

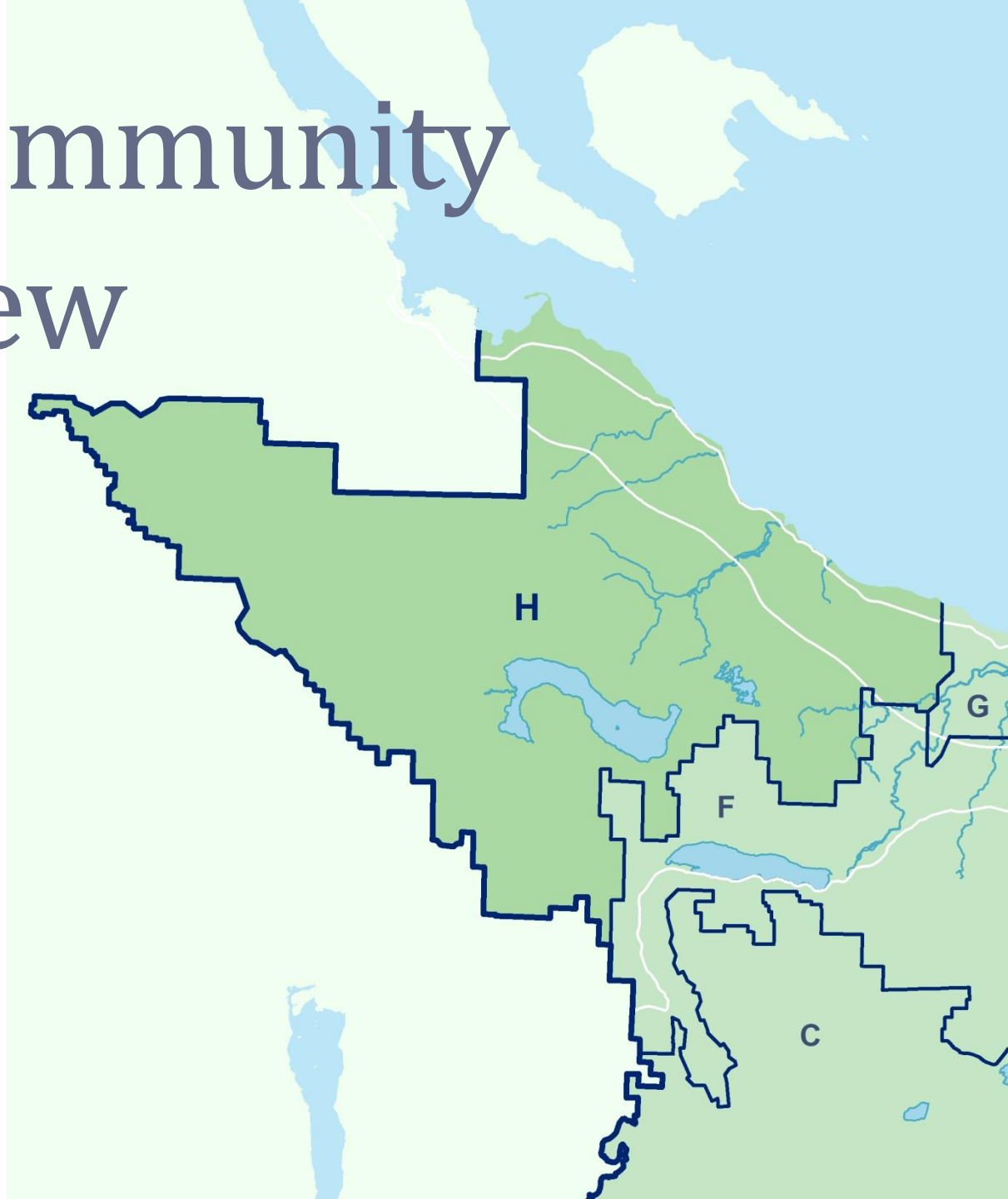
Official Community Plan Review

Electoral Area 'H'

Community Meeting

February 3, 2016

Lighthouse Community Hall



Tonight's Agenda

7:00	Welcome and Opening Comments
7:10	Presentation by planning staff
7:30	Topic Tables
8:45	Summary and next steps
9:00	Closing

This presentation

- What is an Official Community Plan?
- Purpose of tonight's meeting
- The current Area 'H' OCP
- Survey Results
- Introduction to Topic Tables

What is an OCP?

O

• Official

C

• Community

P

• Plan

What is an OCP?



What is an OCP?

- Manages existing and future use of land – what kind of use is supported where, and how much?
- How will the community grow and develop over time?
- What needs to be protected?
- What kinds of services are needed, and where?
- What are the hazards in the area?
- What are the public transportation needs?
- What community and institutional space is needed?

