



**SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOP
FOR YOUNGER AGE GROUPS:
Pizza & Planning Pop-Up Workshop**

October 3, 2018

BACKGROUND

An update of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan was launched in November 2017. The Local Area Plan guides planning and land use management decisions at the neighbourhood level for the next 20 to 30 years.

Extensive community engagement has taken place through open houses, a workshop, a community survey, stakeholder meetings and an interactive display at Cordova Bay Day. This engagement has resulted in a lot of constructive input on a vision for the future, key issues and priorities, areas for improvement, and opportunities for the community and the Village. During this process the Advisory Committee identified that there was not enough feedback from younger age groups (approximately under the age of 50) and those raising families. In order to gain this feedback, an interactive workshop for younger age groups was held on October 3, 2018. Attendance by families was supported with a children's activity room as well as pizza and refreshments.

Information on the project can be found at: www.saanich.ca/cordova.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to report back to the community on what we heard at the workshop. Results from this workshop will enhance the previous engagement results and help to inform the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan update.

WORKSHOP PROCESS

Advertising and promotion of the workshop included three fence posters, posters at the Cordova Bay Elementary School Open House and information on social media and the project web page. The number of people reached on social media included: 11,046 Twitter views and 4,286 Facebook views.

The interactive workshop was attended by 70 residents and was organized with the following activities:

5:30 pm - WELCOME AND VISIONING EXERCISE

5:50 pm - INTRODUCTION

6:00 pm - BREAK-OUT SESSION #1

6:30 pm - BREAK-OUT SESSION #2

6:55 pm - WRAP UP AND THANK YOU

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VISIONING EXERCISE

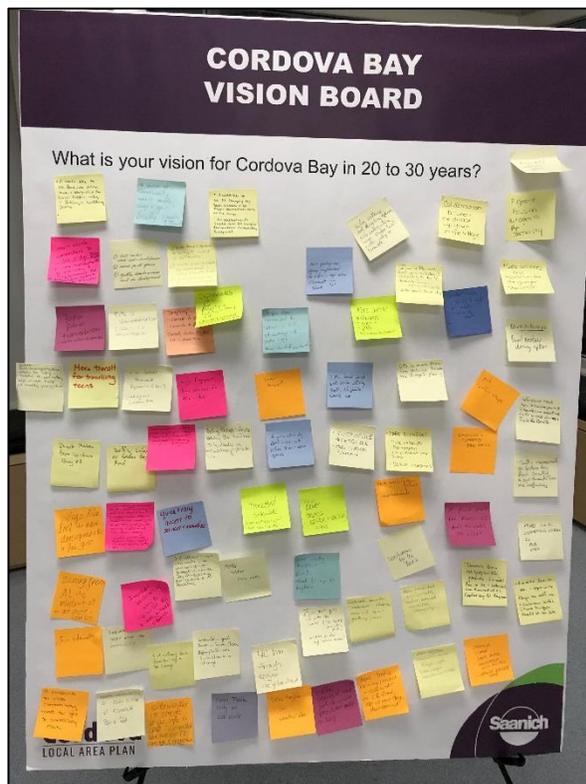
In the first exercise, participants were asked to provide ideas on their **vision** for Cordova Bay for the next **20 to 30 years**. Additional questions were provided to help participants develop their vision statements and are shown below.

CORDOVA BAY VISION BOARD:

What is your **vision** for Cordova Bay in **20 to 30 years**?

To get you started, consider these questions:

- What is your **vision** for: Getting around (walk, bike, transit, car, etc.); Community services and amenities (recreation centre, cultural/art spaces, etc.); Parks and natural areas (playgrounds, trails, etc.); Housing and commercial (size, location, etc.)?
- What are your favourite parts about of living in this community?
- What is one thing that would make Cordova Bay a **great place** to live?
- How could your community **work better** for you now and in the future?
- How would you like the **village** to look in the future?
- What have you **seen** in other cities or neighbourhoods that you'd like to see here in Cordova Bay?
- In 25 years, if your **children** live in Cordova Bay – what kind of community do you want them to be living in?



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The results of the visioning exercise have been transcribed on the following pages and organized into four categories: 1) Transportation and Mobility; 2) Housing and Land Use; 3) Community Amenities and Natural Areas; and, 4) Additional Comments.

