

# OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Council Presentation

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023



# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Communication and Engagement
- Next Steps



# INTRODUCTIONS

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# ABOUT URBAN SYSTEMS

- Founded in 1975
- 650+ employees working in 20 offices across Western Canada
- Local Prince George office
- Municipal, regional, provincial, and federal governments
- Indigenous communities
- Public agencies, land developers, and private industry



# OUR SERVICES

- Core Services:
  - Community Planning
  - Communications and Engagement
  - Municipal Engineering
  - Environmental Consulting
  - Indigenous Planning
  - Transportation Planning
  - Land Economics
  - Landscape Architecture

## All Services:



### PEOPLE

- Community Planning
- Communications and engagement
- Socio-economic impact assessment
- Community benefit assessments
- Governance
- Policy development
- Training and capacity building

### PLACES

- Land use planning
- Parks and recreation
- Capital planning
- Asset management
- Municipal engineering
- Water, wastewater, stormwater planning
- Transportation planning and design
- Legal survey
- Site planning and design
- Construction management

### ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainability planning
- Watershed and flood protection
- Energy planning
- Resource conservation
- Environmental impact assessment
- Wildlife assessment
- Environmental monitoring
- Low impact development

### ECONOMY

- Land value strategies
- Economic development
- Design / build projects
- Strategic partnerships
- Financial policy development
- Multi-agency agreements
- Funding and cost recovery strategies
- Business planning

# OUR TEAM



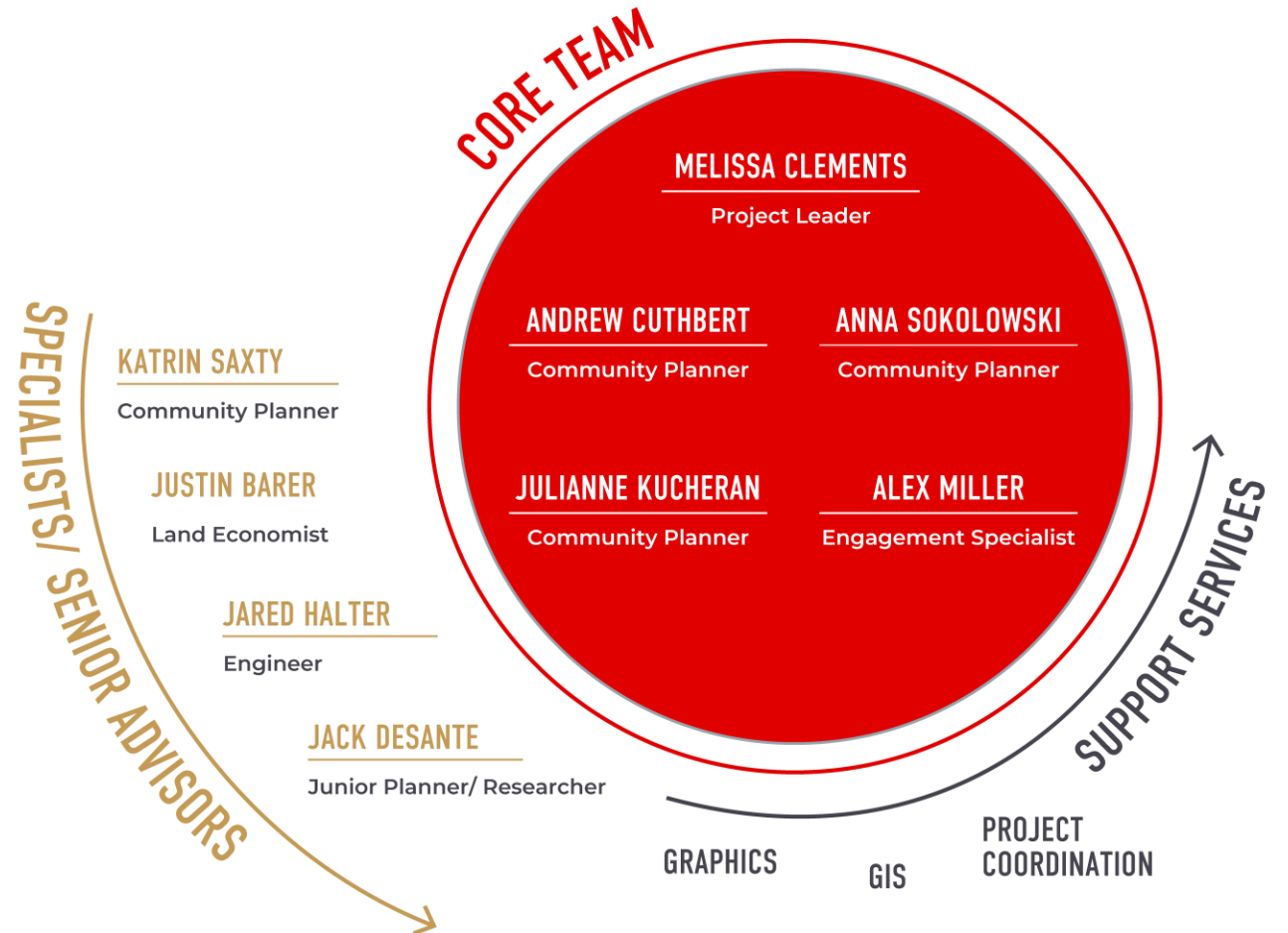
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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) REVIEW