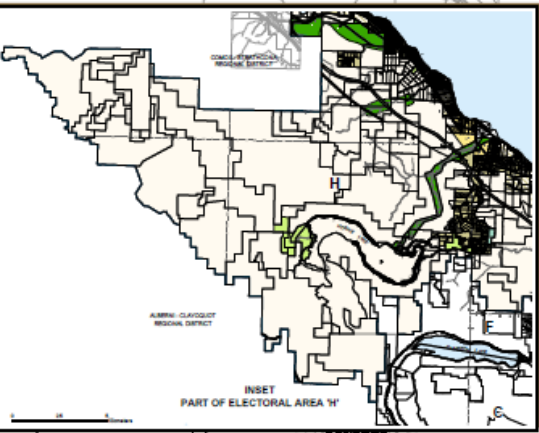
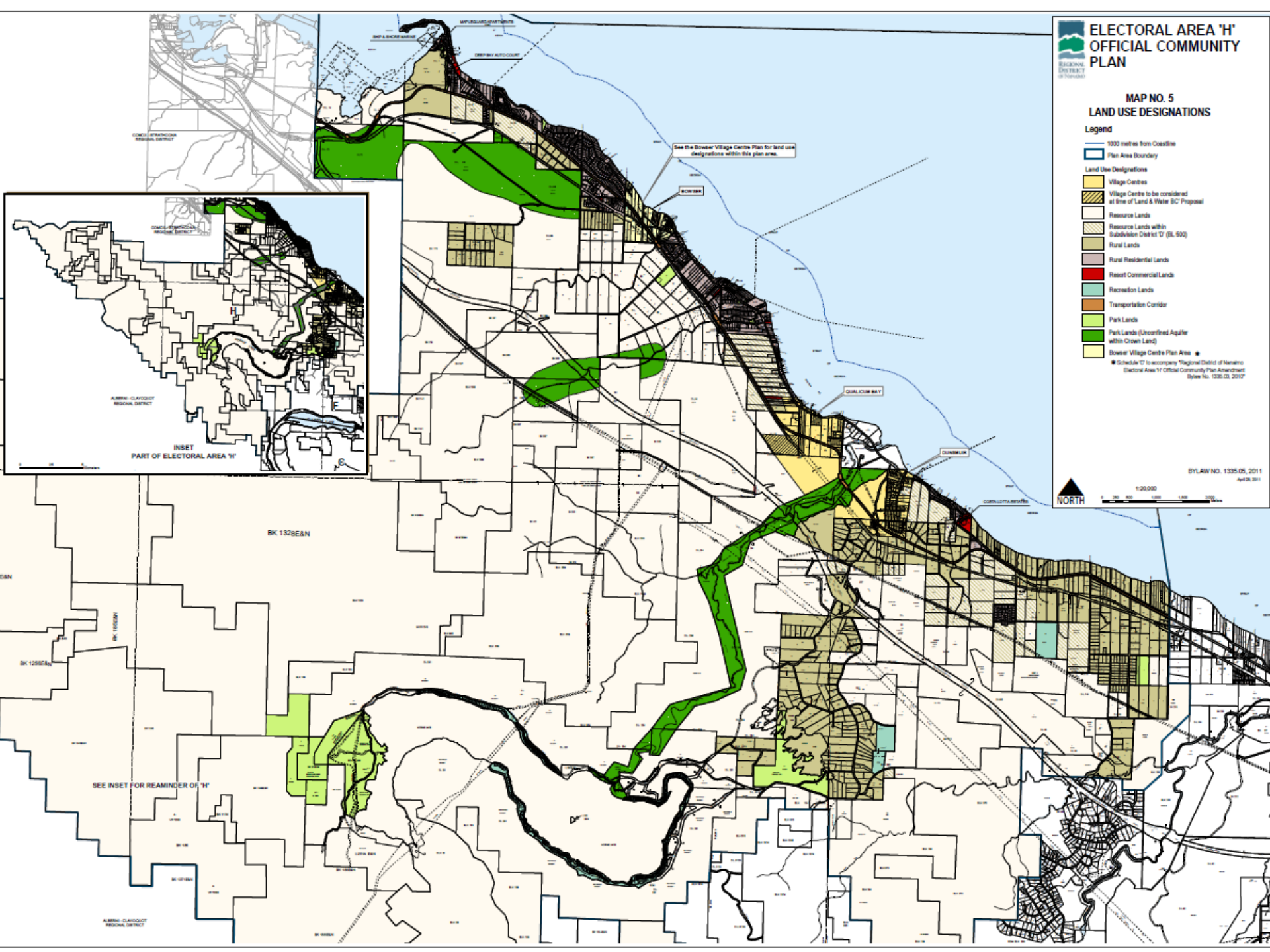
MAP NO. 5
LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

- Legend**
- 1000 metres from Coastline
 - Plan Area Boundary
 - Land Use Designations**
 - Village Centres
 - Village Centre to be considered at time of Land & Water SC Proposal
 - Resource Lands
 - Resource Lands within Subdivision District 'D' (Bk. 500)
 - Rural Lands
 - Rural Residential Lands
 - Resort Commercial Lands
 - Recreation Lands
 - Transportation Corridor
 - Park Lands
 - Park Lands (Unconfined Aquifer within Crown Lands)
 - Dowseville Village Centre Plan Area
- Schedule 'C' to accompany "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan Amendment" (Bylaw No. 1335/03, 2017)

NORTH

1:20,000

BYLAW NO. 1335/03, 2011
 April 28, 2011





See the Dowseville Village Centre Plan for land use designations within this plan area.

