

Gabriola Visioning 2050

Group Feedback Template

Instructions:

- Before discussing the following themes as a group, attendees are encouraged to complete the individual [survey online](#).
- Groups are welcome to use whatever type of engagement approach is suitable for them (e.g. small group conversation, group brainstorming, drawing, etc.).
- References to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw are encouraged but not required. They can be viewed here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/gabriola/bylaws/>
- Issuance of final payment will require a written summary of the group discussion. The questions below have been provided to guide your discussion and provide you with a template for submitting written feedback to the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee.
- Read all of the questions through before beginning your discussion.

THEME: Choose one or more themes (submit one feedback template per theme). Groups are invited to work with these themes, and are encouraged to identify others not listed here.

Ecosystem Restoration, Preservation and Protection

- Culturally Significant Natural Areas
- Biodiversity of plants and animals
- Park Land and Nature Reserves
- Forest Protection
- Animal Habitat
- Marine Shoreline
- Species at Risk
- Invasive Species Management (i.e. Scotch broom, daphne and tansy ragwort)
- Waste disposal
- Recreation
- Economy
- Arts and Culture
- Energy efficiency and water conservation

Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Communities

- Indigenous Cultural Heritage
- Protecting Property and the Community from Unpredictable Weather Events
- Growth Management
- Affordable Housing
- Transportation

Sustainable Stewardship of Lands and Waters

- Indigenous Cultural Knowledge
- Protecting Groundwater
- Sustainable management of forests
- Mitigating Risk of Wildfires
- Agricultural Land Preservation and Food Security
- Use of Marine Shore land
- Reducing vehicle emissions

Other: Please specify

THEME:
VISION: What do you want for Gabriola Island in 2050?
Vision for 2050:
STRENGTHS: What does the Gabriola community have available that will help reach this vision? How can the community take advantage of these strengths?
<i>What is being done well?</i>
<i>What can help maximize your strengths?</i>
<i>What can your organization/group do?</i>
<i>What do you think the Local Trust Committee can do?</i>
<i>Optional Question: Thinking about the above, what land use changes would you suggest?</i>

**WEAKNESSES: What needs to be addressed in order for the Gabriola community to achieve the vision?
How can these challenges be addressed?**

What could be improved?

What can help overcome these challenges?

What can your organization/group do?

What do you think the Local Trust Committee can do?

Optional Question: Thinking about the above, what land use issues are related to the actions identified?

Official Community Plan Vision

What is an Official Community Plan? The Official Community Plan (OCP) is a legal document that provides policy direction for planning and land use management including: heritage and cultural preservation and protection; ecosystem preservation and protection; community diversity; sustainability and climate resilience, and stewardship of lands and waters.

How is Gabriola Visioning 2050 connected to the OCP? The land use elements identified through the collective visioning process will become priorities for the OCP review. OCP policies determine where different land uses can be undertaken, how the land can be used, and what can or cannot be altered.

Why now? The Gabriola OCP has not been substantially updated since 1997, and a lot has changed in the last 25 years. The OCP will help guide changes, address growth issues and strengthen the community's resilience.

The Vision Statement in Gabriola's current OCP is as follows:

"Gabriola is a peaceful, diverse, safe, rural community in harmony with a protected, natural environment. The local economy is resilient, we walk and cycle the island, and the land and sea provide bountiful harvests for all inhabitants. Island and marine wildlife, here long before human populations, continue to flourish."

What do you like about this vision?

What would you like to change?

Your Organization/Group's Participation in the OCP Review

Does your organization have resources that may help understand current conditions on Gabriola Island? What are they and how can they be accessed?

Would your organization, or members of your organization, be interested in participating in a focus group on a specific topic? What topic?