Vision - Transportation and Mobility:

- More bike lanes
- Continuous separated bike lanes.
- I would like to see Lochside Drive made and designated for local traffic only and biking and walking paths
- Safer walking and cycling options. Sidewalks and bike lanes. Maybe local traffic only on Lochside.
- Safer shared streets.
- Local traffic areas
- Local Traffic only on Lochside
- Less traffic on Lochside
- Traffic calming zones (e.g. speed bumps) along Lochside Drive
- 40 km through entire neighbourhood
- Move traffic calming/control and crosswalks on CB Road especially with new Plaza development
- More vehicle connectors to the ridge from Cordova Bay Rd - i.e. make Haliburton Rd a one-way and Claremont Ave the opposite direction OR other road access.
- Traffic management on Cordova Bay Road. Currently a cut through from the highway.
- Traffic calming of some sort to control speed/divert speeders to highway
- Divert traffic from Cordova Bay Rd.
- Traffic calming on Cordoba Bay Road
- Speed enforcement is needed on Cordova Bay Rd, particularly in school zones. Even the BC transit buses are speeding through on a daily basis.
- More vehicle connectors to the ridge from Cordova Bay Rd - i.e. make Haliburton Rd a one-way and Claremont Ave the opposite direction OR other road access.
- Planned roadways for residents and visitors that are well maintained
- More capacity for traffic on Cordova Bay Road
- I'd like to see more crosswalks and some sort of speed deterrents on Cordova Bay Rd – especially from Mattick's to the Beach House
- Sidewalks on major streets.
- Improved walkability along Claremont Ave. i.e. level, protected sidewalk
- Connected sidewalk (even in "rural areas" that have high traffic)
- More sidewalks (4)
- Sidewalks on streets. So unsafe to walk – we walked here tonight and 2 cars were very close to hitting use
- Better sidewalks on east side of Cordova Bay Rd.
- Sidewalks or speed bumps on Santa Clara. Highway traffic uses Santa Clara as a cut through.

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- I love the walkability of Cordova Bay and I'd love more sidewalks along Cordova Bay Road (on the water side)
- Sidewalks that link the community
- Fix sidewalks
- Would like to see sidewalks along residential side streets. Kids should not be walking on streets where vehicles are travelling around blind corners.
- A cross walk to cross Cordova Bay Road to get to Cordova Bay Park
- Crosswalks at Agate and Cordova Bay Road and Mattick's Wood at Cordova Bay Rd
- A lit walkway down from the ridge to the village
- Safer brighter cross walks
- Increased street lighting on dark highly treed areas like Lochside Drive
- Sidewalks all the way around all schools/preschools
- Consider having children wear reflective vests for walking to and from school. In some European countries, these are mandatory and supplied by the schools. They greatly improve visibility of children and thus enhance safety. Could be part of each student's "school supply" list at the beginning of the year.
- Safe school zones
- More public transit/transportation (2)
- Better transit
- A better transit system (bus) throughout Cordova Bay
- Better transit service and waiting areas
- Better transit to mitigate increase in car traffic.
- Better public transportation – regular access to town/back
- Much better transit on Ridge and along Cordova Bay Road
- Transport (public) – connector to downtown, connector to ferry. Currently Cordova Bay feels like a dead zone!
- Public transportation direct to downtown
- More transit for travelling teens
- More frequent bus service to the ridge
- Better bus transportation would be very helpful for commuters and would help with traffic congestion

Vision - Housing and Land Use:

- I would like the village to be walkable with a variety of shops and gathering places, kids' amenities.
- Expand Village shops, retail – independent local business, large grocery store
- Village Centre – pub, coffee shop, somewhere to meet and bump into people
- The Village has a nice common space
- Self sustaining village – food choices, services, coffee
- A large grocery store in the village
- A more cohesive village – support growth progress (shops/dining/retail)
- Vibrant Community amenities: food, health services, entertainment, and recreation
- A sense of community where people shop and go out locally (loyalty to the neighbourhood)

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- Food/coffee (local coffee), pubs, good restaurants
- Medical office or clinic
- More restaurant and retail (small and local)
- I would like more food options (restaurants) particularly for families.
- More social gatherings – café, pub (3)
- More services in the area i.e. shopping, restaurants, etc.
- Restaurants offering takeout food for dinner
- More dining/drink options
- More nightlife (2)
- Coffee shop, pub, grocery store
- Better/more selection of restaurants and cafes
- Need more restaurants, coffee shops, stores catering to hip/young
- More businesses.
- Walkable amenities – restaurants, shopping
- Pub/another dining option
- Local pubs and restaurants that aren't just open for special events
- Café/ice shop by beach
- Please bring back a Scotiabank branch in our area!
- Accessible – walkable variety of services and amenities – recreational/green spaces, restaurants/pubs, coffee shops.
- Farmers markets
- Cordova Bay Market (like Moss St Market)
- Ongoing Farmers'/Makers market event
- Village like feel to new developments i.e. pub, gym
- Increase development opportunities
- All developments should have EV charging designations - especially residential
- Cordova Bay is more than the Village. Include the Ridge in planning.
- Work/live multi-use zoning
- Improved Village/Plaza with more stores, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.
- Higher density around central hub
- Village Centre – Mattick's Farm to take density
- Effective and progressive development
- More options for affordable housing are available
- % of square feet of larger housing projects for affordable housing before building permit given
- Infill development
- I don't want Cordova Bay to turn into White Rock (too packed and too commercial)
- If adding more housing, must have adequate parking. We live in a City where driving is needed (Don't become Langford)
- Preferable to townhouse developments aside from where there is major commercial hub that does not obstruct views
- Consider housing as a critical issue with reference to diversity. Our schools are teaching "diversity" but our demographics are not as reflective as the rest of Saanich. We and our children will benefit from a wider range of families and others living in Cordova Bay

