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Village of Gold River
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**Open House for a Review of Official Community Plan Development Permit Area (DPA)
1 – March 7**

Village of Gold River staff and Sarah Holden, Master of Community Planning Student, Vancouver Island University will host an Open House and presentation to review the Village's Development Permit Area 1 (DPA 1) section of the Official Community Plan. The Open House will provide an opportunity for the public to present their considerations and comments.

Date: March 7, 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Place: Council Chambers – 499 Muchalat Drive

The Open House will begin with a walk-through poster presentation with the opportunity to provide comments starting at 6:30pm. A presentation will take place at 7:30pm followed by a question period and opportunity for open discussion.

The March 7 Open House is the first step in a review process, which will be followed by a second Open House taking place on March 25, 2019 where a draft of proposed changes to DPA 1 will be presented.

Background

Council approved a review process of DPA 1 during the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 19. DPA 1 provides direction for the development of Gold River's Central Commercial, Recreational Commercial, and Service Commercial areas while reflecting the goals and visions as set out in the Official Community Plan.

Sarah is a Master Student of Community Planning at Vancouver Island University. As a planning student Sarah has the opportunity to complete a capstone project as part of her graduation requirements for the planning program. For her project, Sarah is working with the Village of Gold River to review Development Permit Area 1, the commercial development area, and make associated recommendations.

She would like to invite everyone to help her in this review process by communicating their vision for the area included in DPA 1. This includes what you like, what you would like to see changed, and your ideas for improving Gold River's commercial spaces.

For more information:

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