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REPORT TO THE PORT RENFREW UTILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

SUBJECT Port Renfrew Official Community Plan Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

To present the proposed infrastructure and local service area policies included in the first draft of the updated Port Renfrew Official Community Plan (OCP).

BACKGROUND

Juan de Fuca (JDF) Community Planning and paaʔčiidʔatx (Pacheedaht) First Nation are working with the Port Renfrew community to update the Port Renfrew OCP.

An OCP is a high-level bylaw that outlines a community's long-term vision and guides land use decision making. OCP policies broadly coordinate how and where community growth should occur by establishing conditions for development and guiding amendments to other more detail-oriented bylaws, such as zoning and development servicing bylaws.

Infrastructure is foundational in the growth of a community and the draft OCP proposes policies related to the improvement and expansion of sewer, water, solid waste and streetlighting services. Guidance regarding the provision of these local services has been delegated to the Port Renfrew Utility Services Commission by the Capital Regional District Board.

A table referencing the pages and sections number with the related policies proposed by the Draft OCP is attached as Appendix A and a copy of the draft OCP as Appendix B.

IMPLICATIONS

Service Delivery Implications

The proposed infrastructure policies of the updated Port Renfrew OCP are intended to address broad community interests in accordance with provincial standards and legislative requirements. These policies carry notable environmental, climate, and social implications, as they influence environmental protection, energy use, long-term infrastructure planning, and public health.

Any comments arising from the Port Renfrew Utility Services Committee will support the updated OCP and its intent to balance community growth with responsible infrastructure management, helping to shape future improvements and contributions to sewer, water, solid waste and streetlighting services. Comments will be considered during finalization of the OCP for Land Use Committee review and the bylaw adoption process.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Draft OCP Reference Table of Related Infrastructure Policies
- Appendix B: Copy of the Draft update to the Port Renfrew OCP