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- Improve the ease at which homeowners can apply for and receive approval for reno/building to accommodate multi-family households
- Maintain clause 7.7 in current plan. It is relevant and continues to be used.
- I would like Cordova Bay to be a place for growing families not just VRBO or Airbnb people
- Cordova Bay is a Paradise. I think it should be maintained. We bought our house because of the area and the Privacy. The integrity of big private lots should be maintained.
- Zoning from A1 to residential to get more families
- Changes to zoning from A1 to residential
- Less condos, more individual houses
- More/maintain family homes
- Low density – keep lots larger
- Retain larger lot size, lower density
- Large lots on the Ridge – no LAP size reduction. Retain tree canopy. More trail connections and sidewalks etc.
- No high-density or multi-level condo buildings on Cordova Bay Road
- Disagree with one acre minimum for secondary/garden suites. It just pushes them into basements and reduces privacy for those who need them. A quarter of even half an acre is sufficient.
- No garden suites on lots less than 1 acre. To ensure appropriate privacy on the hill.
- Trees! Saanich should enable something for residents to be able to come together to take down trees or prune over grown trees that are owned by difficult people

Vision - Community Amenities and Natural Areas:

- People are connected to nature and take advantage of parks and recreation and environmental responsibility
- Community building and events that bring us together
- More Cultural Festivals
- More social gatherings – community events
- Gazebo at local hubs for gatherings
- A public pier that goes into the water (like Sidney or White Rock). Maybe located by Beach House?
- More art
- A fun area for families and friends to visit
- Walkable amenities – community square/gathering places
- More walkable amenities on the Ridge with better/safer pedestrian access
- Expanded parking for beach access (i.e. Agate, Cordova Bay, McMorran Park)
- Expanded parking at Lochside Park (soccer) and water feature
- Expand parking areas for beach access
- I would like to see EV Charging by beach accesses and all major destinations such as the plaza.
- Improve access to beaches and parks.
- More park space. Better beach access but no development.

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- More beach access
- Better beach access with vendors offering kayaks, stand up paddle boards, etc.
- I would like activity zones (skate/BMX parks) and better beach functionality.
- Washrooms by or at the beach (2)
- Toilets at Agate and playground
- Public toilets on North side Cordova Bay Beach
- Bathroom facilities at larger parks/playground
- More parks/playground improvements.
- Cordova Bay has gorgeous play grounds. I would love to see a waterpark area developed at the Cordova Bay Rd Playground
- Waterpark (3)
- More hill access (non-car). Lake access (non-car). Beach fire permits.
- More services and recreation for younger population
- I would love to see a gym in the Plaza as well as a childcare centre. I think the gym should be spa like.
- More child care options
- BMX track
- More support for rec – stand up paddle board rentals, parks (bike park), central playground
- Community Centre – classes for kids and adults, sports and rec – courts
- Rec centre would be great
- Larger Rec Centre, increase spots/space for indoor play like kindergym
- A designated dog park area with natural trails and open spaces
- Dog parks
- Fenced area dog park
- More bike/walking paths/trails (2)
- Paved Lochside Trail
- Getting through Lochside between the trail heads.
- Park maintenance and enhancements i.e. cleanup and removal of garbage
- More garbage cans around neighbourhood for letter – especially around Claremont School
- At least as many parks
- Quick and easy access to services and amenities

Vision - Additional Comments:

- Sustainable. Accessible.
- Family-oriented, safe, private, active, natural, connected community.
- It is already an extraordinary place to live.
- Collaboration between the diverse age groups in the village.
- A greater focus on all ages in the community.
- Community that supports healthy living
- Live work play
- Large properties and greenspaces and wildlife

