

13.0 Definitions

The following general definitions are provided to assist in interpretation of the Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan.

"ALR" refers to the Agricultural Land Reserve as defined by British Columbia Agricultural Land Commission Act.

"Community Sewer System" means a system of sewers and sewerage works including sewage treatment facilities owned, operated and maintained by or on behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo or a municipality.

"Community Water System" means a system of waterworks owned, operated and maintained by or on behalf of the Regional District, a municipality or an improvement district or which is operated by a person required to hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Water Utility Act.

"Existing" means at the time of the adoption of this Official Community Plan Bylaw, unless the context indicates otherwise.

"Fish Habitat" means spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes and may include upland riparian areas as defined by a Qualified Environmental Professional.

"May" means a course of action that could be followed provided specified criteria are met.

"Objectives" are specific aims to be reached in the achievement of the desired community form and type.

"Parcel Coverage" means the sum total horizontal area as measured from the outermost perimeter of all buildings or part thereof on the parcel expressed as a percentage of the total parcel area.

"Plan Area" means the Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan of the Regional District of Nanaimo as described in Section 1 of this Bylaw

"Policies" are statements that provide high level direction and guidance that work towards attaining courses of action to be undertaken in achieving the objectives of the Plan.

"Province" means the Province of British Columbia.

"Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)" means an applied scientist or technologist acting alone or together with another qualified environmental professional, if:

- a. the individual is registered and in good standing in British Columbia with an appropriate professional organization constituted under an Act, acting under that association's code of ethics and subject to disciplinary action by that association;

- b. the individual's area of expertise is recognized in the assessment methods as one that is acceptable for the purpose of providing all or part of an assessment report in respect of that development proposal; and,
- c. the individual is acting within that individual's area of expertise.

"Regional Board or Board" means the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

"Shall" means an imperative course of action which is within the scope of the Regional District's powers to provide, enact, regulate or enforce.

"Should" means a desirable course of action to be taken by the Regional District or another body or persons.

"Top of Bank" means the first significant break in a ravine slope where the break occurs such that the grade beyond the break is flatter than 3:1 for a minimum distance of 15 metres measured perpendicularly from the break, and the break does not include a bench within the ravine that could be developed.