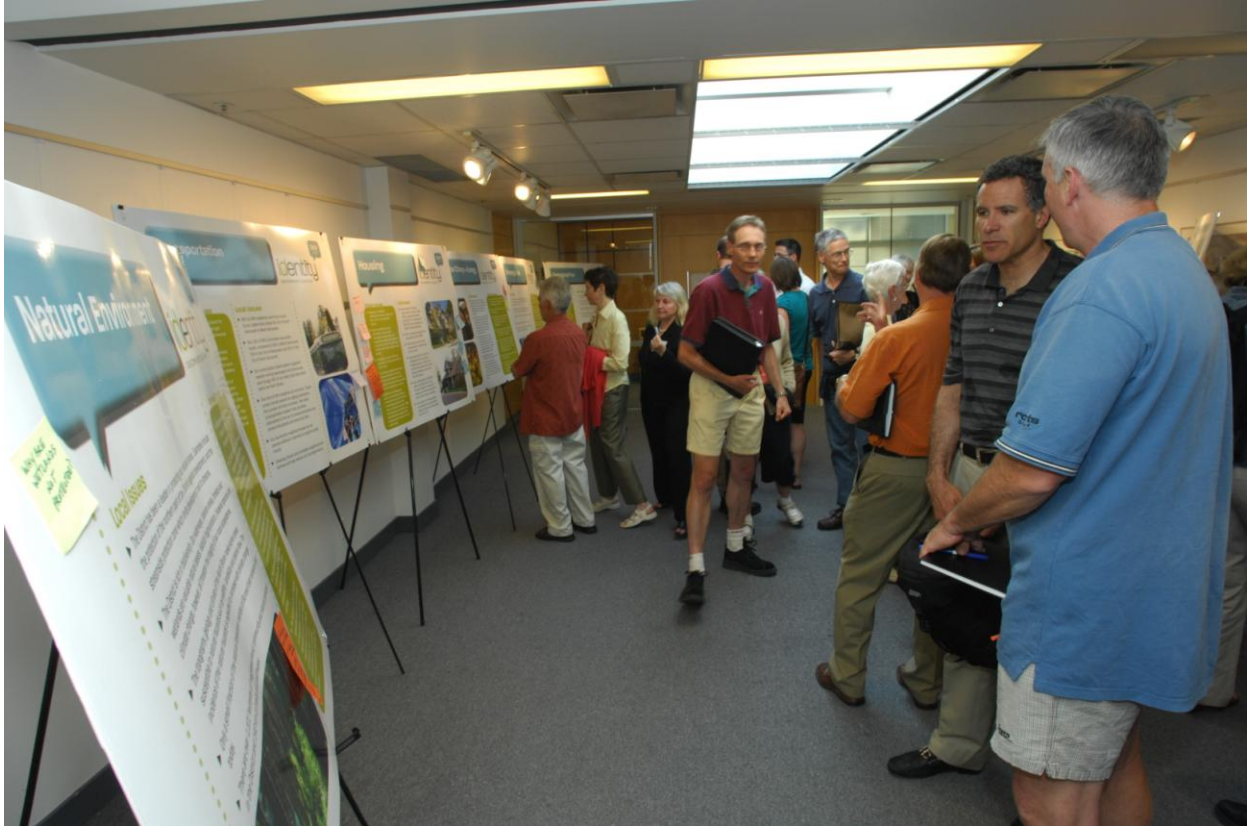


‘Global Trends, Local Issues’: What do our residents think?

At one interactive station at the June 9th “Our Future” OCP launch event, residents were presented a series of display boards outlining the global and local aspects of a number of themes: transportation, the environment, demographics, the economy and jobs, housing, climate change and energy. Members of the public were then asked to give us their take on these issues – their concerns, their suggestions for dealing with them, and their priorities.



Hundreds of comments were made in response to these thought-provoking issues. A full transcript of the public’s input is provided overleaf.

General Comments

- We need better Protection of our watershed drinking water sources
- The small bus works well for less busy areas
- Maintain and even extend natural green spaces
- Senior government should 'outlaw' packaging/plastic use that create XXX garbage
- Affordable housing – fewer big box houses – more diversity of housing – places for seniors' to age in place
- Increase Park Rangers during summer to reduce risk and vandalism
- Stabilize population number!!
- Climate change: apathy - "it is not really happening". We need more "shock and awe"
- Encourage more 'green' transportation, e.g. – electric cars
- Need more jobs on NS to attract young families
- Issues such as poverty – sustainable development that includes economic, social, environmental. Infrastructure, fiscal prudence, governance
- Globally - Unchecked population growth. Locally – Growth in population
- Time matters
- Ensure affordable housing for younger families
- Engage all ages including youth in process – combat apathy
- Carbon neutral
- Realistic transit
- Affordable housing – but it has to be kept affordable
- Ensuring that knowledge-based jobs (home-working etc.) are able to grow as economic drivers
- The ageing demographic profile is very scary in such a vibrant region as this! NV cannot become simply a retirement community
- Our ageing population will need more services
- Last OCP was 1990 – Now out of date. How can we be sure this OCP will stay 'fresh'?
- Housing for all age groups – affordable is important
- Look at zero growth
- Housing for seniors and families
- Natural environment protection
- Small buses – smaller houses – smaller piles of garbage
- Affordable housing to attract young families – more job opportunities
- Affordable housing – will create wealth for families – will attract more young families
- More creative housing, infill, cottage, etc. Do not fixate on 'single' homes

