

## ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held electronically via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday January 19, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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### \*\*\* Territorial Acknowledgement & Inclusivity Statement \*\*\*

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
  - November 25, 2021
2. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
  - Each member has up to 5 minutes to discuss interests and education as it pertains to involvement in committee
3. **2022 MEETING DATES / TERMS OF REFERENCE** (attachments)
  - For information
4. **IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY INPUT TO TREE INVENTORIES**
  - Committee Member Ryan Senechal
5. **OVERVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS, MOTIONS AND INITIATIVES FROM 2021**
  - Adriane Pollard, Manager of Environmental Services
6. **RESILIENT SAANICH UPDATE**
  - Adriane Pollard, Manager of Environmental Services
7. **DRAFT CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN** (attachment)
  - Silvia Exposito, Planner
  - To view the Draft Plan please follow the link:  
<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/LAP~Updates/DRAFT-Cadboro-Bay-LAP-Oct2021-web.pdf>

\* Adjournment \*

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Austin Winters at 250-475-5494 ext. 3508 or [Austin.winters@saanich.ca](mailto:Austin.winters@saanich.ca) if you are unable to attend.

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers  
**November 25, 2021 at 6:31 pm**

Present: Councillor Rebecca Mersereau (Chair), Councillor Karen Harper, Kevin Brown, Al-Nashir Charania, Braedan Drouillard, Jennifer Grant, George Klima, Karthik Narayan, Ryan Senechal and Anqian Wei.

Staff: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Nathalie Dechaine, Manager of Community Development/Business Systems; Adriane Pollard, Manager of Environmental Services; Carolyn Richman, Environmental Education Officer; and Megan MacDonald, Senior Committee Clerk.

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by K. Narayan and Seconded by K. Brown: "That the Minutes of the Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee meeting held October 20, 2021, be adopted as amended."**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair gave an update on recent topics of interest and accomplishments of 2021, the following was noted:

- The Chair of the committee will be Councillor Karen Harper, as of December 1, 2021.
- Urban forestry mapping funding was approved by Council in the budget.
- Council supported recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saanich's Greenbelt Study.
- New committee appointments have been approved and will be announced once all members have been notified.
- The work done by outgoing Committee members A. Charania and K. Brown was recognized.

**OVERVIEW OF SAANICH'S NATURESCAPE PROGRAM**

The Environmental Education Officer introduced an overview of the Saanich Naturescape Program. The following was noted:

- Environmental Services has been the lead on internal and external policies.
- The Naturescaping Program (NP) focuses on creating, maintaining and enhancing wildlife habitat and native biodiversity.
- The NP encompasses properties of all sizes and promotes best practices in dealing with gardening, respecting waterways and being neighborly.
- Some of the NPs benefits include biodiversity conservation; water conservation; cost savings; improved wildlife habitats; the reduction of climate impacts, toxic chemicals and invasive plant species.
- Varying Saanich policies and plans take the NP into consideration or propose taking aspects of the NP into consideration.
- The NP incorporates public outreach activities, web-based resources, handouts, local art and recommendations to developers.

In response to questions and comments from the committee, the following was noted:

- The NPs endeavours are encouraging and valuable to the community.
- It was suggested to ensure the longevity of native trees in urban areas, incentives may need to be introduced.
- The NP could look into adding resources for residents to appropriately deal with dead or dying wood as well as tree removal.
- Planting native Dogwood trees was recommended for climate adaptability.
- There is no designated budget currently for the Naturescape program.
- A request was made by the Environmental Education Officer to bring forward a motion at a later date to provide support for further development of the NP.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF PARKLAND IN GROWING NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Senior Manager of Parks introduced an overview of the work done towards building a strategy around park acquisition. The following was noted:

- It was argued that parks enhance city life, community feeling, quality of life, health benefits and decrease social isolation.
- Google Analytics data has shown that parks usage within the District of Saanich has significantly increased in the past two years.
- There are currently 171 green spaces in the District of Saanich.
- Based on proposed developments, Saanich is park deficient by approximately 36 hectares.
- Key focus areas with regards to park acquisition currently include filling in gaps in underserved neighbourhoods as well as purchasing land adjacent to existing parks.

In response to questions and comments from the committee, the following was noted:

- A request to Council has been made by ENAC to budget \$750,000 for park acquisition in 2022 as well as raise contributions year after year.
- Council dedicated additional funding to the King's Road property to ensure its use as parkland.
- The cost of purchasing a single neighbourhood park was indicated as ranging from approximately \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

The following was noted:

- The Provincial government is behind schedule in legislation that would permit municipalities in banning natural gas connections for new builds.
- The Province released the Clean BC Roadmap.
- Supplemental funding was approved by Council for the Saanich led E-bike rebate program due to the success of the program.
- The E-bike program offers residents rebates for the purchase of new E-bikes and is tied to income level.
- The Resilient Saanich Technical Committee is hoping for opportunities to engage with First Nations for their insight into developing a Biodiversity Strategy.
- A reminder of the Significant Tree Program was made for public awareness.
- The Committee Clerk noted that a motion of support will be going forward regarding the accessible urban forest at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Wednesday January 19, 2022.