SEE INSET FOR REAMINDER OF 'H'












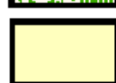
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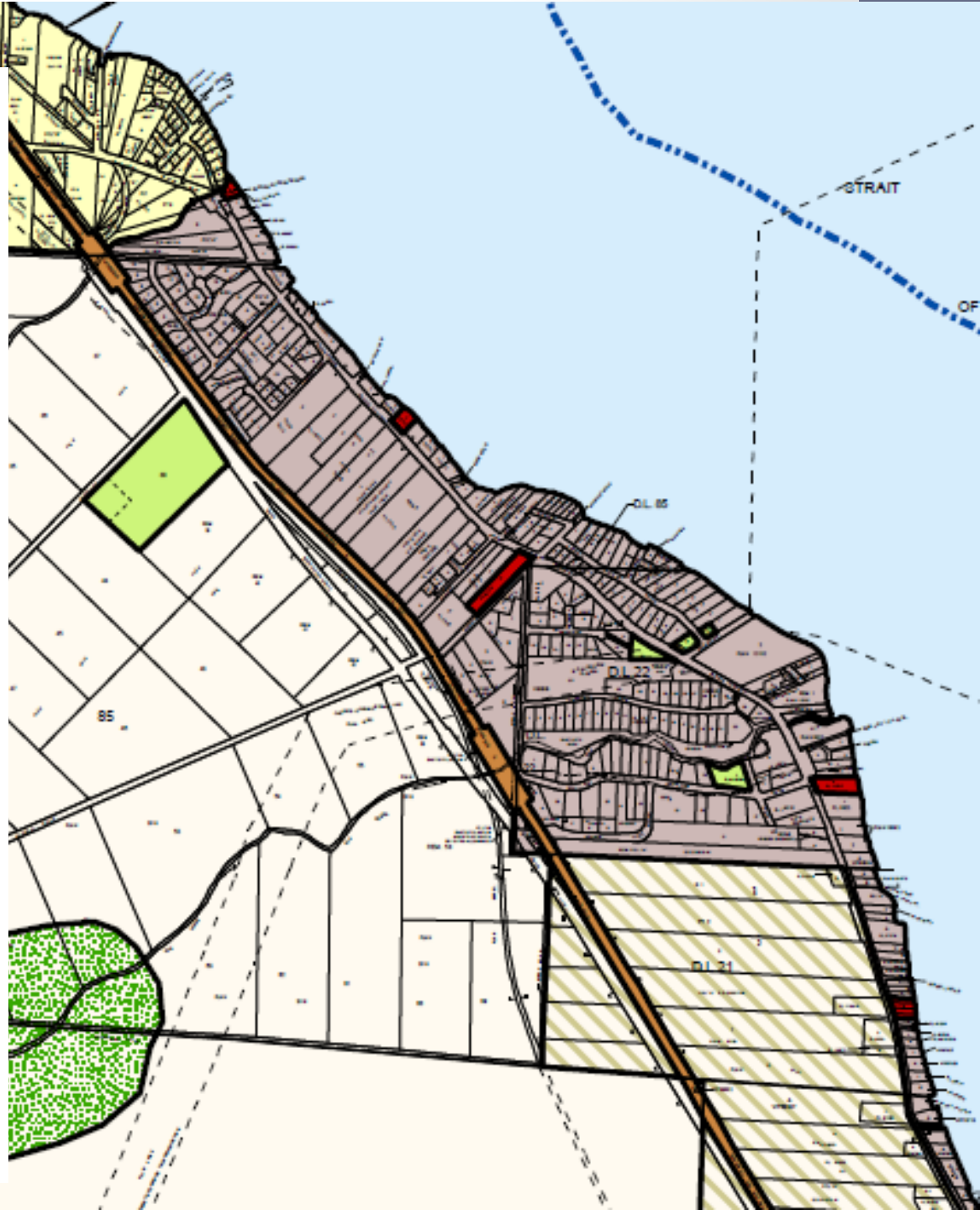
Legend

 1000 metres from Coastline

 Plan Area Boundary

Land Use Designations

-  Village Centres
-  Village Centre to be considered at time of 'Land & Water BC' Proposal
-  Resource Lands
-  Resource Lands within Subdivision District 'D' (BL 500)
-  Rural Lands
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-  Resort Commercial Lands
-  Recreation Lands
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-  Park Lands
-  Park Lands (Unconfined Aquifer within Crown Land)
-  Bowser Village Centre Plan Area *



What is an OCP?

- Advocacy
- Priorities for funding
- Direction for interagency liaison

The Current Area 'H' OCP

- Adopted in 2004
- Updated in 2010 with Bowser Village Plan
- Updated to comply with the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation and requirement for greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, policies and actions



Time for an update...

Accomplishments

- ✓ Investigate sewer servicing for Village Centres
- ✓ Watershed study
- ✓ Evacuation disaster preparedness plan
- ✓ Publish and encourage interface fire mitigation techniques
- ✓ Creation of Village Centre Plans
- ✓ Improved signage for businesses on Inland Highway
- ✓ Development of existing and acquisition of new trails

Goal of the project

- GOAL:
 - *To revise identified topic areas of the Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan so it continues to be a relevant and effective plan able to achieve the community vision.*
- Understand how the community would like to grow and develop into the future
- Update

