



# Work Session Guide

Saturday, October 24, 2009 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Thank you for participating in today's *Options for the Future!* workshop. This is a guide to assist your work group. The goal for your group is to review and discuss different options for how View Royal could grow and achieve the Community Vision over time. Your discussion should focus on the *long-term* future of View Royal.

Please select one or two people to record *all* comments and ideas on the flip chart and maps. Feel welcome to use the pens, images and other materials provided to illustrate your ideas.

In the spirit of having a **conversation**, please allow opportunities for everyone to speak and express their ideas in a respectful manner.

1. **Introductions** (5 minutes)

Go around the table and introduce yourself and why you are participating in today's workshop.

2. **Centre or Centres?** (45 minutes)

Take a look at the four maps on the table and discuss the questions on the reverse of this sheet, recording your comments and ideas directly on the maps and flip chart.

3. **Community Places and Character** (75 minutes)

Building on your discussion and ideas developed in the second activity, think about the type of place you think each Discussion Area should become over the next several decades. What type of activities happen there? Who goes there and how do they get around? What should be the character of the physical environment? Refer to the Character and Places Menu to discuss potential building forms, cutting out desirable images and affixing them to the maps. You are also welcome to use text to describe your thoughts and recommendations

4. **Big Ideas** (15 minutes)

Use the last few minutes to review the group notes and identify the "big ideas" and key points you discussed in activities 2 and 3. Select one person who will present these ideas back to the large group after the break. Each group will have about five minutes to present.

## 2. Centres or Centres?

### a. Discussion Areas

The first map shows several *Discussion Areas*. These areas are identified as having potential for some land use and character change over the next 10 - 40 years. All areas outside the Discussion Areas are identified as having limited or no potential for change. In your opinion, have any Discussion Areas been missed? Should any be removed? Explain your recommendations and draw them on the map.

### b. Land Patterns

The remaining maps illustrate a range of conceptual land patterns for View Royal:

- **Option 1** shows a continuation of the current and historical land use pattern. New development would be accommodated throughout the Town under the existing OCP designations.
- **Option 2** depicts most of the Discussion Areas changing to support a variety of neighbourhood centres. The areas of these centres range from quite small (Burnside Corners) to large (Island Highway). Each centre would be uniquely realized to serve adjacent neighbourhoods.
- **Option 3** includes a Town Centre development at the Fort Victoria RV PARK site. New growth would be directed to the neighbourhood centres and this site to support transit ridership and provide the critical mass needed to create a lively, mixed-use community hub.

Review the options with your group and list the benefits and drawbacks of each option. Identify which of the options you think best realizes the community vision and explain why. Groups may choose to customize one or more of the maps, or create a hybrid option, to illustrate their recommendation.