

Electoral Area "E"

Official Community Plan

April 2010

Issue No. 1

Public Open Houses

Monday, May 10, 2010 at
Chilliwack Fish and Game
Club

OR

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at
Columbia Valley
Community Hall

5-7 pm Drop-in
7-8 pm Group Discussion

Come join us and learn
more!

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OCP Update Begins

The update of the Electoral Area "E" (Chilliwack River Valley, Cultus Lake, Lindell Beach and Columbia Valley) Official Community Plan is now underway. The existing Official Community Plan was updated over 15 years ago and has served the community well. But a lot has changed in our world since 1994 and it's time to update the Plan in order to address new issues, development trends and ensure policies meet current community values.

What is an Official Community Plan?

An Official Community Plan is an important policy document which government agencies, developers, citizens and the Regional District use to make decisions on subdivision and development, conservation, resource uses, roads and transportation, community services. Essentially, the Official Community Plan provides a vision for overall development of the community and policies for achieving the vision.

A 'community' focused Plan

Developing the Plan needs your participation. There will be multiple opportunities to participate and provide input through community meetings and web-based options. Also, to ensure residents have a strong role in the development of the Official Community Plan, two Advisory Planning Commissions will be formed; one for the Chilliwack River Valley, and another for the Cultus Lake/Lindell Beach and Columbia Valley communities.



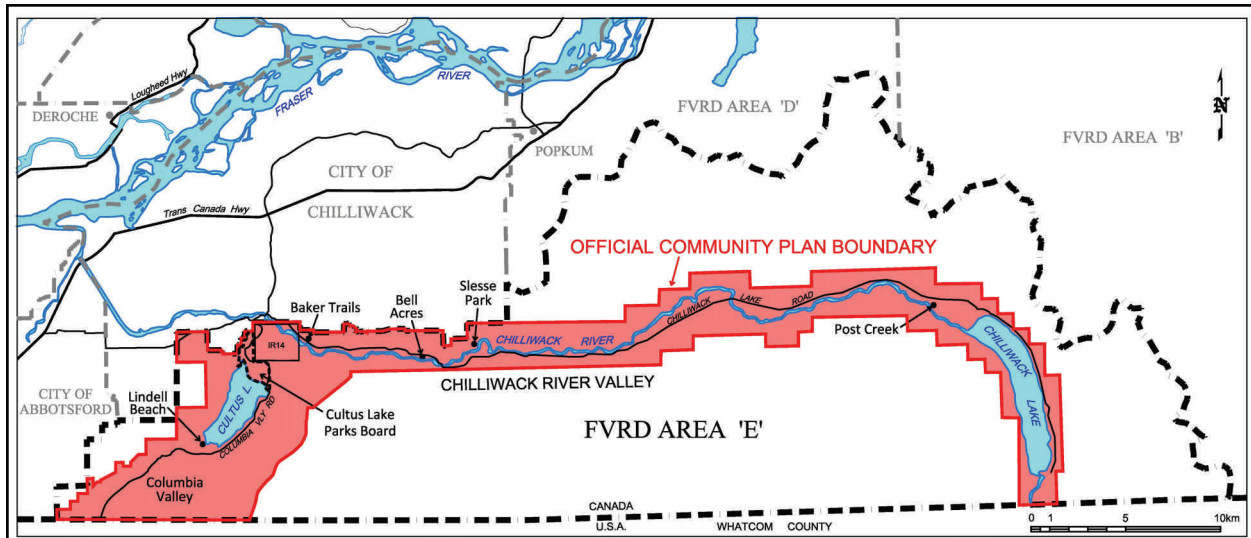
Volunteers needed for the Advisory Planning Commission

The Fraser Valley Regional District is looking for volunteers to serve on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC). Volunteer APC members will participate in at least two progressive meetings held between June and August 2010. APC members will be asked to: share opinions on key community plan issues (ie. development & housing, roads, local services); advise the FVRD Regional Board; and provide a voice for community. The APC is a great opportunity to have a say in the future development of your community.

If you're interested in joining the APC let us know in writing either by email or letter indicating your interest, history of community service and relevant skills and abilities by May 19, 2010. The Regional Board will review submissions and select the APC members at its May 25th, 2010 meeting. So get your name in soon!