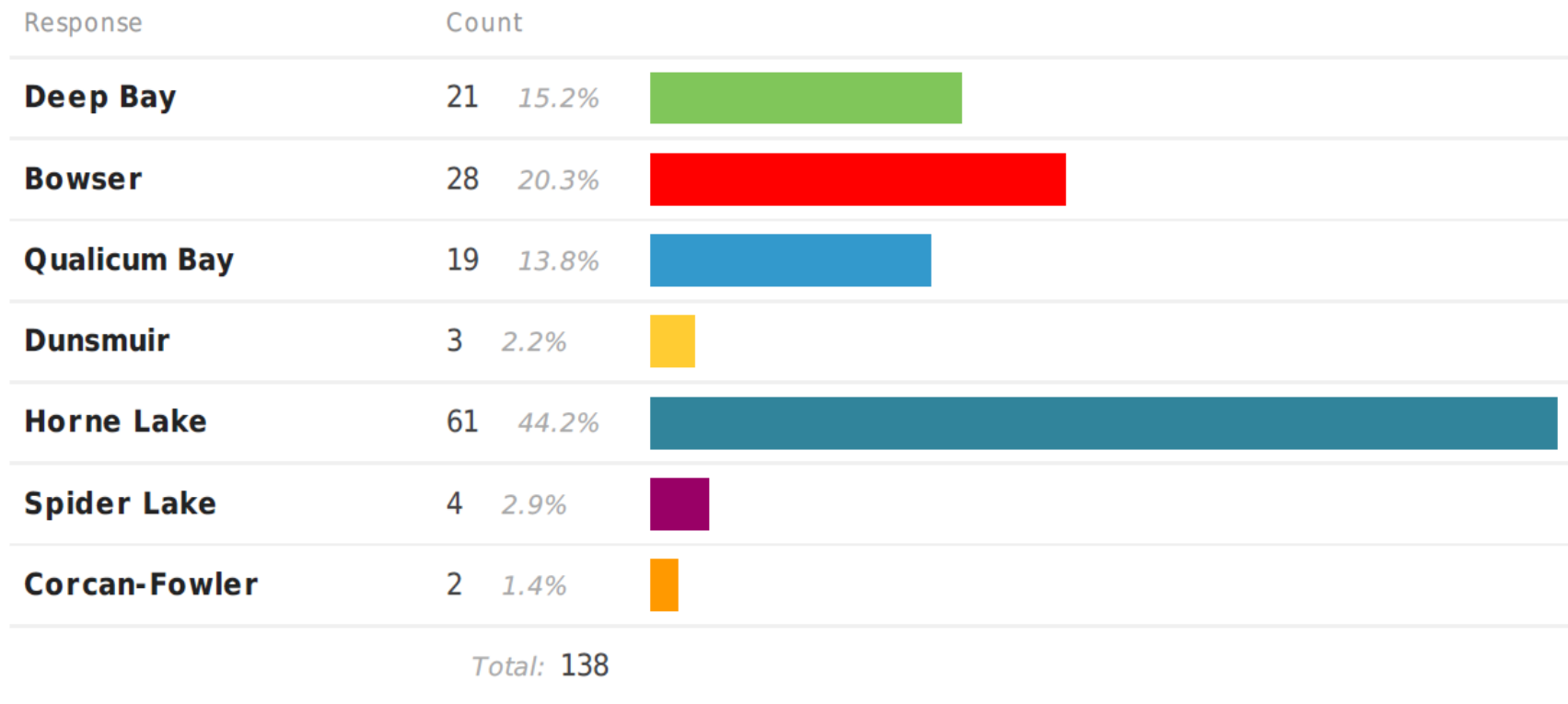
Purpose of tonight

- Hear from you:
 - How do you want your community to grow into the future?
 - What do you want to see?
 - What is needed?
 - What are the challenges to getting where we want to go?
- Set the scope of topics and issues for the rest of the project
- Report on all input received tonight posted to website
 - For review and comment