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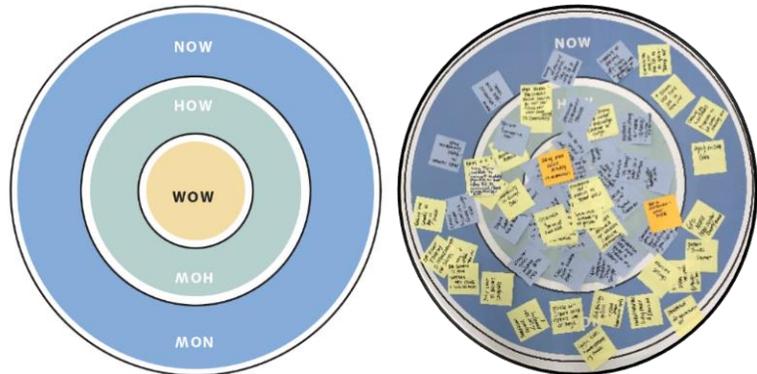
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- A family friendly pedestrian friendly community
- Maintain beach-like community along Cordova Bay Road
- Active lifestyle community

NOW, WOW, HOW EXERCISE

The visioning exercise was followed by a group planning exercise called Now, Wow, How. The collaborative exercise allowed participants to:

- Discuss existing constraints and opportunities (“NOW”)
- Describe a vision for Cordova Bay (“WOW”);
- Brainstorm strategies for “HOW” to achieve the vision.



Participants had the opportunity to attend two Now, Wow, How sessions which focused on the following topic areas: a) **Transportation & Mobility** (i.e. traffic, road network, pedestrian facilities, cycling facilities, transit, pedestrian crossings, Lochside Trail, traffic calming, etc.); b) **Housing & Land Use** (i.e. housing types/options, housing affordability, subsidized housing, growth, Cordova Bay Village, subdivision potential, infill, density, commercial/industrial/residential land use, etc.); and, c) **Community Amenities & Natural Areas** (i.e. parks, recreation, community facilities, public space, culture/art, natural areas, beach, community services, childcare, etc.).

At the end of the exercise, facilitators reported out to the larger group on trends, patterns, top concepts and interesting discussions.

Transportation & Mobility –Table #1

Table Facilitator: Pam Hartling

NOW

- Curves near Timber on Cordova Bay Rd and no crosswalk make it very difficult to cross Cordova Bay Rd to get to beach access on Timber
- Car-centric people drive way too fast
- Alternative highway from Pat Bay
- Too many people bypassing highway by transiting through Cordova Bay
- Walkability/bikeability on hill very poor (Haliburton, Claremont, Cataline staircase)
- Intersections Claremont/Wesley and Claremont/Del Monte vehicles are not stopping
- Lack of sidewalks on Lochside Drive

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- Del Monte needs lights and sidewalks (see feedback from residents re. Del Monte subdivision approval)
- Cars not stopping for pedestrians
- Can't see the stop signs at Lochside and Walema
- S-curve at Del Monte is bad for visibility
- Trouble turning left or right onto Cordova Bay Rd from side streets
- So much speeding no enforced on Cordova Bay Rd (30 km/hr, 40 km/hr); pedestrian controlled crosswalks needed; lots of foliage growing onto sidewalks
- Increased traffic on Cordova Bay Rd, highway cut through
- Culture of cars having precedence over pedestrians (pedestrians are expected to wait for cars at intersections, not the other way around). Drivers actually wave as they drive through. Who has precedence? How do people know if no crosswalk?
- Separated bike lane needed on Cordova Bay Rd
- Dangerous for pedestrian and cars on the corner of Fenn turning onto Parker
- Improve the backup on Haliburton turning onto highway in AM (the advance turn is good but no long enough)
- Walkway on Claremont is poor, and poorly maintained
- Speed bumps on Parker Avenue
- Crosswalks needed
- Dangerous switchback for pedestrians on Claremont
- Cars driving WAY too FAST

WOW

- Traffic calming measures along Cordova Bay Rd (like Vic West and View Royal)
- Sidewalk on both sides of Cordova Bay Rd
- Sidewalk all the way around Sunnymead. Nice way to get from Royal Oak/Cordova Bay to Lochside Trail
- Claremont needs more vegetative trimming – how to enforce this?
- Can Lochside have sidewalks, bike lanes, and car lanes separated?
- Trim shrubs at crosswalks for better visibility
- Who is responsible for clearing boulevards? Clarity needed
- Traffic controls on Cordova Bay Rd
- More crosswalks at intersections