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Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary

# Memo

**To:** Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee  
**From:** Austin Winters, Committee Clerk  
**Date:** January 11, 2022  
**Subject:** 2022 Meeting Dates for Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee

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As per Section 85(a) of Council Procedure Bylaw 2015, No. 9321, each committee shall establish a regular schedule of meetings including the date, time and place of the committee meetings.

Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled to be two hours in duration. There are no meetings in July, August or December, unless a special meeting is called for urgent business.

Council Chambers has been booked for the third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00pm for the year, excluding July, August and December.

Dates for your calendars are as follows:

2022 Meeting Date
January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
September 21
October 19
November 16

No formal motion is required to approve the meeting schedule.



Austin Winters  
Clerk - Planning, Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee

# Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee

## Terms of Reference

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### Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee is to advise Council and recommend policies on urban forestry including significant trees, natural parks, climate change, green technology, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

### Mandate

The Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee will, consistent with the purpose described above, undertake the following:

- Develop and recommend policies to Council and respond to Council requests for advice and information.
- Provide advice to Council on projects, policies or bylaws under consideration by staff or Council, and on additional topics of interest to committee members that fall within the subject area of the committee.
- Review and provide feedback on the Strategic Plan.
- Provide a community perspective on services, programs, events and capital projects related to urban forestry, natural parks (P-4N zone), climate change, green technology, energy efficiency, and environmental sustainability.
- Foster public awareness, recognition and support for a healthy and sustainable natural environment.
- Make recommendations to Council on the designation of significant trees due to their community importance for environmental, heritage or landmark value, or as wildlife habitat.
- Through Council delegation, provide grants to owners of designated significant trees to assist in hazard abatement pruning and to preserve and maintain the health of the tree or preservation of the tree form.

Any initiatives proposed by the committee that has resource implications, including staff time, would have to be approved by Council.

### Meetings

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year in accordance with its regular schedule of meetings established annually at the first meeting of the year. No meetings are held during the summer and winter breaks (July, August and December). Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chair. The meeting rules and procedures will be in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.

### Membership

To the extent possible, Advisory Committees will have a diverse membership with respect to gender, age and cultural-ethnic background.

The committee will consist of eleven (11) members qualified in the discipline relevant to the committee mandate or with a perspective necessary for fulsome consideration of the associated topic, including:

- One member of Council to serve as Chair, appointed by the Mayor; and,
- Ten (10) community representatives appointed by the Council including one youth voting member described as 16-24 years of age.

Members may serve a maximum of seven years on an Advisory Committee, consisting of a one-year term followed by a potential for three, two-year terms. Members who wish to be re-appointed after the completion of a term must re-apply and provide the application and their resume for Council's consideration.

### **Staff Support**

The Planning Department will be the primary contact and together with the Parks Division will provide the required professional support. The Legislative Division will provide secretarial and administrative support.

### **Review of Terms of Reference**

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed during the committee's first meeting each term.

# KEY PLAN DIRECTIONS



1

Retain and enhance the unique character of the Village core as the heart of the community.



2

Diversify transportation links and be more welcoming to pedestrians and cyclists.



3

Plan for sea level rise and climate change impacts.



4

Provide more housing forms in the village neighbourhood suitable for all ages and stages of life.



5

Enhance Gyro Park as an integral part of the community heart and place of natural beauty.



6

Recognize local First Nations culture and history.



7

Green the village and surrounding streets.



8

Ensure new buildings and public spaces are in harmony with the Village scale and character.



9

Enhance Sinclair Road as a safe and enjoyable walking and cycling route.



# DRAFT Cadboro Bay LOCAL AREA PLAN

An updated Local Area Plan will provide a renewed course to guide future growth and change in the Cadboro Bay local area over the next 20-30 year horizon.

The Draft Cadboro Bay Plan seeks to retain what is valued about Cadboro Bay, while looking to expand housing options, respond to climate change, improve active transportation routes and enhance the Cadboro Bay Village.

The Draft Plan sets out a vision and planning framework that can be responsive to changing circumstances over time. The local area plan also sets a context for considering development proposals in the area.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES ARE NOW SCHEDULED!



THE DRAFT PLAN IS READY FOR YOUR INPUT!