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

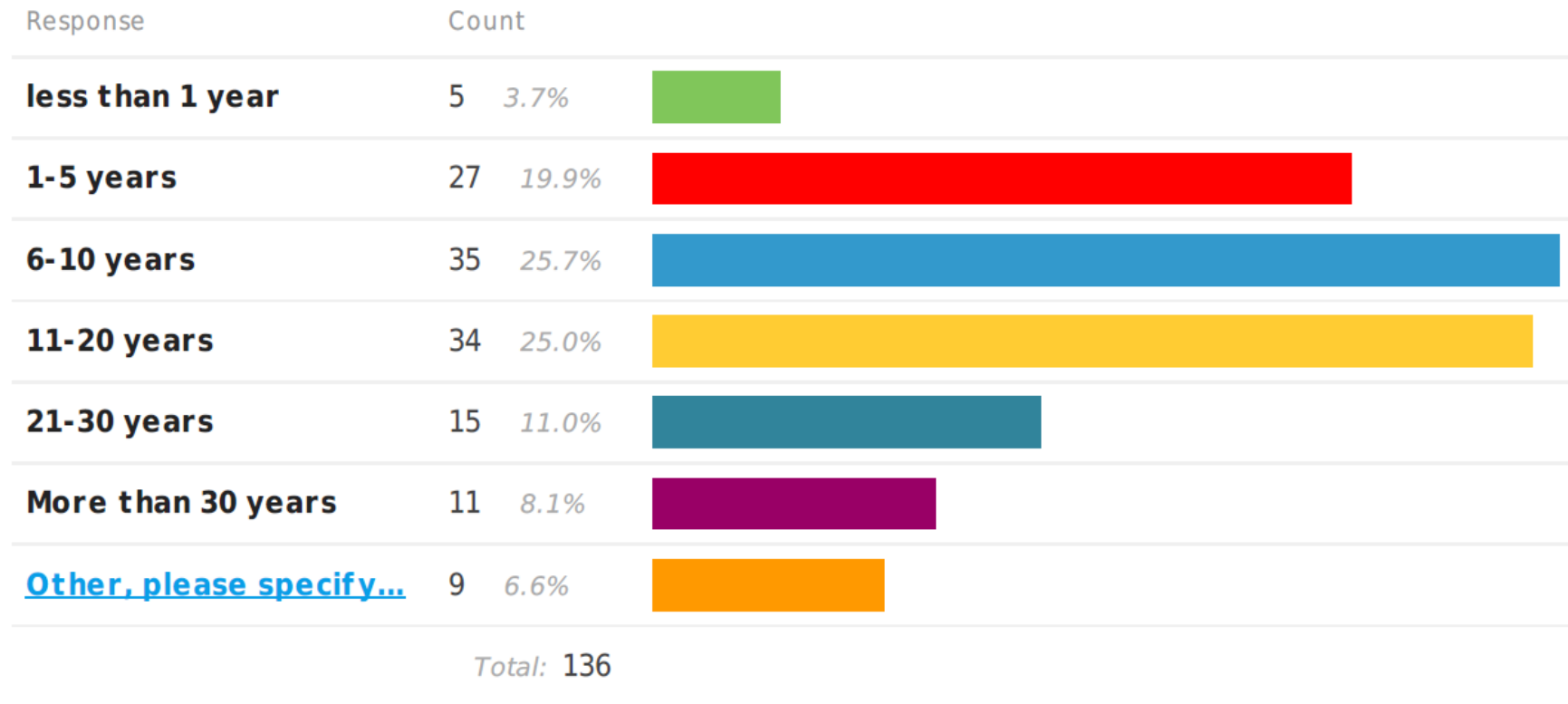
Survey Results

What neighbourhood best describes where you live?



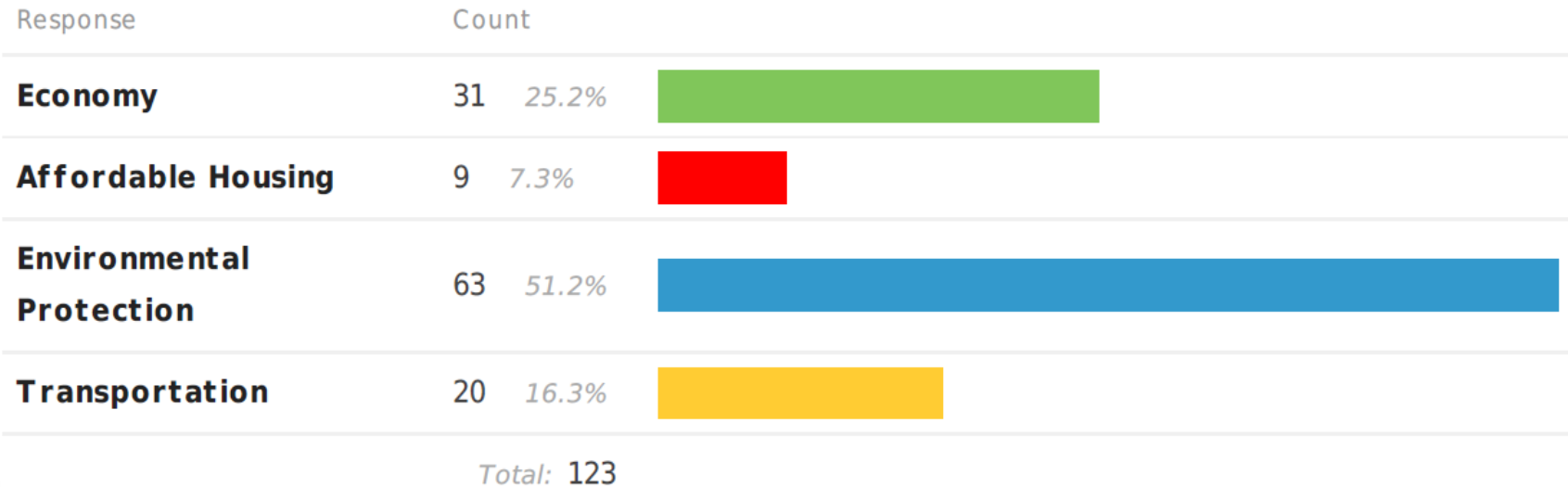
Survey Results

How long have you lived in Electoral Area H?



Survey Results

Understanding that all of these issues are important to planning for a community's future, of the following, which would you say is the most important issue for this community right now?



