Chilliwack 2040 Official Community Plan Update

October 2, 2012



Overview

- The Official Community Plan
- OCP 1998 Review Process
- Key Issues
- Next Steps



Official Community Plan Bylaw

- Planning & development guide
 - Maps, policies, guidelines
- Public consultation
- Periodic Amendments
 - Inclusion of Neighbourhood plans
 - New DP areas
 - Regional Growth Strategy
 - Provincial requirements
 - Re-designations
- Updated every 10 15 years



Official Community Plan Bylaw 1998

- Extensive community consultation
- Main objectives still relevant:
 - Preserve agricultural land
 - Densify urban areas & develop hillsides
 - Visually enhance, mixed-use neighbourhoods
 - Diversify economy, population/jobs balance
 - Increase mobility & modal shift
 - Promote environmental stewardship
 - A healthy, sustainable community



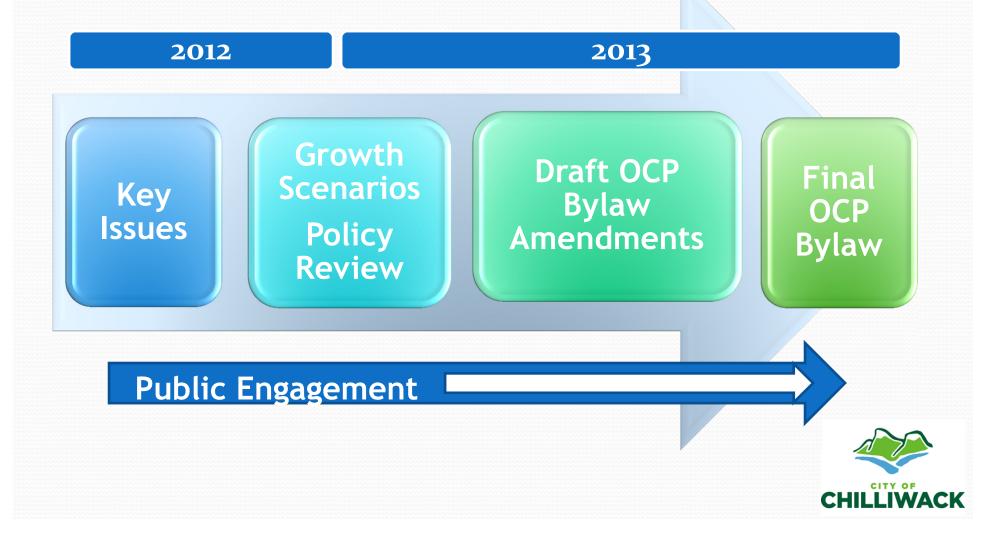
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- Triggered by 85,000 threshold
- Changes based on
 - new legislation
 - emerging issues
 - changing community needs





OCP Update - Proposed Timeline



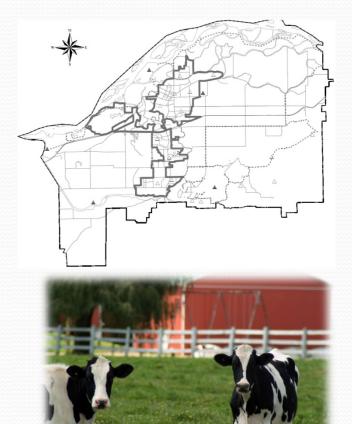
Key Issues

- Urban Growth Boundary
- Economic Development & Employment
- Environmental, Geotechnical Issues
- Parks & Amenities
- Urban Design



Urban Growth Boundary

- Increase from 32,000 to 58,000 dwellings (+ 48,270 people)
- Hillside, Infill Densification & Redevelopment the focus
- First Nations land is significant
- Development Must Pay for Itself
- Clarify policy re Ryder Lake, Rural Areas
- Support Agriculture





Economic Development

- Importance of employment generation
- Explore opportunities existing lands
 - In Downtown, By Industrial Area
 - For densification, diversification, valued employment
- Focus right type of development in right places
 - Hotels, office uses, etc
 - Brownfield strategy





Environment

- Greenhouse gas targets
- Air Quality
- Hillside Development
- Water supply
- Adaptation to severe weather events







Parks, Amenities

- Quality of Life: adequate parks & services
- Strategy to identify where and how adequate park space will be acquired





Housing & Healthy Community

- Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing
 - Seniors
 - Families
- Urban Design





Next Steps

- Project Website: chilliwack.com/OCPreview
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- Public Engagement: Key Issues Activities -November & Early December