What are the Official Community Plan boundaries?

The Official Community Plan applies to the settlement areas of Electoral Area “E”. This includes the Chilliwack River Valley – east to Post Creek/Chilliwack Lake; Cultus Lake; Lindell Beach and the Columbia Valley – south to the United States border.



The Cultus Lake Parks Board lands will be the focus of a future planning process which recognizes the unique needs and issues of the community. As a result, the Cultus Lake Parks Board lands will not be included in the Electoral Area “E” OCP update.

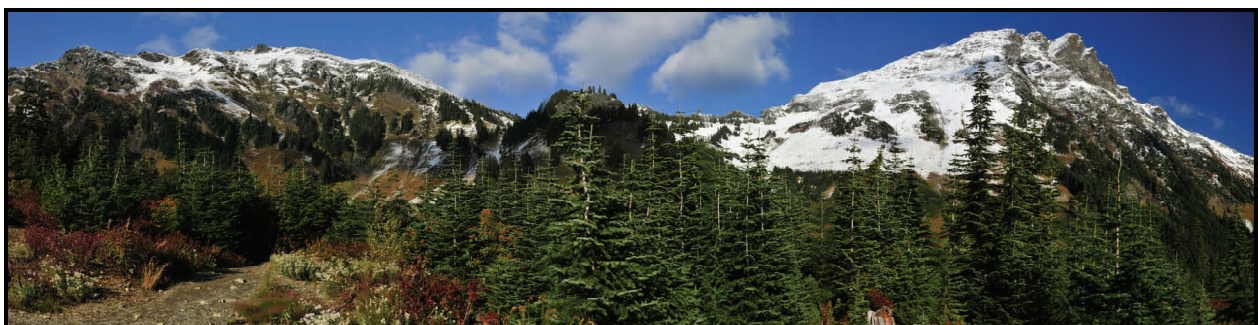
When will the Plan be completed?

A first draft of the Plan should be available for public review in early 2011.

How can I learn more and participate?

The Official Community Plan is an important planning document and we want to provide interested individuals with multiple opportunities to participate in the discussion by:

- **Website:** visit the Community Planning page under the “Inside the FVRD” tab at www.fvrd.bc.ca
- **Email list:** planninginfo@fvrd.bc.ca
- **Public Open Houses:** see front page for details
- **Join the APC:** see front page



Cheam Ridge and Lady Peak

Photo by Gord Gadsden
Parks Resource Technician, FVRD

**Take our
Survey**

Community Planning Survey

The views you express by filling out this survey will guide development of the community plan. Completing the survey is quick and easy. Just fill out the survey and return it (and any additional notes or comments you wish to add) by:

- **mail** - Fraser Valley Regional District, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 2N6
- **email** - planninginfo@fvrd.bc.ca
- **fax**: (604)792-9684
- **drop off** - Regional District Office, 45951 Cheam Ave, Chilliwack BC
- **bring** - to the Open house on May 10th at the Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Assoc. (48685 Chilliwack Lake Rd).
- **online** - complete this survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SVXX633>.

What is your name? _____

What is your address? _____

How long have you lived in the area? _____

Is this your primary residence?

Yes

No

Issue	Rank (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , etc.)
Hazards	
Access to recreational opportunities	
Drinking water quality	
Declining fish and wildlife populations and habitats	
Inadequate treatment & disposal of sewage	
Community appearance/ aesthetics	
Access & Roads	
Other	

What principles should guide land use planning for Chilliwack River Valley over the next ten years?

- Increased opportunities for residential development
- Environmental conservation
- Increased commercial opportunities
- Preserve the rural landscape
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Other _____

How much change would you like to see in your community over the next ten years?

- A lot
- Moderate
- Very little
- None
- I don't know

How important is it to protect fish and wildlife habitat?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a first priority | <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a high priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a low priority | <input type="checkbox"/> It is not a concern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know | |

How important is it to protect agricultural land?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a first priority | <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a high priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It should be a low priority | <input type="checkbox"/> It is not a concern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know | |

What kinds of park and recreational facilities would you like in your community?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat launch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter bicycle route |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/bicycle pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness/natural areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |
| _____ | |