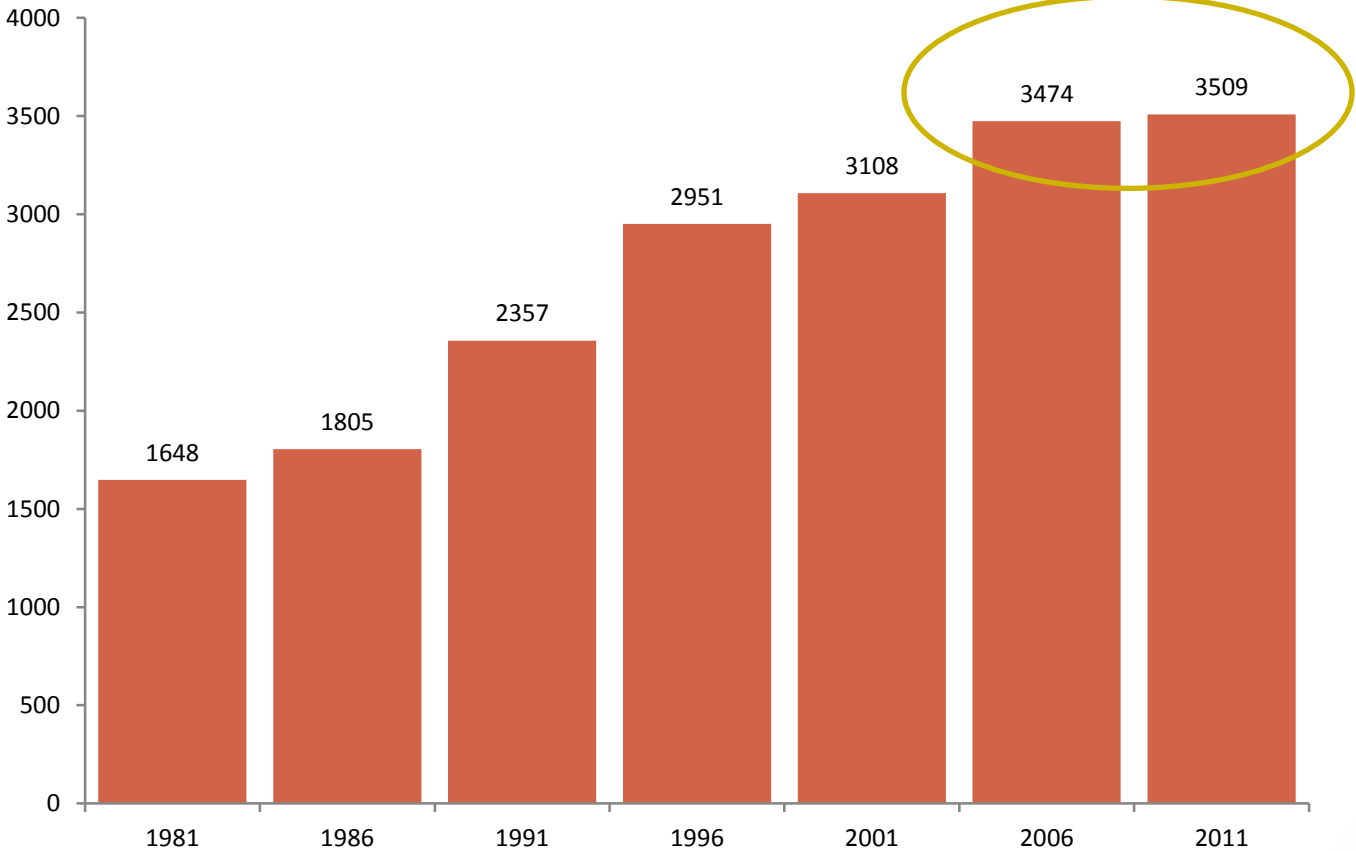
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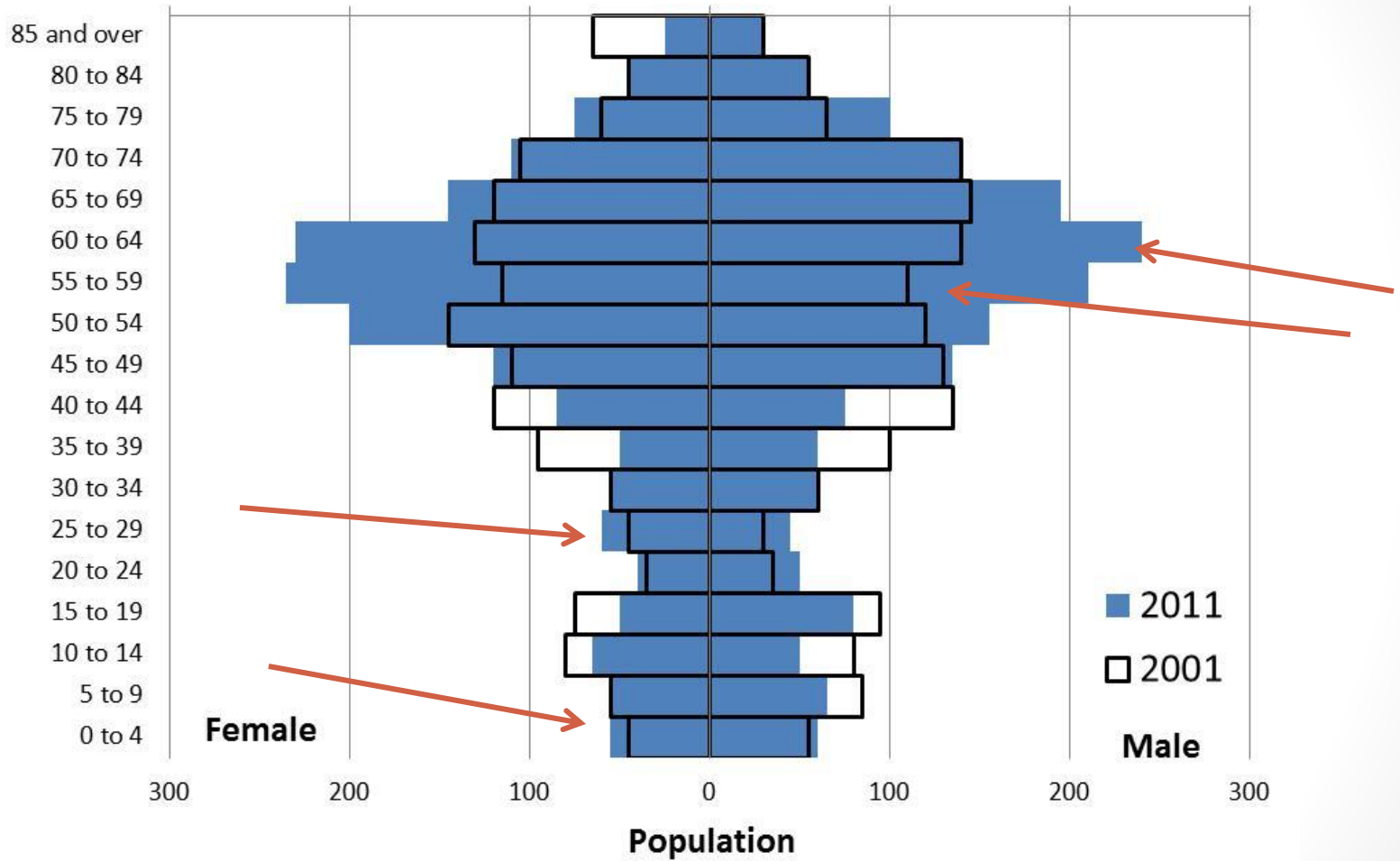
- **More:**
 - People
 - Seniors
 - Traffic
 - Cycling and walking
 - Tourists
 - Housing
- **Less:**
 - Fish
 - Natural beach landscapes
 - Waterfront tourist rental cottages