Note: COVID-19 public health measures in effect will be applied.

**INFO**

[saanich.ca/cadboro](https://saanich.ca/cadboro)

- View the Draft Plan
- Complete the Community Survey
- Register for an Open House
- See the Virtual Open House

**OPEN HOUSES**

Saturday, November 13, 2021  
- 1 pm to 6 pm

Thursday, November 25, 2021  
- 11 am to 2:30 pm

Broad View United Church (Gym),  
2625 Arbutus Road

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
- 5:30 pm to 9 pm

Friday, November 19, 2021  
- 5:30 pm to 9 pm

St-George's Anglican Church (Gym),  
3909 St-George's Lane

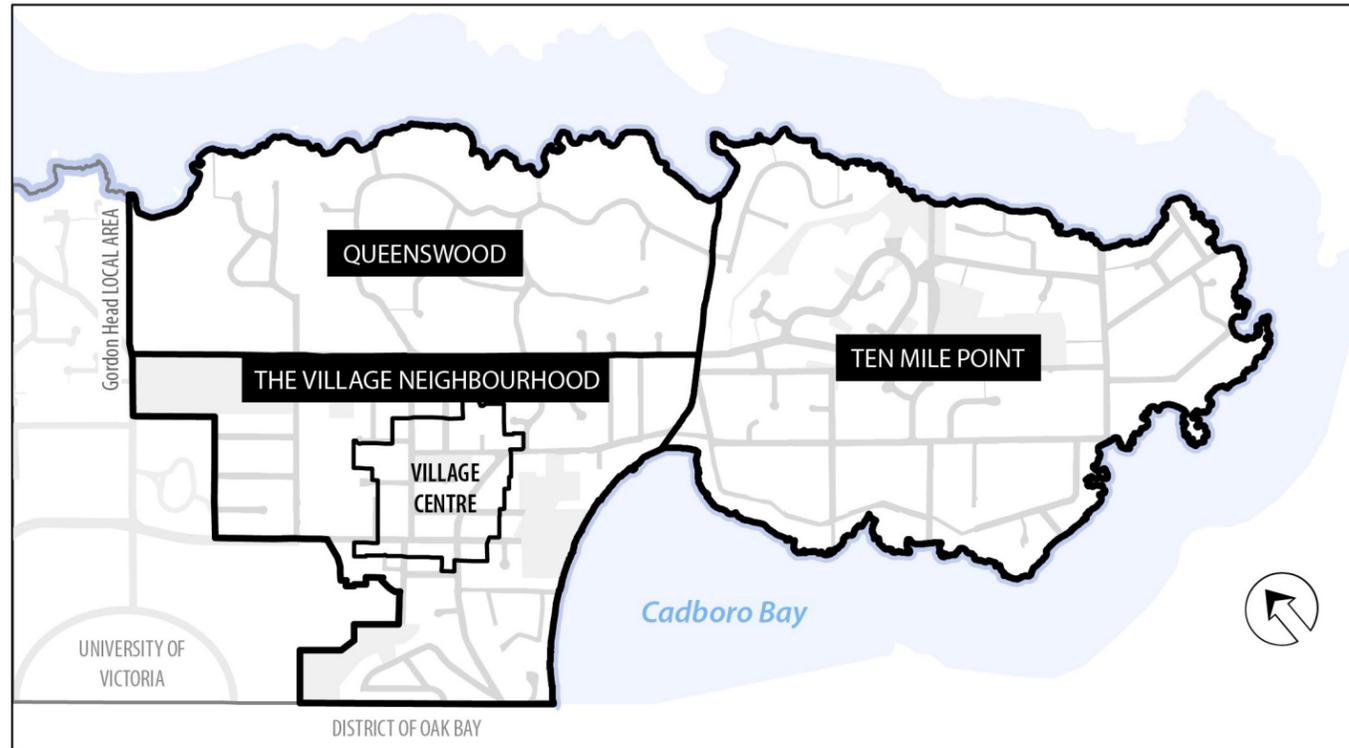
## WHAT DOES THE PLAN ADDRESS?