- Making N. Van attractive and affordable to young families – bringing back the lost generation
- Natural environment, parks protection issues
- Creating an ongoing engagement with everyone!
- Water meters
- My 17 year old son is in complete despair about where he is going to live in 10 years. What have you got to say to him?
- Effective public transit that doesn't double the time you could make the trip with a car
- Global climate change and the need to reduce our carbon footprint – soon! Public transit – densification – sustainable building practices
- Governance – the communities need to be organized to respond quickly to an unknown future
- Climate change/our dependence on fossil fuels and what can we do to lower our impacts at the local level?
- Habitat fragmentation resulting in decline of ecosystem services.
- Consumption patterns – how can we reduce our consumption and ensure what we consume results in positive impacts to society, environment and economy?
- Transportation – symptom of low density, dispersed land uses. Solution – higher density, mixed land use community centres. More 'complete' community centres that have more services, amenities, are a destination and are within walking distance of more people, especially seniors.
- Approach the OCP plan from local areas – it'll all be based on what density they'll accept
- Locally – affordable housing and employment opportunities which attract and retain the 20/30 somethings and young families
- Transit within the region (e.g. not focused on NVan-Van commute) – promote cycling/walking.
- Engaging youth/20-30 somethings, in community planning and stewardship
- Taking a holistic approach to ecosystem management (e.g. EBM)



Economy + Jobs

- Make jobs for our young people. Stop the commute, e.g. diversify auto mall – port related – encourage other ‘types’ of businesses – better breadth, more vital
- Could we establish a ‘tech park’ on the North Shore? Community centres, retail at grade, professional services up?
- Youth involvement – go to schools, colleges – find out what they are into these days leading into their early 20/s
- 21st Century issues – have youth more involvement within their own neighbourhood. Trouble youth – boot camp involvement of what could happen if you continue to be difficult. Unstable homes?
- Theatre sports feedback – participating community. Video age interactive games
- Commercial Drive – mini neighbourhood – future involvement
- 1 to 1 job/person ratio goal
- Encourage home-based (knowledge) industry (allows people to work at home)

Demographics

- Climate change and existing sea levels – will dramatically alter the migration to the North Shore!
- Need to address increase in newcomers – how do we welcome to North Shore? Provide programs – info access to community services.
- These are all linked: creating housing choice/employment opportunities, etc will change demographics (more younger people relative to ageing)
- Keeping social support opportunities for all can lower costs of health (aka) medical care.
- Zero growth is what is needed
- Where are the seniors’ going to live?
- Positive growth/more diversity, more interest
- Encourage the ‘neighbourhood’ feel of e.g. Parkgate is developed across DNV. Volunteer and support others – keeps one healthy
- Housing should respond to the future
- To keep younger people on the North Shore (specifically the District) we need a vibrant ‘happening’ town centre, a “downtown”

Climate Change + Energy

- Educating kids and families
- Implement water metering and charge for usage
- Move ahead on District energy!!
- Involve our 1st Nations more – culturally, sustainably, historically
- Look at resiliency, i.e. if both bridges go down and energy!
- Why are we replacing single family homes with larger S.F.H's?
- Energy – solar panels, rain water barrow
- Increase recycling – curbside compost pickup similar to Ladysmith, BC – create more jobs
- Design a facility either by Pemberton Station or Riverside Dr – work with nurseries

Housing

- How about allowing more seniors in a house being cared for in SF homes?
- Densify – already built up areas along logical bus routes
- Wider housing choice affordable for young
- Concentrate density in community centres
- Allow back yard cottage
- Expand housing “choice” that permits both small and large size lots
- Allow more than one secondary suite
- Make secondary suites with larger areas for empty nesters
- Affordable and family sized apartments, 4-plexes, row townhouses (freehold). By 2025 baby boomers bulge will need alternate supportive housing. But lack of staff, food, care, general labour shortage huge. A choice in downsizing in next OCP is required
- Densify arterials around Lynn Valley Town Centre with transit
- Give natives incorporation of designing communities working with District
- Do not increase housing in areas where wildlife is endangered – mountain sides, landslides, ecosystem
- Revisit sites left vacant, land lease
- “Small” bungalows circling a courtyard for seniors
- More affordable housing!!
- Put limits on sizes of new houses. Stop allowing giant houses to be built
- Stop building up the mountain. We’re destroying our fragile ecosystem
- Review City of V policies and explore allowing secondary suites and laneway or coach houses in SF zones

- Provide incentives like affordable daycares for young families to settle here
- Adaptable and affordable housing close to major community facilities. Cut down on cost and closure from public involvement – maintain independence and longer healthier lifestyle
- Sections along Marine Dr., 2nd Narrows area, Dundarave style of designing
- Research other communities throughout North America on Interdependent housing for special needs
- Redesign vacant warehouse buildings into low income house vacant lots
- Train homeless building maintainers to live short term residence

Transportation

- Active transportation!!
- Bus and walking continuous
- Provide more and more frequent smaller buses to neighbourhood areas to improve access and increase live/work/play options in NV
- More opportunity to live and work on North Shore
- We need bike lanes on major routes (good ones)
- Explore with Translink more targeted mini buses on demand
- Transportation along Marine to Lion's Gate Bridge to improve congestion in Lower Capilano neighbourhoods
- NV seawall walk
- Light rail system similar to Portland, Ore. along Marine Drive – 2nd Narrows to Park Royal
- Neighbourhood shuttle buses to community mall, rec centres, twice a day
- Express buses to Edgemont from Deep Cove. Park Royal bypass Phibbs – direct route
- Hub and spoke transit system that includes bicycles and electric vehicles
- Free transit for seniors after 10:30 am – safer for all
- Bring back mini taxis – informal service

Environment

- Wetlands need protection. Regulations similar to those for development in riparian areas. More \$ needed to control the spread of invasive species as well!
- DNV has only given 'lip service' to our natural environments. We need better protection of our watersheds and forest ecosystem for future generations to enjoy!
- Why are wetlands not protected?