

Hi E-Panel,

Here is your March 2024 OCP Update check-in:

Phase Three: Policy Review & Development - Status Update

- **Virtual Information Presentation**

We are sharing a 17min recorded presentation to help get everyone up to speed on the project and prepare for Spring 2024 public engagement! The video is on the project website Nelson2050.ca and covers what an OCP is, what we've done in the project and where we are going. Check it out and share it with your networks: [OCP Update – March 20, 2024 Informational Presentation](#)

- **Best Practice Scan & Policy Review**

The project team is conducting a scan of 10 recent OCPs from around the province to assess OCP structuring options, policy best practice and gaps in our current OCP – find a list of the 10 OCPs attached. As we do this work, we are also continuing to review the existing OCP objectives and policies to ensure they align with the Nelson 2050 vision, completed or redundant policies are removed, policy gaps are addressed with new policy, and policies are updated to meet the requirements of the [Local Government Act](#).

- **Subject Matter Expert (SME) Policy Review**

Internal and external public-body subject matter experts will also be reviewing the existing OCP policies to ensure that best practice, in the area of their expertise, is reflected (health, fire, infrastructure etc.).

- **2024 Housing Needs Report (HNR)**

There has been no change in status from our last check-in. The report has been received in draft form, but we are awaiting the new provincial manual for direction on these reports. The manual may require tweaks to the methodology used. Find out more about the recent legislation changes [here](#). There will be another provincial manual released this summer that will provide requirements for the OCP to address the findings from the HNR.

Advisory Committee – March 14, 2024 Meeting Re-Cap

This meeting featured a project update, an introduction to land use and an activity reviewing the land use objectives for Nelson as a Whole, the Waterfront and Downtown. The activity asked the committee to consider if they see the Three Guiding Principles (Climate Resilience, Equity, Health) reflected in each objective. Three tables were assigned to each of the objective areas and a fourth table asked “What land use objectives are needed for Nelson to be a 10min community? Where everyday trips can be made within 10min by active transportation”. This question was meant to consider the current land use target in the [2013 OCP \(Pg 76\)](#) “By 2040, 80% of residential dwellings are within a 10-minute walk from local services”. All the comments will be reviewed by the project team and will be used to help inform the questions we create for public engagement.

- [March 14, 2024 - Presentation PDF](#)
- Video: [What is Land Use?](#) - Planetizen (3min 47sec)

Resources

The [Nelson2050.ca](https://nelson2050.ca) resource section provides valuable information to build your capacity to engage on the OCP Update. Review the resources to prepare for Spring 2024 engagement and share with your networks!

- [Trivia Quiz](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [Videos](#)
 - ***New to the website*** [What is Land Use?](#) - Planetizen (3min 47sec)
- 1-Page PDFs:
 - ***New*** [Climate Action](#)
 - [Traffic](#)
 - [Growth Management](#)
 - [Infill Housing](#)

With gratitude,

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