HOW

- Traffic calming and create more breaks in traffic
- Better lighting on staircases and trails
- Mapping project in Cordova Bay of trails and pedestrian routes
- Better education and community mapping of trails
- Lochside bike lane
- More vehicle connectors between Cordova Bay Rd and the Ridge
- Install traffic calming on Cordova Bay Rd
- Local traffic only on Lochside Drive

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- Put info sign at trail heads so people know where they will end up
- Use trail system better to provide pedestrian routes between Ridge & Cordova Bay Rd
- Take more care on approval of development plans to prevent encroachment of vegetation on pedestrian pathways that will need future maintenance
- Separated bike lanes or pedestrian areas
- Design-related traffic calming (such as horizontal stripes that give drivers the cue to slow down as they approach a crossing)
- Define pedestrian area on Searidge (there is a lot of roadway available)
- Better LED lighting at intersections
- Enforcement and education of maintenance of vegetation on boulevards – what does the Boulevard Bylaw say?
- Bike-centric
- Make Haliburton one-way (downhill) and Claremont one-way (uphill)

Transportation & Mobility – Table #2

Facilitator: Cameron Scott

NOW

- Better access to Blanshard from Cordova Bay Rd
- Do not feel safe walking on streets in Cordova Bay (Alderley, Walema, Del Monte, etc) or children biking
- Need pedestrian only from Ridge to lower areas
- No safe biking or walking route from Ridge to Lochside Trail
- Bike facility on Sayward
- Poor light on Lochside Trail
- Left-hand turn signal at Haliburton and Pat Bay is fantastic!
- Crosswalks at Claremont and Wesley...thank you!
- Traffic calming on Wesley in school zone
- No sidewalk on Claremont Rd
- Crossing Cordova Bay Rd (Agate), sidewalks? No crossing
- No access to Cordova Bay park (hard to cross)
- Claremont is not good solution for walkers/bikers
- No sidewalks most places
- Traffic speed on Cordova Bay Rd
- Lochside Trail at Cordova Bay Rd to soccer field not safe for kids
- Lochside Dr parking prevents pedestrian use
- More street lamps to increase safety
- Poor safety on Ridge (Santa Clara)
- Lochside isn't working – too many conflicts
- No sidewalks on Ridge
- Inconsistent bike lane on Cordova Bay Rd
- Connections to Lochside Trail/Galloping Goose

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WOW

- Make Lochside a more pedestrian and cycling use road – too many cars
- Easy walking access to Cordova Bay Rd and Mattick's
- EV chargers in public locations (i.e. beaches)
- More wheelchair accessibility (more generations)
- Traffic calming on Lochside (closer to Walema/school)
- Connected pedestrian network (more crosswalks)
- Walkable and bikeable
- East-west pedestrian route (Ridge to low) – Walema?
- Need 2 or 3 separate east-west pedestrian routes
- Crosswalks at all playgrounds

HOW

- Doris Page Park sidewalk on Cordova Bay Rd at park
- Change speed limit on Lochside to 30 km/h
- Balance traffic between Claremont and Haliburton
- Crosswalk at Mattick's onto Lochside
- Identify a walkable route from Ridge to beach (for a stroller)
- Promotion of non-vehicular traffic via improved safety (sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.)
- Bike lanes
- Crosswalk at Cordova Bay Rd and Maxine Lane
- Sayward golf course east-west connection
- Improve sidewalk accessibility (dips) along all of Cordova Bay Rd
- Advance left at Sayward
- Separate pedestrians from road on Lochside Trail (possibly trail by road or road marking)
- More speed enforcement on Cordova Bay Rd
- All roads as 40 km/h or less
- Crosswalks at Haliburton and Maxine
- Flashing light at crosswalks
- Improvements to Claremont sidewalks
- Add merge lane onto highway at Claremont or Haliburton
- Sidewalk on Del Monte (access to pre-school)
- Sidewalk or wider road on Lochside Dr