Environment and Sustainability	Village Plan
Land Use	Urban Design
Transportation and Mobility	Social and Cultural Well-Being
Parks and Trails	Economic Vibrancy

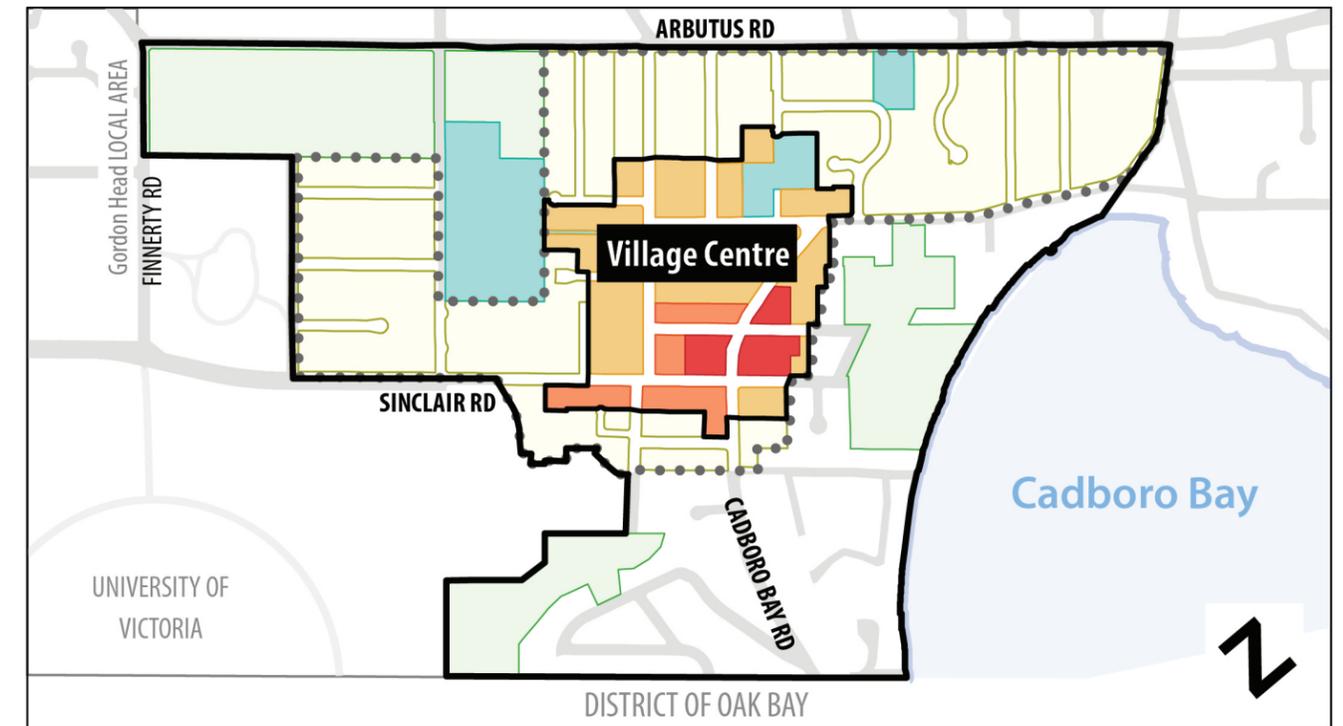
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Visit our website at: [saanich.ca/cadboro](https://saanich.ca/cadboro)

# CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN **DRAFT**

## CADBORO BAY NEIGHBOURHOODS



## CADBORO BAY VILLAGE



### DRAFT LOCAL AREA PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- Support a more complete community within walking distance to services and amenities in the Village, with the goal to accommodate a variety of demographics including seniors and younger families.
- Focus future growth in the Village Neighbourhood, looking to provide more diverse, ground-oriented housing options including duplexes, townhouses, house-plexes, and other innovative housing forms.
- Implement new design concepts for Sinclair Road and Cadboro Bay Road, with a focus on safe, high quality sidewalks and bike facilities, improved crossing options and integration of trees and public spaces.
- Protect natural areas and features that are unique to Cadboro Bay and improve access to these special places.
- Maintain the large lot, semi-rural character of Queenswood and Ten Mile Point neighbourhoods, with limited infill housing through District-wide programs.
- Support institutional lands as a key part of the community and in their role to deliver community services, regionally significant employment and housing in a manner consistent with community character.

### AN UPDATED PLAN FOR CADBORO BAY VILLAGE

- Celebrate Cadboro Bay Village as the heart of the community with pedestrian oriented streetscapes and gathering places that sustain community life and well-being.
- Use updated Development Permit Area Guidelines to assess the form and character of new development, promoting quality urban design and compatibility with Village character.
- Allow opportunities for incremental expansion of commercial uses connected to the Village Centre to expand the availability of shops and services.
- Support a greater diversity of housing options in the Village, with the goal of achieving a mix of housing types, unit sizes, tenure and affordability levels.
- Enhance Village connections to Cadboro-Gyro Park through improved pedestrian and cycling facilities, urban design and wayfinding.
- Integrate climate change and sea level rise projections to adapt land use and ensure a resilient Village Centre.

THE DRAFT PLAN IS READY FOR YOUR INPUT!

Learn more and let us know what you think at: [saanich.ca/cadboro](https://saanich.ca/cadboro)