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- The existing OCP was adopted in 2011 and much has changed since that time
- A process that involves research, technical analysis and engagement
- Involves developing a vision for your community with input from various groups of people
- Vision will guide specific land use plans and policies that are developed
- Multiple drafts of the new OCP will be created with community input along the way
- Council will consider a Bylaw through a formal public hearing process



# WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?

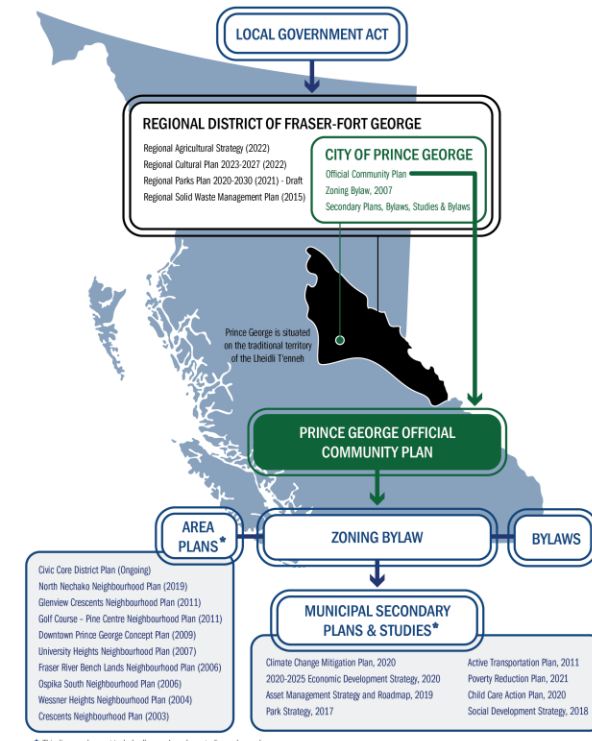
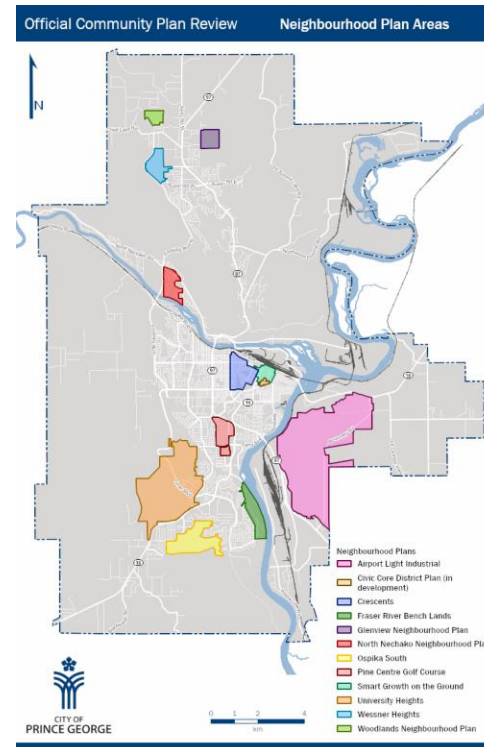
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- An OCP describes the long-term vision of a community
- Includes goals, objectives, and policies that guide planning and land use management
- Presents the long-term development plans for a community
- Addresses matters like transportation, housing, sustainability and climate change
- Outlines how a local government plans to exercise its powers
- Municipalities have the authority to develop OCPs under the Local Government Act
- OCPs also acknowledge the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples
- An opportunity to advance truth and reconciliation with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and Urban Indigenous members of the community



# WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?

- An OCP is the overarching planning framework for a municipality
- Think of an OCP like an umbrella that all other municipal plans and studies fall under and must be consistent with



# PROJECT TIMELINE

Where are we in the planning process?

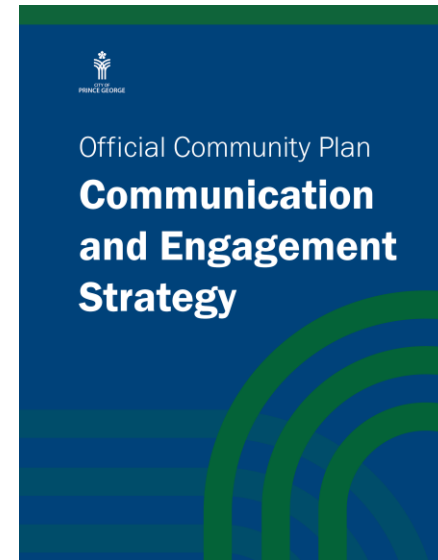


# WORK COMPLETED TO DATE

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- Staff Workshop in June
- Communication and Engagement Strategy
- Current State Analysis Report
- Mapping
- Communications for Public Launch

September 18th



# COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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# ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

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## PHASE 2: VISIONING & ENGAGEMENT

- Community Survey
- Roundtable Discussions
- Community Open House
- What We Heard Report
  - Presentation to Council
  - Available Online

## PHASE 3: DRAFT OCP

- Discussion Guides
- Community Open House
- What We Heard Report
  - Presentation to Council
  - Available Online

## PHASE 4: FINAL OCP

- Community Survey
- What We Heard Report
  - Presentation to Council
  - Available Online

- Invitation will be sent to Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and Urban Indigenous Groups to participate

# NEXT STEPS

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- Phase 2: Visioning and Engagement
- Community Survey Posted - September 18th
- Community Open House - October 17th
  - Short Presentation
  - Interactive Display Boards
  - Roundtable Discussions
  - Youth Engagement Activities
- What We Heard Report
- Draft Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives



THANK YOU!