Housing & Land Use – Table #3

Facilitator: Shari Holmes-Saltzman

NOW

- Beautiful, quiet, nature, views
- Character: sleepy, calm, polite
- Ocean walk cool independent small businesses. Plus all those that you need... consignment store, shoe repair, bookstore, etc.
- Character of neighbourhood – beautiful feel, established trees, semi rural, secluded pockets, community feel, natural, parks are dated
- Quiet, boring. Hodge podge of design. Lacking commercial amenities.
- Low density – like that
- Really enjoy proximity to farmland (bike ride to Mitchell's Farm)
- Mattick's Farm has a bit of everything and quality vendors but needs more variety for wider age groups
- Mattick's is awesome but why are the stores so lame
- Sleepy lunch rush restaurants and pubs close early
- Beach house is a lovely location but it's not hip or cool
- Beach house is the only option and it's not open to the public.
- Commercial lots are way underutilized...Edward Jones? Barber shop? And other weird businesses....who goes there?!?
- Lacking development opportunities for all the rural that is not actually rural (i.e. A1 zoning)
- RS18 zoning is a waste of land. Only 1 house on 5 acres is not appropriate for Cordova Bay
- Limited childcare and indoor children's activity spots
- More childcare, both preschool and afterschool care
- More kids friendly equipment in parks – Doumac Park
- Expand Cordova Bay Elementary. Move 55+ seniors centre
- Need more residents to support more business and amenities
- Under served by retail and amenities (not enough restaurants). Like the park path connectors throughout Cordova Bay
- No dinner options
- Urban containment area should not cut through middle of property
- Suites should be easier to put and allowed
- Taller buildings are against ridge and not overpowering neighbourhood. Yeah!
- Mixed new and old housing adds charm. Large lots with green spaces and wildlife.
- I would like to see multiunit houses
- Expensive house – difficult for new families, lower income, students to live unless rentals available
- Entry level affordable housing should be required and smaller houses
- Allow for more detached suites/carriage houses. Relax rear setbacks.
- Beach houses replaced with larger houses

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- Very little diversity for housing choices – all \$\$\$\$. Sleepy community. Need better amenities for younger sector – pubs, relevant shops, good coffee
- Lack of sufficient number of restaurants, entertainment areas
- No banking options

WOW

- More places for my children to afford and live. Beautiful beaches, lovely parks, great biking.
- Keep quiet vibe of the area and avoid more congestion by turning down huge condo buildings or tall condo buildings
- There's some cool architecture that's replacing boring looking houses
- More restaurants/casual pubs/casual fare places (local preferred) to go to
- Share vision of residents who have been here for many years – they built a great, safe neighbourhood and will continue to share this area with us
- A larger rec centre, updated as needed – more child minding, activities indoor, childcare spots
- There is a vibrant village in Cordova Bay. Increased density done smartly (live/work) that supports more amenities (i.e. like Cook St Village, Vic West)

HOW

- Wine bars
- Beachside community. Mixed use development. Great independent coffee. Not filled with chain stores/food choices.
- Just 1 good coffee shop independent
- Business are local and beneficial – not high end just because it's Cordova Bay
- Independent commercial not big box
- More development opportunities
- Commercial supply in village
- Keep some low density areas.
- Range of housing types - need to support.
- Beachy town (Encinatas, San Diego)
- Maintain low profile/height of buildings. No tall condos/buildings over 3 stories.
- More architectural homes please! Less DIY designs!
- Allow reasonable subdividing that fits Cordova Bay average lot size
- Older homes stay and are renovated rather than demolished and replaced with fence-to-fence homes
- Low-rise condos in price range between Sayward ones and Cordova Bay Village
- Limits to new construction or renovations that would block water views from Cordova Bay Road

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Housing & Land Use – Table #4

Facilitator: Megan Squires

NOW

- Subdivision rezone – lots size averaging – single level – e.g. condos
- Future lot subdivision could change look of neighbourhood
- Few housing options – older homes. Some newer apartments
- Unaffordable – average price \$1 million
- Recreation – no opportunities
- Wildlife sightings
- Don't want to become Langford
- Bus service is poor – affect pre-teens and non-drivers
- Housing impacts: families, young professional, seniors – property tax
- Missing: Cohesive village – like Cook Street Village – Core
- Diversity of housing types – condos, townhomes, diversity of size, price
- Missing - Housing for seniors age in place
- Need more commercial, better commercial hours
- Missing – walkability, safe active travel
- Missing – kid-friendly restaurants. Have to leave CB to access services.
- Commuters may not see CB as an option – transportation net
- Increased traffic over time due to new development
- Parking on residential streets. Increased traffic on Cordova Bay Road – avoiding highway.
- Aging housing stock
- Single family dwellings mostly (Ridge exception – condos/townhouses)
- Support for garden suites
- 2 parts. 1) Ridge – large lots, trees. 2) Village – small lot – medium density.
- Lacking a pub. Quite. Quickly transforming, changing.

WOW

- Eliminate 'cut through' in CB. Make CB a destination, e.g. decrease drive to UVic.
- Preserve green space – keep trees, tree canopy
- Future business opportunities – rental space, office space, decrease commuting
- Create a 'draw' – beach – formalize
- Parking in village
- Future – keep rural feel, cohesive core village, e.g. Mill Bay – mix of uses fits population
- Protect sport fields – used by kids
- Farmers market (in village) to build community
- Future: restaurants, shops, services, office space
- Commercial core – Mattick's to Beach House
- Commercial/recreation on Ridge – space for community to gather
- Community garden spaces – roof top gardens.