Electoral Area 'H' Population Growth



Electoral Area 'H' age classes

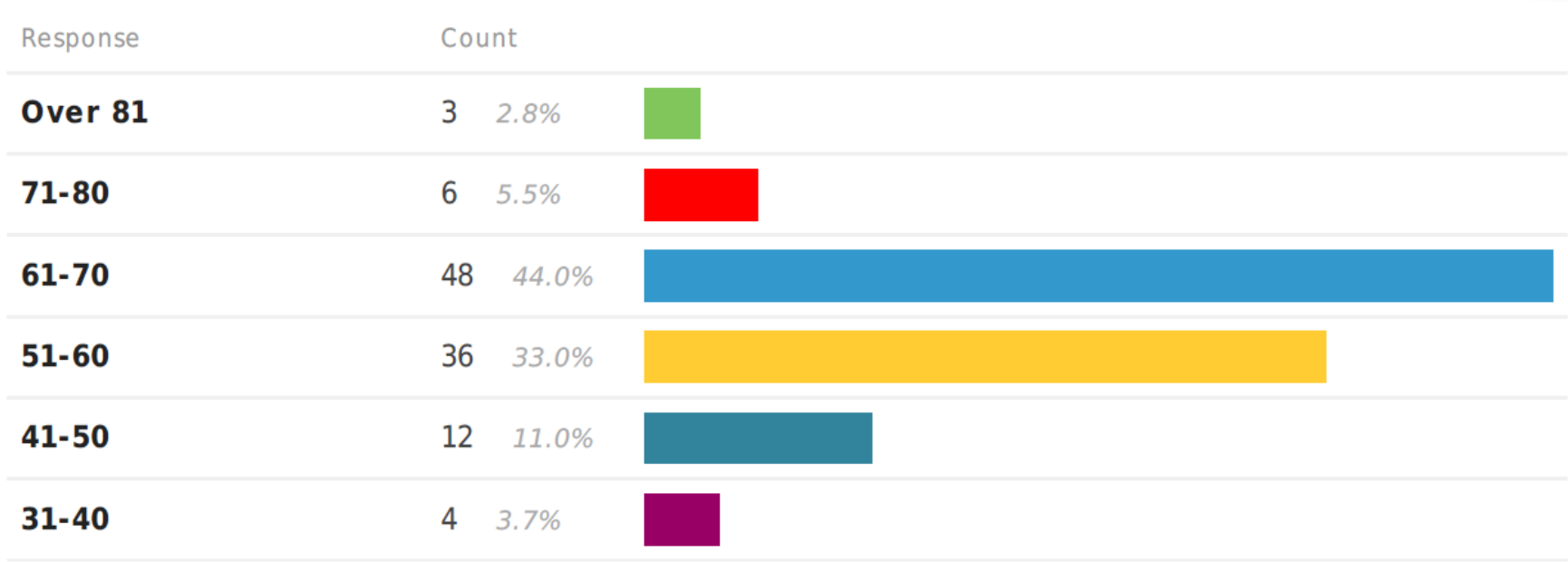


How have things stayed the same?

- Friendly
- Sense of place
- Community
 - Caring
- Small town feel
 - Beautiful
 - Rural
 - Peaceful
- Little growth
- Little economic development
- Still a community of retirees
- Tough for a young family to find work and stay local
- Poor roads to Horne Lake

Survey Results

Age of Respondents



Total: 109

TOPIC TABLES

Brainstorm...

- Tourism
- Tourist accommodation
- Aquaculture cultivation & processing
- Agricultural Land Reserve
- Commercial development
- Cycling & pedestrian infrastructure
- Roadside trail
- Traffic calming
- E&N Railway corridor
- Highway corridors
- Transit
- Vision for Horne Lake Recreation Area
- Services to Horne Lake Recreation Area
- Seniors housing
- Affordable housing
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Coastal zone and sea level rise
- Groundwater
- Surface water
- Streams and Lakes
- Steep Slope hazard
- Development permit areas
- Access and parking in Deep Bay
- Economic and residential development in Deep Bay

Topic Tables

- A community of all ages
 - Movement
 - Natural Environment
- Growth and Development
 - Anything Else

Topic Tables

Table 1: A community of all ages

Seniors & affordable housing

Seniors services

Children & youth

Adults of all ages

Employment

Topic Tables

Table 2: Movement

Traffic & parking

Cycling and walking

Topic Tables

Table 3: Natural Environment

Watersheds, streams and lakes

Aquifers

Marine environment

Wildlife and native plants

Topic Tables

Table 4: Growth and Development

What kind of land use should be where?

