

TAGISH LOCAL AREA PLAN



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“WHAT WE HEARD” #2: A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS (FEB-JUNE 2016)

Overview

In early 2016, the Planning Team prepared a series of Discussion Papers focusing on key issues that emerged during previous public engagement. A survey was also developed to gather more detailed input and pinpoint priorities on those issues prior to the Team writing the Draft Local Area Plan.

Between February and June 2016, over 200 people participated in the survey via three community sessions, online/mail-out survey, or door-to-door interview. Thank you for taking part, Tagish!

Community Services/Sustainability

- 69% of respondents feel that the current local governance structure (i.e. Local Advisory Council) meet's the community's needs.

Recreation

- 72% of respondents believe that public access at California Beach should be improved.
- The community is split on the idea of prohibiting off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches and shorelines (52% against vs. 48% for).
- 61% of respondents feel that public education and signage are sufficient to manage ORV impacts.
- Many felt that the current campground is be the best location for this use. If the campground were to move, the preferred location would be a site with proximity to water and a boat ramp.



Community Service/ Facility Priorities

“Highest 5” Priorities

- 1) Grocery store
- 2) Gas station
- 3) New/expanded Community Hall
- 4) Seniors/Elders housing
- 5) Shared office for visiting professionals

“Lowest 5” Priorities

- 1) Skateboard park
- 2) Dirt jump park
- 3) School
- 4) Cultural centre
- 5) Covered skating rink

Land Use Designations

- There was support for the proposed small lot and country residential lot designations.
- The preference for managing dogs was to create a regulation making more than 4 dogs on any size of lot subject to a permit and public consultation.

Water & Waterfront Issues

- 59% of respondents feel that the current 30.48-metre setback from water bodies is sufficient.
- Responses were mixed on the issue of whether or not development should be allowed within the 200-year flood level, subject to flood protection measures.

Future Development

- 56% expressed support for a Mixed Use Area (commercial, community use, tourism) along the Tagish Road between the bridge and Tagish Estates entrance.
- Responses were mixed on a proposed Light Industrial Area along the Tagish Road south of Tagish Estates entrance.
- There was general support for future residential development near the CTFN subdivision and adjacent to Tagish Estates. Opposition to development was strongest for the mid-point of Taku Blvd and the west shore of the Six Mile River between California Beach/Reid Road and the Tagish Road. Results were mixed in regards to other potential areas.
- A majority of respondents feel that a secondary access is needed for Taku subdivision (68%) and Tagish Estates (64%) and that the roads should not be gated. There is a clear preference for a secondary access route for Tagish Estates but not for Taku.

Culture & History

- Traditional trails, Klondike Gold Rush sites, and the campground were the most common suggestions for heritage resources that should be protected (in addition to old Tagish village/cemetery and NWMP post).
- Signage and interpretation were frequently suggested as the best ways to showcase Tagish's history.

Environment & Habitat

- There was a strong preference for leaving the section of Reid Road between the cemetery and Fire Hall undeveloped (79% in favour).
- A majority of respondents felt that other areas require protection, with Taku Boulevard/south end of Taku subdivision, Tagish Creek, and Six Mile River mentioned most frequently.