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- Future: more village core.
- Water park in core, e.g. Uptown
- Daycare – family
- Extend village on Cordova Bay Road – improve walkability
- Focus density in village – mixed use housing and commercial

HOW

- More, better public consultation around services that go into development – Find out what community wants, community amenities, services
- TRIO Site – commercial core?
- Make beach front areas useful, attractive
- Stickiness – too much turn over
- Off street parking is important for suites
- Walkability in Village core
- Public consultation should be at accessible times. Walking tour – after house. Times to allow working people. Digital format to all and accessible. Times to allow working people to attend.
- Longer term outlook to convert residential properties on East Cordova Bay Road to commercial/beach access/parking/park
- Bring in a long-term commercial to outlook to Cordova Bay to bring developer accountability
- Community amenity services
- Partnerships with other groups to provide recreation services
- More engagement opportunities focused on younger cohort
- Acknowledge existence of wildlife corridor – for planning
- Build entertainment pier
- Community to have an open mind to opportunities to grow/change
- Modernize decision-making: alt forms, technology, inclusive digital formats
- Bring back beach activity, e.g. McMorran's
- Create zoning for village to encourage creation of village
- Streamline development process
- More Village lease opportunities in the Village core. more options for services

Community Amenities & Natural Areas – Table #5

Facilitator: Nadine Kawata

NOW

Community amenities, natural areas, activities you enjoy:

- Lochside Park
- McMinn Park (5)
- Outerbridge Park
- Doumac Park

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- Beckton Park
- Cordova Bay Beach (2)
- Parker Beach!
- Mattick's Farm (2)
- Lochside Trail
- Ocean Views
- Tennis
- Dog walking (2)
- Hiking, walking, biking
- Walk and bike on Lochside Trail
- Trails at Doumac, Grant, McMinn, reservoir
- Walk and picnic at beach
- Badminton
- Bike loop at McMinn park
- Sandbox and water feature at McMinn Park
- Sports field
- Playgrounds and parks/trails
- Badminton at Cordova Bay Community Club (2)
- Cordova Bay Community Club

Opportunities for improvement/What's missing:

- More parking at beaches
- Better access to beaches (6)
- Bathrooms at parks and beaches (3)
- Lochside Park bathroom is often locked and it is unclear when it will be open
- Improve Lochside Trail (3)
- separate bike and traffic more – currently, dangerous for kids
- for biking and walking
- Improve lighting along Lochside Drive and Lochside Trail
- Sidewalk on Sea Ridge
- Improve beach
- Improve Safety – more crosswalks, better lighting
- Bike lanes on Cordova Bay Road
- Improve connections with sidewalks
- Community recreation centre – multisport, childcare, library (2)
- Crosswalk/light between Lochside and Mattick's Farm along Cordova Bay Road
- Make Claremont School track and field space multiuse
- Need more children and adult space

WOW

- Pub (5)
- More parking at Parker Beach, plus showers and more garbage cans.
- Tennis Courts at Fowler Park
- Basketball courts

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- Expand/improve Community Club to make it multi-use with more racket sports, indoor recreation (2)
- Better beach access across Cordova Bay Road and to the beach with better wayfinding/signage and more accessible access
- Childcare
- Waterpark at McMinn
- Waterpark/splash pad
- More services – professional services (dentist, accountant, doctors, medical centre)
- Want walkable village. Sidewalks to improve walkability and connect commercial hubs resulting in reduced car traffic.
- More ocean viewpoints with benches
- Sidewalk on Sayward. Sidewalk at Mattick’s Woods (at blind corner).
- Community gardens. Food forests. Fruit trees in parks.
- Would like to see a Pier (with nearby parking)
- Would like to see a pier by the Beach House that goes out into the bay (like White Rock or Sidney)
- More playground options near the Village/Beach House
- Rental opportunities for kayaks, paddle boards, etc.(2)
- More east/west trails that connect to Lochside Trail and make it more accessible
- Would like a theatre/outdoor bandshell like the one in Sidney, sundial
- Better cell service
- Facelift for Fowler Park and Lochside parks with skateboarding, etc.
- Activate Lochside Trail with food trucks (farm to table). Near Mattick’s Farm too.
- Accessible access to beaches

HOW

- Childcare within the community to reduce time in cars
- Increase outdoor recreation and cultural opportunities in parks, at or near the beach, along trails with playgrounds, waterpark, bandshell, community gardens, skateboarding, basketball, pier, equipment rentals
- Add washrooms to parks and beaches and improve access with better trails and signage
- Increase indoor recreation opportunities with recreation centre (library, pool, childcare etc.) and expand the Community Club (multisport)
- Improve safety to improve ability to walk and bike (i.e. more sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, bike lanes)
- Increase services/amenities/commercial in the village to activate the area and allow residents to access services and amenities within the community rather than having to travel to other neighbourhoods
- Keep DCCs within the community
- Install more public art/galleries
- Public art that starts dialogue (e.g. Indigenous Art); locate art in playgrounds to increase dialogue with kids
- Gallery for Indigenous art, history. More indigenous public art.

