

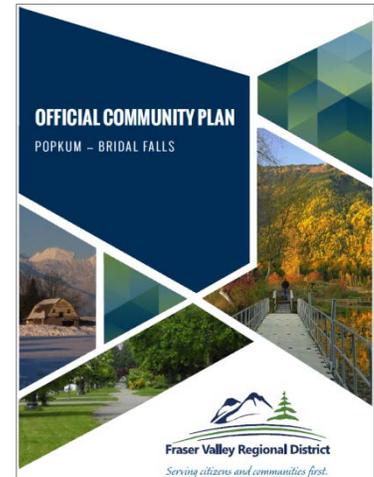
Popkum Bridal Falls Open House – Overview

The Fraser Valley Regional District hosted an open house on April 24, 2019 to showcase the draft Popkum-Bridal Official Community Plan. The Official Community Plan (OCP) was created based on information collected from the community, and sets the direction for growth and change in Popkum-Bridal Falls over the next 15 - 20 years.

The open house provided an opportunity for residents to view the plan and to provide feedback to FVRD.

The open house included:

- 10 display boards
- 2 poster boards to write comments on
- A station to 'Name that Park'
- An information table with copies of the OCP, technical studies, and past presentations to the community
- A table with laptops to take a survey about the OCP
- An 'Ask me about your property' station
- FVRD Planning staff available for discussion, questions, and to hear any concerns



The event resulted in:

- Over 60 attendees
- Submission of 45 written comments
- Many in person conversations
- A list of individuals interested in participating in an OCP review committee



Summary of what we heard (Comment Board & Comment Cards)

- **Parks and Trails** are an important component of the community
 - More parks and trails are needed
 - Trails under the powerlines
 - Keep as many trees as possible
 - Develop and create access to Ferry Island Park
 - Develop Bridal Falls hiking areas
 - Change OCP to protect the wetland within Rose Garden
 - Add more swings to Shannon park
- There is a need for safe **Road Crossings** in Popkum. Suggested crossing locations include:
 - The Yale Road and Hwy 9 roundabout and
 - Hwy 9 near Rose Garden
- **Lot Sizes:** Large lot sizes of at least ¼ acre are important
- Maintaining the **Character of the neighbourhood** is very important
- **Amenities:** There is a desire for more amenities which serve the community including, a community hall, a medical clinic, and a grocery store
- **Other Concerns:**
 - There is too much noise and litter at the round about
 - Semi truck braking systemes are excessively nosiy
 - Schools capacity needs to be available to handle proposed growth
- **Secondary dwellings.** We heard mixed opions about secodnary dwellings in the community.
 - In the online survey , over three-quarters of respndants indicated some acceptance of secondary dwellings.

Online Survey

FVRD conducted an online survey about the OCP and community priorities that was still running at the time of the open house. The survey was available from March 24 to June 2, and will have the results published as a separate document.