What services are needed?

Opportunities and constraints

Topic Tables

Table 5: Anything Else

Table Ground Rules

- Respect one another's comments
 - One voice at a time
 - Share the “air time”
- Leave individual issues for individual conversation

Regroup and Summarize

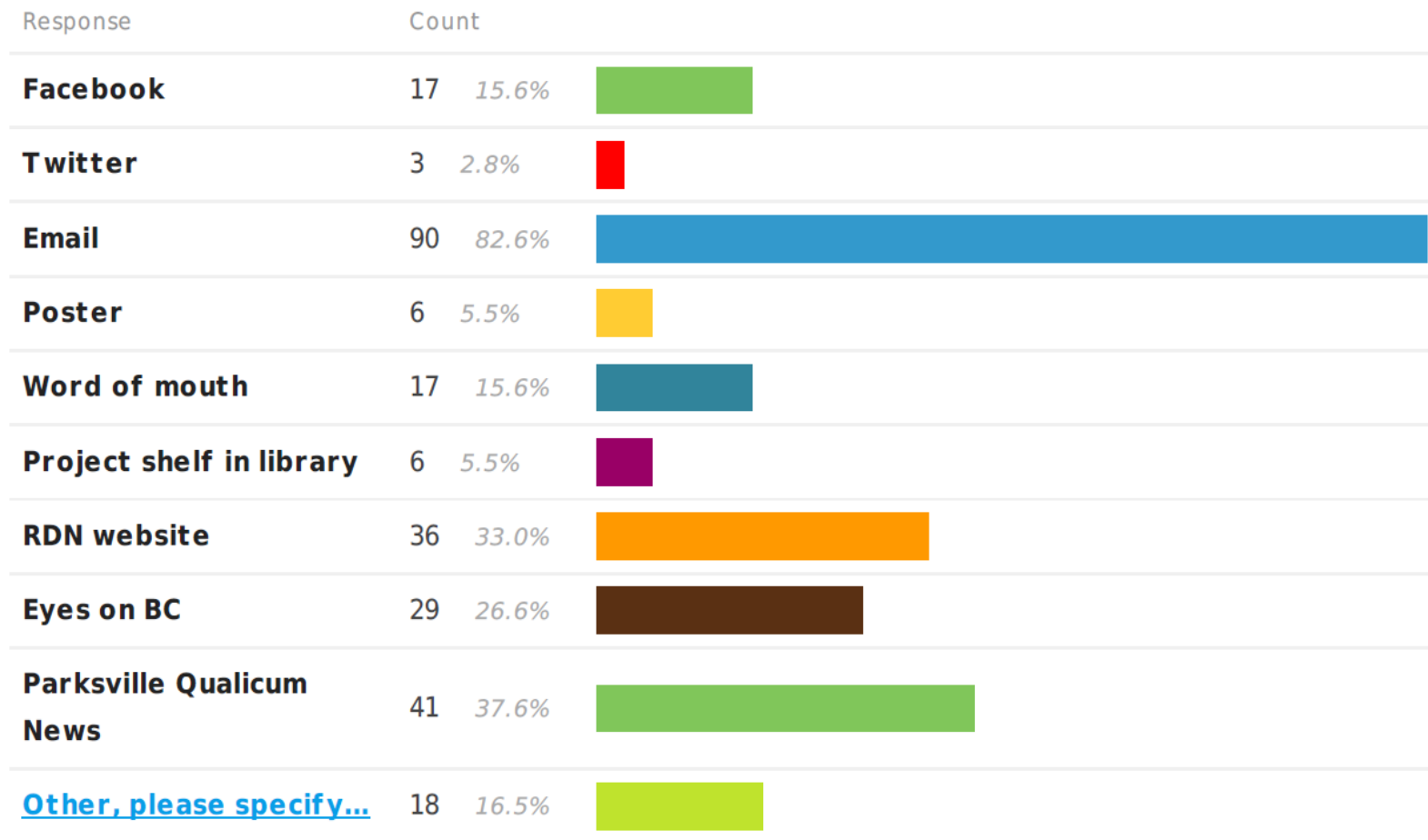
Survey Results

Please indicate how likely you are to participate in or use the following opportunities to be involved in the OCP review.

Variable	Very unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Not sure	Somewhat likely	Very likely	
Writing email or letter to the RDN	10 9.5%	12 11.4%	17 16.2%	39 37.1%	27 25.7%	Total: 105
Responding to future surveys	3 2.8%	1 0.9%	2 1.9%	33 30.6%	69 63.9%	Total: 108
Attending community meetings	9 8.3%	10 9.3%	21 19.4%	36 33.3%	32 29.6%	Total: 108
Speaking with a planner during office hours in Bowser	11 10.2%	11 10.2%	24 22.2%	40 37.0%	22 20.4%	Total: 108
Joining the Community Working Group	14 13.1%	20 18.7%	30 28.0%	26 24.3%	17 15.9%	Total: 107

Survey Results

Outside of organized meetings, how do you like to receive information to stay informed about this project? (check all that apply)



Total: 109

Next Steps

- Working Group Meetings
- Surveys on specific topics
- General Community Meeting – June 21

