environmental concerns, water resources issues, and changing expectations about how land should be used. With communities expressing increasing pressures, this is a good time to ask if land use planning is a tool communities would like or not.

### Process

It is essential that this project is a community-driven process. To facilitate this, the project has been split into three phases. Each phase will have its own community engagement with summarized reporting back. The end of each phase will have a decision point directing whether to continue on to the next phase.



We are starting with Phase 1. Phase 1 is intended to check back in with Area D communities and build off work completed in 2021. As time has passed and community priorities and concerns may have shifted, this phase will:

- Refresh planning knowledge
- Get communities engaged
- Understand community needs
- Determine communities (if any) that have a desire for planning tools

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### Here's Where You Can Find Out More:

The project engage webpage has all the information you need.

Visit: <https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/area-d-planning/>

- Find more information on the project and on planning in general
- Stay in the loop for the latest on the project and community events
- Join the project email list to have updates sent straight to you

### We need to hear from you. Here's how you can get involved:

We will be popping up in your community this summer - look for the RDCK tent. Open Houses will be hosted in the evening.

#### **July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 - South Area D**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Pop Up at Fletcher Falls   | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Beach at end of Twin Bays Road    |
| • Pop Up at Woodbury Village | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm   | End of Woodbury Village Road West |
| • Community Open House       | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | Ainsworth Community Hall          |

#### **July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - North Area D**

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Pop Up at Lardeau    | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Lardeau Regional Park           |
| • Pop Up at Argenta    | 11:30 am - 3:30 pm  | Argenta Community Hall          |
| • Community Open House | 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm   | Lardeau Valley Community Centre |

#### **August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Rural Kaslo**

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| • Pop Up at Schroeder Creek | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Beach at end of Bickel Road     |
| • Pop Up at Mirror Lake     | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm   | Feed Your Soul Kitchen          |
| • Community Open House      | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | St. Andrews Kaslo Heritage Hall |

Can't make it? Take our community survey on our webpage and make sure your voice is heard.

### Have Questions? Talk to a Planner Anytime

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