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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

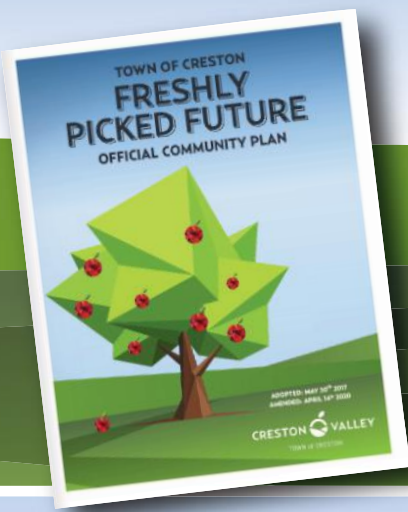


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**5 YEAR COMMUNITY CHECK-IN**

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In 2016-2017, the Town of Creston “Freshly Picked Future” Official Co with Creston residents, ensuring that the plan represented the com change in 5 years, the Town is taking this opportunity to touch base This OCP 5 Year Community Check-in will evaluate OCP policies wit

## WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?



The Official Community Plan (OCP) is a land use planning tool that guides Town Council in their decisions about bylaws, development, zoning, and services. The OCP establishes policies which Council, staff and the public can use to evaluate projects and proposals to ensure they are consistent with the community's long-term vision.

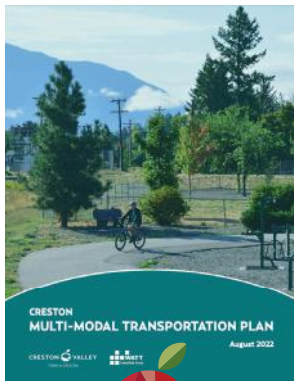
An OCP typically includes policy areas that guide residential and economic development, help create equitable communities, inform greenhouse gas emissions and targets, and address development in the natural environment. Additionally, our OCP includes Community Goals and Policies and an Implementation section that acts as a project action list.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS ARE:



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Creston Emergency Services Building



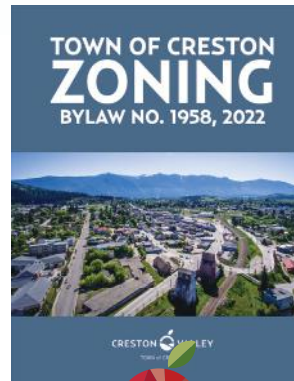
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Multi-modal Transportation Plan



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Breaking ground on Market Park



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New Zoning Bylaw



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Public washrooms in the Downtown Core

# FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY CHECK-IN

Community Plan (OCP) was developed following extensive consultation with the community's views on issues of future land use planning. As a lot can change over time, we want to ensure that the OCP continues to meet the community's needs. We are doing this within the context of today's challenges, trends, and emerging issues.



## UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### SURVEYS

Complete the bite-sized weekly surveys on [letstalk.creston.ca](https://letstalk.creston.ca). Each survey focuses in on a key OCP topic area. Let us know what's working well and what should be changed to better represent the community.

- **Quality of Life and Inclusive Local Identity** – October 26 - November 1
- **Neighbourhoods and Housing** – November 2 - 8
- **Connectivity** – November 9 - 15
- **Economic Prosperity** – November 16 - 22
- **Downtown Vibrancy** – November 23 - 29
- **Valley Collaboration** – November 30 - December 6
- **Vision for Creston** – December 7 - 13



### SUBSCRIBE FOR PROJECT UPDATES

Subscribe to the [letstalk.creston.ca](https://letstalk.creston.ca) project page. Find background information, get project updates, and ask staff questions online.



### OPEN HOUSE

Come to the open house on **November 23, 2022** at the Creston and District Community Complex from 5:00 - 8:00pm.



### REACH OUT TO STAFF DIRECTLY

We would love to talk to you about the OCP by phone, email, or in person to hear your thoughts and ideas.

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# Take a look at what's inside the Official Community Plan

## Purpose and Vision

The Purpose and Vision set the tone for the Official Community Plan. The vision reflects what the Town of Creston heard from public engagement starting in 2015, and focuses on creating a walkable and connected community that supports those of all ages and abilities, protects the natural environment, fosters a diverse economy, and provides diverse housing options.

## Land Use Policies

Land use policies specify where and how buildings are constructed, linkages between neighbourhoods, the form and character of buildings, how dense residential neighbourhoods are, and connections to public spaces.

Our OCP has 8 Land Use Policy categories: Management of Residential Growth, Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational Parks and Open Space, Development and the Natural Environment, and Infrastructure. These categories define how the Town manages a growing number of residents, supports housing, supports the local economy, provides and protects the natural spaces, and how we manage municipal infrastructure.

## Development Permit Areas

These areas identify locations that need special treatment for specific purposes, including protecting development from hazards, establishing objectives for form and character in specified circumstances, or revitalizing a commercial use area. Development Permit Areas help guide development to ensure that it fits the community.

## Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

This section of the OCP includes targets, policies, and actions to reduce greenhouse gases. The Town is also in the process of developing a Climate Action Plan. Check out that project here: [letstalk.creston.ca/climate-action-in-creston](http://letstalk.creston.ca/climate-action-in-creston). What we hear from engagement on this project will help to inform updates to the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions section in the OCP.

## Community Goals and Policies

Back in 2016, during the Official Community Plan's development, significant community input helped shape the plan we have today. The community identified six key community goals: Quality of Life and Inclusive Local Identity, Neighbourhoods and Housing, Connectivity, Economic Prosperity, Downtown Vibrancy, and Valley Collaboration. Each of these goals includes a citizen direction statement to help guide the Town of Creston in achieving the community goal, and policies that provide a clear course of action for the next ten years. Your feedback on this section is key. Please complete our Survey Series – dates and links on page 2.

## Future Harvests

The implementation section acts as an action list. Actions become a product of Council's Strategic Plan, yearly budget constraints and staff resources.



View the entire OCP document at  
**[letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca)**

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