Community Amenities & Natural Areas – Table #5

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NOW

Community amenities, natural areas, activities you enjoy:

- Beaches
- Parks (3)
- McMinn Park
- Doumac Park
- Walking (2)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Cycling (2)
- Beach at end of Timber
- Lochside Trail
- Beach (7)
- Ocean views

Opportunities for improvement/What's missing:

- Increase in small commercial amenities but mindful of impact on traffic/pedestrian safety
- Improve cycling safety on Lochside
- Year round dog beach access
- More hours for dogs on beach
- Water park
- Improve safety at Doris Page Park
- Gym (2); Badminton courts
- Childcare/Daycare (2)
- Tween activities – gym, rock climbing, skate/bike park
- Better beach access for picnics; better parking
- Better beach access, especially off Walema and Fenn and parking for beach access at Totem Lane
- Bathrooms at McDougal Park
- Connect beach accesses – McMorran and McDougal
- Multiage facility – kids, teenagers, childcare
- Improve entrances and exits and Doumac Park
- Difficult to cross Cordova Bay Road. Need better access and beach access.
- Consider enforcement of the non-smoking bylaw in parks. We have observed many people continuing to smoke in parks. In fact, on two occasions a Saanich Parks and Rec staff member smoked at Lochside Park.
- Lit trails (i.e. Sayward Hill Trail, main access to Ridge by foot)
- Parking – restricted hours and washrooms/shower
- Safe accessible – crosswalks
- Changes to golf course for youth

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WOW

- EV charging stations
- EV chargers along beach access and all developments.
- Natural trail system
- Increase beach access; easier to access. Including Agate Beach.
- Water park
- Water park at Doris Page Park
- Better marked trails with maps along the trails (i.e. you are here signs)
- Recreational space for children and teens (e.g. Rec Centre)
- Teen centered gym/rec centre in walking distance (e.g. Henderson Rec Centre)
- Preserving views
- Enforcement (Doumac Park). Overnight parking at parks.

HOW

- Better signage for existing trails
- McDougal connecting to Doris Page Park
- Connecting Mattick's to Parker Beach Trail
- Bathrooms in parks
- Preserving parks and connecting trails
- Sidewalks
- Repurpose badminton centre, community centre for tweens
- Childcare and afterschool care much needed
- Open beach access by golf course. Beaches should not be virtually private (3)
- Boardwalk on beach
- Better amenities (café, ice cream shop, etc.) by beach. For example, the park by Doris Page on the beach – Dougal Park
- Public path through golf course

ONLINE SURVEY

Those who were unable to attend the workshop had an opportunity to provide their comments for their vision for Cordova Bay through an online survey.

The survey was available on the project website using SurveyMonkey as the online survey tool. Participants provided responses to four open ended question. The results of the two completed surveys are presented below.

What do you love the most about living in Cordova Bay?

- Lochside Trail, the beach, green, quiet, beautiful, wonderful place to walk around.
- Lochside fields and playground, trail network and BEACH access.

What is missing that would make Cordova Bay an even better place to live?

- A village centre including a pub and a cafe. More regular public transport.
- Waterpark and an ice rink/pool facility.

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In 20 or 30 years, what is one thing that you absolutely want in your community?

- To see Cordova Bay have seaside shops and a front street on the beach which is also a tourist destination.
- Waterpark and recreation center.

Is there anything else that you would like to add regarding the update of the Local Area Plan?

- Cordova Bay is a great place to live but needs more of a community feel - somewhere to bump into people and stop for coffee. Mattick's Farm is lovely but definitely for an older crowd.
- To ensure that the survey responses and workshops strives to reflect the younger couples and generation of young family and children that have changed the demographic of the area. Their voices should be louder, but until recently the workshops have been difficult to attend due to family responsibility. This is a disadvantage to the future plan if they are not represented. The Pizza planning workshop I heard was a HUGE success and we wish we were able to attend. Maybe there will be more in the future at each Local Area Plan workshop in Saanich!